

Linemen Appreciation Day: April 12, 2021

NRECA Board Resolution (2015)

"Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure; Whereas linemen are the first-responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents; and Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen; Therefore be it resolved that NRECA recognize the Second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day and recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America's Electric Cooperatives."

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Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Antelope Valley Station, located northwest of Beulah, can provide up to 900 megawatts of baseload generation daily. One of Mor-Gran-Sou's power suppliers, Basin Electric has a diverse resource portfolio that provides affordable, reliable generation to meet our members' needs. Coal baseload generation makes up 44 percent of Basin Electric's resource portfolio, while natural gas provides about 20 percent, wind provides about 20 percent, and other sources like recovered energy, oil, diesel and jet fuel, as well as market purchases, make up the remainder of the resources. Basin Electric believes in an all-of-the-above energy strategy, as it requires using all the resources to fill in the gaps and provide reliable energy delivery.

A message from Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative ... Ensuring reliability as power supply tightens

complex network of electricity generators and tens of thousands of miles of electrical lines work together to ensure that enough electricity is available on the coldest winter morning and during the dog days of summer.

What happens when the demand for power overwhelms the ability to provide it? That's a particularly vexing question, given the transition taking place in how electricity is produced and shared across this network.

The key to meeting the energy needs essential to your quality of life is balancing electricity supply with demand. There is a complex web of facilities and organizations that work together to make it happen each day.

Regional transmission organizations coordinate, control and monitor the electric grid across several states in a region. Think of them as energy traffic managers on an interstate highway system, regulating the number of cars – in this case, electricity – and their destination.

Even so, on some days there is an imbalance in that system that leads to rolling power interruptions or blackouts — so-called "max-gen" events. In those cases, supply simply can't keep up with demand. In the Midcontinent region comprised of 15 states, there were six max-gen events from 2006 to 2016. Since 2016, there have been 15, including three last July and August alone.

That's because power plants that generate electricity are being closed faster than new producers are coming online. In most cases, traditional large-scale power suppliers such as coal and nuclear plants are being closed and replaced by alternatives on a much smaller scale. This gap is closing more quickly despite the development of new natural gasfueled power plants.

As more electric utilities pursue zero- or low-carbon initiatives by 2035 and beyond, this challenge will grow more complex. So, what's the answer?

Electric cooperatives and others in the energy sector will continue to develop renewable options and pursue new technologies. But absent new, large-scale alternatives and advances in energy storage, the stalwarts of today's energy fleet — coal and nuclear energy facilities — must continue to operate in many regions. In some, they remain the most cost-effective options for producing electricity. ■



Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting July 16, 2021 Location to be determined

Be an active and involved co-op member. Vote to fill three positions on the board of directors. Learn cooperative updates and industry issues — and how they affect your electric service.



Rural Development Finance Corporation GROWING (OMMVNITIES

RDFC announces 2021 grant opportunities

he Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) has approved a 2021 grant allotment of \$2,000 on behalf of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative to be used to support community owned entities, non-profits and community-based projects.

Guidelines

- Eligible projects: community owned businesses (café, grocery store, motel, other); community facilities (ambulance services, fire districts, recreation, hospital/clinic, community center, etc.); or community-based projects (school/youth projects, other) that benefit rural areas and lead to community betterment. New in 2021: RDFC does not provide funds for medical fundraisers or general operating costs.
- Matching funds: \$4 dollars of other funds to every \$1 of RDFC funds. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric will verify matching funds.

- Maximum/minimum grant amounts: The minimum grant amount is \$500; the maximum is \$2,000. The limit is \$2,000 on behalf of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric for 2021.
- Timeframe: Now through Dec. 31, 2021

Process:

Call Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative at 701-663-0297, 701-597-3301 or 800-750-8212, or email info@morgransou.com to visit about a specific project and determine eligibility.

If it meets the qualifications, the member should complete an application and submit to Mor-Gran-Sou for consideration. From there, the application will be presented to the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors for approval.

If approved, the grant application will be submitted to RDFC for final consideration. The RDFC board gives final approval on grant requests.

Once approved, a check will be made out to the recipient entity listed on the application and mailed to the RDFC contact person listed on the application. ■



Unclaimed Capital Credits

The following list contains the names of current or former Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative members who have unclaimed capital credit checks that were mailed in December.

These checks have either been received but not cashed, or returned to Mor-Gran-Sou by the postal service because they could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Mor-Gran-Sou personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list who received electrical service from Mor-Gran-Sou, please have them contact our office at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

Please keep in mind that not all of the capital credit amounts are large, but we would like to get these checks to the proper parties. Persons who wish to claim checks from the following list should be prepared to provide proper personal identification.

