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Manager's Report — *By Mark Hayden*

Maintenance for reliability

The Mission Statement of MEC states in part “to provide reliable, economical electric service to our Members.” Improving system reliability is a never-ending task for the employees and Board of MEC.

Growing demand and normal wear and tear on our electric equipment require system upgrades and maintenance programs aimed at improving the quality of service provided to all Members. This is especially true during the summer months when the weather warms and the snow melts making our equipment more easily accessible.

Listed below are just a few of the projects being completed this summer with enhanced system reliability in mind.

Lolo to Florence Line Rebuild

MEC has contracted with Mountain Power to rebuild our main circuit between the Lolo Substation and the Florence Substation. This larger wire size will allow for increased capacity and reliability between the areas served by these two substations. The larger wire also causes heavier loading on the poles and guy wires, so over 200 poles will be replaced by the time the project is complete.

These changes will allow

us to feed all of Florence from Lolo if needed. Additionally, the increased conductor size will improve the voltage on these circuits while reducing our line losses.

This construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

Voltage Regulator Upgrades

Voltage regulators are an important part of the power quality equipment used at MEC. Regulators are necessary because they minimize variations in voltage in order to protect the equipment using electricity at homes and businesses in the communities we serve. In electric distribution systems such as MEC, regulators are either in the substations or on the electric lines themselves. MEC will be upgrading regulators in our substations located in Frenchtown, Huson, Tarkio and Clinton.

New voltage regulators also will be installed on the electric lines in the Ovando, Seeley Lake, Bonner, Petty Creek, Frenchtown, Huson and Tarkio areas. These improvements were projects identified in our construction work plan to improve voltage levels throughout our system.

Right-of-Way Clearing

A primary cause of power



interruptions including blinks and extended outages relate to trees coming into contact with our power lines. Compounding our usual tree clearing efforts is a dramatic increase in the rate of dead or dying trees caused by the pine beetle infestation which is occurring throughout the West.

To meet these challenges your MEC tree trimming crew lead by Jim Schwartz will be working in the North Fork, Coopers Lake and Seeley Lake areas. In addition, MEC will be contracting with Aspen Urban Forestry to continue clearing in the areas around Florence and Lolo Creek.

We appreciate your cooperation whenever the tree trimming crews are working in your area.

I hope that you are all having a safe and enjoyable summer. If you ever have questions on work being completed in your area don't hesitate to give me a call.

Rest assured that the Board and employees at MEC are working hard to carry out the mission providing reliable and economical electric service to you and your family.

LOLO — FLORENCE LINE REBUILD



The energized wires are spread out and the new wires are inside the sheaves. The other line is energized and covered. This allows the Member's power to remain on while building the new line.



The energized conductors are on hot arms to give room to set the new pole.

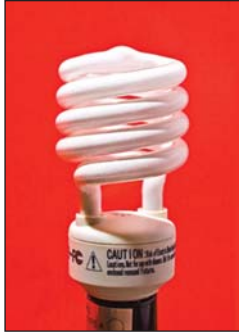


The new pole has been set and the Member's service is being reconnected.

Energy Efficiency Opportunities For You

Missoula Electric Cooperative is promoting energy efficiency opportunities and providing incentives to our Members. Energy efficiency incentives are available to our Members for the following:

CFL light bulbs, most Energy Star appliances, Energy Star manufactured homes, qualifying energy efficiency hot water heaters and appliance decommissioning.



Compact Fluorescent Lamps

Energy Star rated and greater than 9 watts

To receive the incentive, Members must submit the following:

1. A completed CFL Incentive form;
2. The purchase receipt that includes the purchase date;
3. A copy of the packaging with the Energy Star label.

Appliance Decommissioning

Refrigerator and Freezer Early Retirement and Recycling Program

To receive the incentive, Members must submit the following:

1. A completed Refrigerator and Freezer Early Retirement and Recycling form;
2. A copy of the recycling documentation or a signed document by the contractor stating that the appliance was delivered to a certified recycler or that the appliance was picked up or removed by a retailer that guarantees the appliance will be recycled.

