



# CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

## President's Quarterly Newsletter

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In your September issue of the *Ruralite* is an insert entitled "Our Energy, Our Future." If you missed it, I urge you to take another look. At stake is the evolving plan here in Oregon and in Washington, D.C., to balance electricity needs with environmental concerns.

Climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions are the key issues. In Oregon, our governor and the Legislature will debate and, possibly, enact laws in response to climate change. Nationally, both our Presidential candidates embrace their own particular solutions with frequent mentions of their respective policy positions on energy and conservation. Regardless of your political affiliation or your opinion of carbon emissions and their impact on our climate, the outcome will ultimately affect electric rates.

We haven't raised our rates since October, 2001, and we're working hard to hold down the prospects of future increases. The policies being debated in the region and nationally will have a significant impact on all of our members. We need a balanced plan that protects rates, reliability and the environment.

If you want to join me in this dialogue, I would urge you to retrieve the September *Ruralite*, fill out the insert tabbed into the centerfold, and join Central Electric and other Oregon cooperatives in the **Power of Community** grassroots program. Alternatively, you may telephone one of our Customer Service Representatives in Redmond at (541) 548-2144. Membership is free. You are never under any obligation. You will receive the following:

- *Salem Scoop*, a monthly newsletter published by the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association, highlighting bills and issues in the Oregon State Legislature.
- *Powerline*, a publication of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, profiling co-op communities.
- Action alerts about energy and environmental policies being considered by your elected officials that could affect you, the member-owners of Central Electric.

Central Electric does not sell your information. We do not share your information with other companies for marketing purposes. You may cancel your participation at any time.

These are critical times we live in. Your interest and your concern for your co-op make a difference. Get the answers you need from our elected officials.

Thank you,



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