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Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.

We also aspire to meet the four Touchstone Energy core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Storm surcharge will cease to be billed Jan. 1, 2015

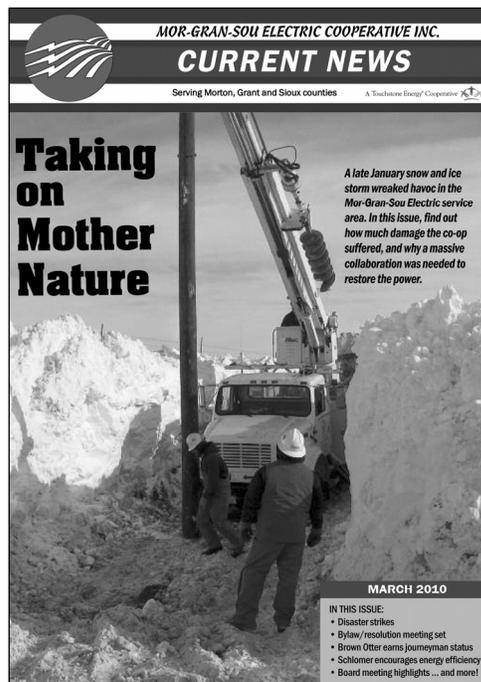
The Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors and management staff have some good news to share. As announced in the member letter you should have received in mid-December, the storm surcharge that was initiated as a result of the April 2010 storm, which downed most of our system, will cease to be billed on Jan. 1, 2015. This date is one full year earlier than anticipated. This adjustment will be reflected on the bill you receive on or around Feb. 4, 2015.

We want to thank you, our member-owners, for your tremendous support during this time of recovery. Many stories of the April 2010 storm will be retold for years to come — some of which include how our members played an important role in that recovery. From the day the power lines went down, you assisted in ways you could. Whether it was pulling trucks out of the snow and mud, bringing baked goods to the lineworkers, communicating with us and paying the storm surcharge every month, you were there every step of the way. You are a shining example of what it means to be a member of a Touchstone Energy® cooperative, and we are honored to serve you.

If you have questions, contact us at 701-663-0297, 701-597-3301, or 800-750-8212 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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Serving Morton, Grant and Sioux counties A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Taking on Mother Nature

A late January snow and ice storm wreaked havoc in the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric service area. In this issue, find out how much damage the co-op suffered, and why a massive collaboration was needed to restore the power.

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- Disaster strikes
- Bylaw/resolution meeting set
- Brown Otter earns journeyman status
- Schlomer encourages energy efficiency
- Board meeting highlights ... and more!

The structural and financial impact of the January and April 2010 storms challenged Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative. To pay off the storm costs that were not covered by FEMA or the state of North Dakota, the majority of Mor-Gran-Sou's members asked that the costs be paid in as short of a timeframe as possible. The co-op's board of directors implemented the storm surcharge in January 2011.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, read the January local pages of *North Dakota Living* or call Jackie at 597-3301, 663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

Scholarships

Mor-Gran-Sou is once again offering four \$500 scholarships to qualifying high school seniors, with the assistance of Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

The scholarships will be awarded during the 2014-2015 school year.

Applications are available at area schools, co-op headquarters in Flasher, or online at www.morgransou.com.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. CT (3:30 p.m., MT) on **Feb. 17, 2015**.

Please deliver or mail information to Mor-Gran-Sou at P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND 58535-0297.

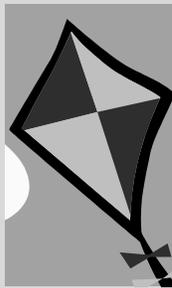


Poster coloring contest

Kids, grab your art supplies for Mor-Gran-Sou's safety poster coloring contest. The topic is, "How do you stay safe at your home or farm when around electricity?"

All posters should display the Touchstone Energy® logo. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Posters must be received at the Flasher office by 4:30 p.m. CT (3:30 p.m., MT) on **Feb. 23, 2015**.



Youth Tour

Mor-Gran-Sou is accepting Electric Cooperative Youth Tour applications.

Juniors or seniors in the fall of 2015, compete by answering the essay topic, "If you were asked to influence other students your age to become more actively involved in their electric cooperative — including attendance at the electric cooperative annual meeting — what would you tell them, and why?"

The deadline to apply is **Jan. 30, 2015**.



Mor-Gran-Sou schedules annual meeting for July 17, 2015

Now's the time to consider serving on the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors! The initial commitment is a three-year term, with provisions in the bylaws limiting a director to serving six consecutive three-year terms, after which time the director is not eligible for another six consecutive three-year terms until one year has elapsed.

At the annual meeting, the following three board positions will be elected:

- The At-Large position presently held by Mark Doll;
- The Morton County position presently held by Robert Gaebe; and
- The Sioux County position presently held by Chad Harrison.

Under the bylaws and due to the use of a mail-in ballot, no nominations are accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. Instead, the bylaws require the board of directors to appoint a Nominating Committee of five to nine members who geographically represent the cooperative. These members will provide a list of qualified and willing candidates to the board for approval and inclusion on the ballot at the board of directors' meeting scheduled for March 25, 2015. This date has been set so there is adequate time for each candidate's biographical information to be included with the notice of meeting sent to the members in June, along with the mail-in ballot for those who are unable to attend the annual meeting in person.

The Nominating Committee has been appointed by the board and will meet for the first time, set for Jan. 15, 2015. Committee members include Leslie Dirk, Mandan; Cheryl Hettich, Solen; Kathy Hoff, Leith; Jim Hopfauf, Flasher; Andrew Holle, Mandan; Lisa McLaughlin, Fort Yates; Rodney Nelson, Almont; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; and Travis Wilkens, New Salem.

To be nominated, the member must submit the completed declaration of candidacy form to Mor-Gran-Sou by 4 p.m. CT (3 p.m. MT) on March 5, 2015. The form must be mailed to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Attn: Jackie Miller, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND 58535-0297. To express interest, call one of the Nominating Committee members or Jackie at 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301, or email jlmliller@morgransou.com.

The Nominating Committee members or Jackie can provide you or the potential candidate with the declaration of candidacy form. To download the form electronically, visit www.morgransou.com and click the link entitled Find the Declaration of Candidacy form on the home page. Candidate qualifications can be found on the website under Home/Cooperative/Articles and Bylaws/Board of Directors/402 Director Qualification or on the declaration of candidacy form.

All qualified and willing candidates who have completed and forwarded the written declaration of candidacy form to the Mor-Gran-Sou office by the March 5 deadline will be included in the list the Nominating Committee will provide to the board.

STAYING CONNECTED: Drawing held; iPad recipients listed

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative recently asked members to update their contact information. Those who participated were entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of three iPad minis. The drawing was held Dec. 16. We congratulate our lucky winners including: **Joseph P. Schaff, Mandan, and Loron Skretteberg and Claude Ulrich, Carson.**

Thank you to all the members who updated your information.

Keeping connected with you, the member-owner, is our top priority. In order to keep you informed, we need to know the best ways to stay connected with you. To update your contact information in the future:

- Visit the website www.morgransou.com and click the Contact Us link;
- Visit SmartHub at <https://morgransou.smarthub.coop/> Contact us – Update my Contact Information;
- Call us at 1-800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301.

Also in the JANUARY issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Linemen earn journeyman status
- Scam alert
- Meeting minutes & more