Energy Efficient Water Heaters

Qualified Energy Efficient Water Heaters

To receive the incentive, Members must submit the following:

1. A completed Energy Efficient Water

- Heater Incentive form;
2. The purchase receipt that includes the purchase date;
3. A label from the box with the brand name, model number and energy factor.

Energy Star Appliances

Qualified Energy Star Clothes Washers, Qualified Energy Star Dish Washers, Qualified Energy Star Refrigerators, Qualified Energy Star Freezers

To receive the incentive, Members must submit the following:

1. A completed Energy Star Appliance Incentive form;
2. The purchase receipt that includes the purchase date, manufacturer and model number of the appliance.

Energy Star Manufactured Homes

If you're in the market for a new manufactured home, be sure to look for one that has been certified as an Energy Star home under the Northwest Energy Efficient Manufactured Home (NEEM) Program. The Energy Star certification identifies a home that is significantly more energy efficient than a manufactured home with standard construction.

An Energy Star manufactured (NEEM) home includes heating and cooling equipment with a higher efficiency rating and that has been sized correctly and properly installed. Higher efficiency water heaters are also included in Energy Star manufactured homes.

Energy Star manufactured homes have additional insulation in ceilings,



walls and floors as well as high performance windows. These homes are built tighter and all openings are sealed to provide increased comfort and reduced energy costs.

In order to qualify for the \$1450 incentive for your new NEEM/Energy Star manufactured home you will need to complete the following:

1. Purchase an all electric NEEM/Energy Star manufactured home.
2. Remove the wheels and have the home sited in MEC's service area.
3. A completed Northwest Energy Efficient Manufactured Home Incentive Program form.
4. A copy of the Energy Star Certificate of Compliance (both pages).

The incentive forms are available at the Missoula Electric Cooperative front desk or visit the MEC website at www.missoulaelectric.com and click on Member Care to download all incentive forms.

MEC Incentives Available:

Compact Fluorescent Lamps (9 watts or higher)	\$2.50 per bulb
Qualified Energy Star Clothes Washers	
With electric water heating	\$ 70
With gas water heating	\$ 25
Qualified Energy Star Dish Washers	\$ 25
Qualified Energy Star Refrigerators	\$ 25
Qualified Energy Star Freezers	\$ 25
Qualified Water Heaters	\$ 25
Energy Star Manufactured Homes	\$1,450
Commercial Lighting	

Project must be pre-approved. Call for details.

Their Bill is Already Paid....

Use one of the Convenient Payment Methods!

E-Bill

Pay online anytime. With online billing you can view your bill and make payments anytime. To sign up, go to our website at www.missoulaelectric.com and click on the E-Bill tab on the homepage.

Bank Draft

With a bank draft, you specify an account (checking, savings or debit card) and that account is automatically debited for the amount of your bill each month on your billing due date. If you have more than one account, set up a separate draft for each account number.

Credit Card Draft

With the credit card draft, your credit card account is automatically debited

for the amount of your electric bill each month on your billing due date. If you have more than one account, set up a separate draft for each account number. MEC accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express.



Energy saving tips

Turn off everything you are not using: lights, TVs, computers, etc.

When using your air conditioner set your thermostat to the lowest possible comfortable setting. We recommend keeping it at 78 degrees.

Only heat or cool the rooms you need. Close vents and doors of unused rooms.

Lower the temperature on your water heater. It should be set at "warm", so that a thermometer held under running water reads no more than 120 degrees.

Open your refrigerator door as seldom as possible. Keep frequently used items in the front of the refrigerator so

you can find them easily. Also, keep your refrigerator as clean as possible, inside and out. A layer of dust forces the motor to work harder, thus using more energy.

When washing and drying clothes, make sure to adjust the washing cycle to match the size of the load and use cold water whenever possible. Use the low heat setting on the dryer when you can.

When washing dishes, always wait until the dishwasher is completely full before running it. Air dry dishes rather than using the heated dryer.

When cooking, use a microwave when possible. They use less energy and keep the kitchen cooler.

MEC EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Douglass
Journeyman Lineman
15 years

Erik Langaunet
System Engineer
5 years

Jim Schwartz
Line Clearance Foreman
15 years



MEC will be closed Friday, July 3rd, 2009 in observance of the 4th of July.

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