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CHANGES TO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

January 11, 2011 [Port Orford, OR]: Since 2005, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) has offered a variety of conservation rebate programs to members. These rebate programs are funded and administered by the Bonneville Power Administration, through their Conservation Rate Credit (CRC). Each participating electric utility is allocated a specific amount of money for the program year, and is required to spend the allocated funds in the form of rebates by the end of each program's fiscal year. Any allocated funds left at the end of the fiscal year must be returned to BPA.

As of early January 2011, all of CCEC's allocated funding for 2010 and 2011 has been spent. Using program rebates, our members have installed ductless heat pumps, insulated their homes, purchased energy efficient appliances and CFLs and replaced leaky windows with new energy efficient ones. CCEC members are to be commended for their commitment to energy conservation.

So, now that the funds are gone, what happens to the energy conservation rebate programs?

"Because we want to ensure we are able to continue offering these rebate programs to encourage conservation, we have applied for and acquired additional funding through the BPA," General Manager/CEO Roger Meader said. The funds are not allocated through the normal CRC channels, but through a special reserve fund called the Energy Conservation Agreement (ECA). "Although this additional funding ensures we will be able to continue paying rebates to our members, it also means

significant changes to the way we manage those funds,” Meader continued, “with the most significant being the time it will take us to get your rebate to you.”

In the past, the cooperative sent a check or credited a member’s account within a two-week period. Rather than handle each member’s request individually as was done under the CRC guidelines, the cooperative will now be required to accumulate rebate requests and submit them to the ECA program once each month. Once funds are received from the BPA, the cooperative will then be able to credit the member’s account or send a check for the approved rebate. While the funds are still available from BPA, the new process of submitting rebate requests and waiting for funds to be received from the BPA may mean a delay of up to 8 weeks.

“We are happy that we will be able to continue offering these energy conservation programs to our membership and pleased that our members are saving both energy and money as a result,” Meader said. “We apologize for any inconvenience the delay in issuing rebate checks or credits may cause and trust members will continue to participate in the programs.” Current rebate program information and forms are available in any local office or on line at www.ccec.coop.

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About Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) was founded in 1939 by a group of Coos County, Oregon, residents who wanted electricity in their area. Today, the nonprofit cooperative has approximately 14,000 members, over 17,000 meters in Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties, and 1,626 miles of line, including 52 miles of transmission line between Gold Beach and Brookings. CCEC serves the rural populations east and south of Coos Bay in Coos County, a portion of Douglas County and all of Curry County except for the town of Langlois. Headquartered in Port Orford, Oregon, CCEC has area business offices in Port Orford, Coquille, Gold Beach and Brookings.