

COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

..... FOR MEMBERS ONLY



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Outage**
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Office Hours
8:00 AM — 4:30 PM

**Office Hours
Effective
11/1/2008**
7:00 AM—5:30 PM
Monday—Thursday

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From GM/CEO Roger Meader

Effective November 1, 2008, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) will have new office hours – from 7:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

We're doing it primarily to reduce our carbon footprint and save money. Everywhere you turn, it seems people are talking about climate change, the need for more renewable energy and the price of gas. Policy-makers from Curry and Coos Counties to Oregon state to our Nation's capital are debating ways to address it. The decisions they make will most certainly affect our price of power, the way we do business and our way of life.

What is a carbon footprint? A measure of the impact our activities have on the environment measured by the amount of greenhouse gases produced in our day-to-day lives through burning fossil fuels for electricity and transportation. For some, it relates directly to climate change.

In the Pacific Northwest, our carbon footprint is lower than other areas of the country because we generate over 60 percent of our electricity through the extensive river system we enjoy as part of our landscape. That hydropower system is emissions-free. Unfortunately, it is tapped out and any new generation we add will have to meet strict environmental standards and be in compliance with renewable energy laws being passed at the state level and now being debated in Congress.

We can't afford to just sit back and wait for the outcome. We are doing our part to educate our members and our policy-makers about how alternatives will affect our ability to deliver an affordable, reliable supply of power to those we serve. And, we are looking for additional ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Our solar demonstration project in Brookings is one example. We're considering a wind demonstration project in Port Orford. And, we are part-owner of the Coffin Butte landfill gas facility near Corvallis.

Going to four 10-hour days is part of our effort to be more "green." So, take advantage of our extended office hours Monday through Thursday. And rest assured, we will respond to outages as we always have done — on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or in the middle of the night.

We live in a beautiful environment and by working together, we can make a difference.

Celebrating a Real Difference: A Business Owned By You!

October is National Cooperative Month. It's a time to celebrate who we are and what sets us apart from other electric utilities.

Quite simply, we're different because we are a consumer-owned, not-for-profit corporation governed by a member-elected board of directors.

Oregon's electric cooperatives were first organized in the 1930s to bring electric power to underserved rural areas such as the southern Oregon coast.

Our co-op guiding principles are:

Voluntary and Open Membership

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership.

Democratic Member Control

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions.

Members' Economic Participation

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative.

Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members.

Education, Training and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to

the development of their cooperatives.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together.

Concern for Community

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities.

Electric co-ops are in business to be advocates for our consumers. What hurts them hurts us. What is best for them is best for us. It is that simple.



Meet Your New Board Members

Edward Dowdy was selected to fill the northern At-Large position and Cheryl McMahan to fill the southern At-Large position.

Mr. Dowdy holds degrees in Mathematics and Physics and a doctorate in nuclear engineering from Texas A & M University. His professional experience includes various assignments as science advisor to the U.S. Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Dowdy moved to Port Orford from Washington, DC thirteen years ago and serves as a Port of Port Orford commissioner.

Ms. McMahan holds degrees in mechanical engineering and business administration and a doctorate in business

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7:00 AM—5:30 PM
Monday—Thursday

Closed Fridays and
Holidays

Upcoming Events

*(All Town Hall Meetings Begin at
7:00 PM)*

October 2
Town Hall Meeting
CCEC Port Orford Office

November 6
Town Hall Meeting
CCEC Brookings Office

December 4
Town Hall Meeting
CCEC Gold Beach Office

administration with an emphasis in strategic management from Alliant International University in San Diego. During her career, McMahan managed development and implementation of strategic business and operating plans for Southern California Edison, an organization of 2,000 employees and an annual budget of \$500 million. For several years, she represented Southern California Edison on the Board of Directors of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, the largest nuclear plant in the United States.