



## CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

### President's Quarterly Newsletter

January 2006

Dear Member:

For the second year in a row, Central Electric connected more than 1,000 new accounts in its 5,300 square mile territory. We expect even more additions to the system in 2006, given the large number of new subdivisions that have been platted... especially in the Sisters area and in those portions of Bend that we serve.

By year end 2005, CEC connected 1,166 new accounts, compared to the high of 1,145 new accounts in 2004.

The 1,166 number marks the 6th time in its 65 year history that CEC has connected more than 1,000 new meters in a single year. The all-time record is 1,625 in 1978.

Of the 1,166 new accounts in 2005, a full 837 were "stick-built" residences. Only 64 were manufactured homes, reflecting a trend that began a few years ago. In the 1990s, for example, more than 100 new manufactured homes were connected on CEC's system almost every year and in 1995, more than 170 new manufactured homes came on the system. Area developers tell us that land properly zoned for manufactured homes is growing scarce and in many cases offers more potential for commercial development.

All of this growth placed continual pressure on our engineering and operations departments. Homes can't get built until their new electrical services are designed and built and so developers are always anxious about when their new services will be available. Fortunately, the ebb and flow of new home construction was remarkably consistent during the first portion of 2005 with 63 new connections in both January and February, 64 in March, 63 in April before jumping to 82 in May. The highest monthly new connections (98) occurred in October and the fewest (48) were—some-what surprisingly—in July.



Sincerely,

Al Gonzalez  
President, CEO