



# CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

## President's Quarterly Newsletter

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When the Oregon Legislature convenes, Governor Kulongoski will propose a comprehensive package that will make key investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, build strong energy efficiency and conservation programs, promote renewable energy manufacturing and production, and develop sustainable transportation.

While Oregonians do not yet know the costs of implementing this aggressive initiative, we do know the Governor's objective is to mitigate the impacts of global warming and put Oregon on track to reduce greenhouse gas levels to 10% less than 1990 levels by the year 2020.

Central Electric has a very low carbon footprint since we get virtually all of our electricity from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). BPA markets electricity generated by the Federal Columbia River Power System (90%), Columbia Generating Station nuclear plant (8%), and renewable and spot market purchases (2%).

We are pleased the Governor recognizes that energy efficiency and conservation are the keys to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. To effectively accomplish real carbon reductions, any government mandate must be implemented at a reasonable pace, with reasonable costs. We want to avoid carbon market trading mechanisms that pose a real threat to rural electric cooperatives like CEC.

To this end, Central Electric is going to be deeply involved in legislation that could impact your electric rates or restrict our ability to provide safe and reliable power. I encourage you, our member-owners, to communicate with your elected representatives and let them know your opinion on these important issues throughout the Legislative session.

Thank you,



Dave Markham  
President/CEO