



CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Dear Member:

The subject of climate change has been receiving a lot of media attention lately. Action at the state and regional level is putting increasing pressure on Congress to pass federal legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. Climate change is the most important issue to impact electric rates since deregulation of the electric utility industry.

CEC has been engaged in the climate change dialogue because the policies being considered will have a significant impact on all of our members. With the electricity demands in the Northwest soon exceeding the hydropower supply of the Federal Columbia River Power System, future load growth will likely be met with alternative resources that are reliable, efficient and cost effective – a mixture of renewable and carbon-emitting resources.

As the climate change debate unfolds and policies are considered by state and federal lawmakers, there are many questions that our elected officials will need to answer in order to ensure that we have affordable electricity in the future. We need a sound, responsible plan for balancing electricity needs and environmental goals while maintaining reliability and affordable rates.

In order to keep the climate change dialogue headed in the right direction to protect your interests, we will continue to work closely with our elected officials. We remain optimistic about our energy future, our ability to maintain local control and ensure a stable supply of electricity at the lowest rates.

From all of us at Central Electric, have a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,



Dave Markham
President/CEO