

COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

..... FOR MEMBERS ONLY

From General Manager/CEO Roger Meader

Earth Day has been recognized every April since 1970. What has been described as the beginning of the environmental movement apparently started in Seattle, Washington where then U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson announced a nationwide grassroots demonstration on the environment to increase awareness.

In 2000, the focus turned to global warming and the need for clean energy. This year, Congress and state legislatures will continue to discuss climate change and debate proposals and alternatives for meeting our society's energy needs in ways that are affordable and protect the environment.

Renewable energy will be a topic in that debate. But, it's not a new topic for those of us living in the Pacific Northwest where the majority of our energy has come from hydropower — a renewable energy source by definition. Some argue that hydropower is not a "clean" resource because of its impact on fish. The reality is that any generation technology has challenges to overcome and we need to work together to find solutions that provide a reliable, affordable supply of energy that protects the environment and meets our needs.

Our goal is to actively promote energy sources that are non-polluting and renewable. Most of the energy that we buy to serve your needs comes from the federal system through the Bonneville Power Administration. The hydropower system is the foundation for our reliable, renewable energy supply because the fuel — water — is always available unlike wind and solar which are intermittent. In addition, we are part owner in the Coffin Butte Resource Project near Corvallis. The Coffin Butte energy project uses landfill gas, a natural by-product of the decaying organic matter in the landfill, to produce electricity, making it an emissions-free, renewable project.

We are exploring ocean wave technology and have planned solar and wind demonstration projects. We also have a green energy program in place where members can show their support for renewable power by purchasing blocks of green power from approved projects such as Coffin Butte. We promote energy conservation, including the use of compact fluorescent bulbs and provide tips on how to use energy wisely. Do we care about the environment? You bet. And, not just on Earth Day. We've been at this for 70 years and we're working on solutions that will meet your needs and protect our environment for generations to come.

Visit or call one of your electric cooperative's area offices. We're located in Coquille, Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings for your convenience. Our member services representatives will answer your questions or assist you — regardless of where you live or where they may be physically located. We strive to provide excellent service to our membership!

Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you experience a power outage when our offices are closed, please call 1-866-352-9044



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8:00 am — 4:30 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

(All Town Hall Meetings Begin at 7:00 p.m.)

April 3

Town Hall Meeting
Best Western Beachfront Inn
Harbor

May 1

Town Hall Meeting
Gold Beach City Hall

June 14

Annual Meeting
Coquille Community Center

July 3

Town Hall Meeting
CCEC Port Orford office



From The Board Room

This year, we celebrate our 70th year of serving you — our members. We hope you will join us at the 70th Annual Meeting, June 14th at the Coquille Community Center. Preparations have been underway for several months, including an extensive review of the cooperative's by-laws and articles of association which we completed early March.

Some might ask why we chose this year to review the by-laws. The answer is simple. A thorough review hadn't taken place in awhile and it's good business practice for an organization to review its by-laws periodically; if for nothing else than to make sure any changes in laws and regulations have been addressed. In addition, some of our members had concerns that we agreed to address.

We conducted our review with the help of legal counsel and management.

The proposed changes in the by-laws have been broken out into three separate voting issues: legal, general clean-up, and a specific issue regarding the number of directors making up the board that governs our cooperative.

The legal issues will re-align CCEC's Articles of Association and By-laws with changes in Oregon state statutes. On your ballot information, they will be highlighted in a magenta color with the old language crossed out and the new language in bold and underlined. One specific legal issue refers to the current language in the by-laws for removal of directors by the membership which did not meet current Oregon state statutes. The new language complies with state law and clarifies a process that was confusing and subject to many interpretations. The new language clarifies this process. On advice of legal counsel and management, we are also recommending language regarding indemnification and nondiscrimination.

General clean-up changes will be highlighted in yellow with the old language crossed out and the new language in bold and underlined.

In 2004, a Member Advisory Committee recommended reducing the size of the board from nine to five. The board developed a process by which this could be accomplished and the members voted their approval in June of

2005. This process to move to five members will be completed in June of 2008, but with concerns from some members that our cooperative would be better served by a larger board, the members will be asked to vote on increasing the board size from five to seven in the upcoming election process.

These two new director positions would be at-large positions - one from Districts 1 and 2 (Brookings/Harbor area) and one from Districts 3, 4 and 5 (Gold Beach, Port Orford/Langlois and Bandon/Coquille/Myrtle Point areas). If the membership approves this by-law change, the board of directors would advertise for qualified applicants from the membership, conduct interviews and select board members to serve until the next annual meeting takes place. These two new board members would be required to run for the position and be elected by the membership in 2009.

Proposed changes regarding the board size will be highlighted in blue with the old language crossed out and new language in bold and underlined.

These changes will be discussed in greater detail in the ballot information packet you receive prior to the annual meeting, currently scheduled to be mailed mid-May. ■

*Grant Combs, President/
Chairman of the Board
Daryl Robison, Vice-President
Pete Radabaugh, Secretary
John Herzog, Treasurer
Gary Schlottmann
Dave Kitchen*

This year, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative celebrates its 70th year. We're proud of the excellent service we have provided to you — our members — during that time and we look forward to providing the same quality of service in the future.

New Bill Format

Beginning this month, your electric bill will look different. Based on what we heard from the membership and in conjunction with an upcoming computer software conversion, your bill was redesigned to make it easier to read and understand.

You will still see your meter reading information. Special codes and additional information will still be located on the reverse side.

With the new design, we have more clearly printed the statement date, amount of current billing, any past due amounts and the total amount due.

The bill will indicate that the account is delinquent if payment is not received and posted by a date certain. To keep your account in good standing, please be sure we receive your payment by the date indicated.

If you have a past due amount, your bill will indicate that the past due/previous balance is subject to disconnect on a date certain. Please be sure we receive your payment BEFORE that date to avoid a service disconnect and the additional charges that you will be required to pay to have service restored.

As always, if you have questions, please call our office. Your call will be answered and handled by one of our world-class member service representatives. ■

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