What are capital credits?

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is a nonprofit business. We exist only to provide goods and services to you, our members; not to make a profit for a shareholder or investor. Cooperatives are operated to provide at-cost electric service to their members.

When all the expenses are paid, the cooperative's margins are credited to you in the form of capital credits. As the financial condition of your cooperative allows, you are paid these capital credits. In the meantime, your capital credits are your equity in the cooperative.

Refunds are allocated based on the amount of business a member does with the cooperative — the more electricity used, the larger the capital credit check.

If you have questions about your capital credits or would like a more detailed explanation, contact Mor-Gran-Sou at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

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Members, do we have your current contact information?

Please make sure Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative has your updated mobile phone number, email address and mailing address on file! If you plan to move, let us know your forwarding address. Your updated information will help us confer a capital credit check when the time is right.

Please call 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212, or log into your SmartHub account, to update your information. If you do not have a SmartHub account, set one up at www.morgransou.com.

The landscape of reliability Trimming trees keeps power flowing safely

rees seem harmless on a normal North Dakota day. Add the wind gusts that frequently blow and top it with a strong spring storm — and those towering pillars can threaten your home's power supply.

Regular trimming of trees and brush along power lines helps cut down on the number of outages and blinks.

Electricity interruptions can occur when branches break and fall across power lines, or when trees tumble onto power lines. When strong winds blow, limbs growing too close to power lines may sway and touch the wires, causing "blinks" in power.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable electric service, and our tree-trimming program is one way we fulfill that mission. When time allows, Mor-Gran-Sou's linemen clear growth away from power lines to improve system reliability, and protect the public from downed lines that could still be energized and dangerous. During the busy construction season, Mor-Gran-Sou may hire contractor trimmers as needed.

On line patrol, crews look for foliage growing under lines, overhanging branches, leaning trees or other dangers that could pull a power line down under certain conditions.

Follow this rule of thumb when planting trees:

- 0 to 20 feet on each side of a power line: no trees or shrubs whatsoever;
- 20 to 60 feet on each side of a power line: no trees or shrubs that exceed 18 feet in height when full grown;
- 60 feet or more from a power line: no restriction.

If trees in your area are growing into power lines, please call Mor-Gran-Sou at 701-663-0297, 701-597-3301 or 1-800-750-8212, or email safety@morgransou.com.

Thank you, members! We appreciate you working with us to keep the public safe and improve the reliability of the power system. ■

When danger looms

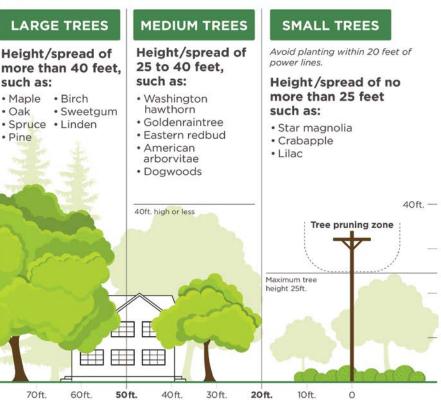
Sprawling tree limbs look beautiful when covered with leaves, but what's hiding among those branches? If it's a power line, call Mor-Gran-Sou to trim that tree before it causes a hazard or leaves you without power. When a tree touches an overhead

When a tree touches an overhead power line, danger looms. Children climbing that tree can get shocked or killed. When trees and brush come into contact with an energized power line, it can also cause a fire.

Remember ... when power lines are involved, leave the trimming to the professionals.

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

Trees beautify our neighborhoods, and when planted in the right spot, can even help lower energy bills. But the wrong tree in the wrong place can be a hazard... especially to power lines. For more tips on smart tree planting in your community, contact your local electric cooperative or visit www.ArborDay.org.



Be safe! Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.

Source: The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE board meeting highlights

Meeting date: Feb. 17, 2021

- Approved the Jan. 27, 2021, Board meeting minutes
- Approved a work order inventory
- Approved capital credit refund applications to estates and those age 80 and over
- Reviewed the monthly director's financial report
- Reviewed the co-op financial report for January
- Reviewed senior staff department reports
- Heard general counsel report
- Reviewed North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives' legislative update

- Heard update on broadband research
- Heard update on Nominating Committee meeting
- Discussed banking facility options
- Heard Co-General Managers/ CEOs update and report on meetings attended
- Heard director's recap on virtual training and meetings attended
- Approved registration for upcoming virtual director training
- Held Executive Session with Mor-Gran-Sou's auditor
- Heard update on Southwest Power Pool
- Reviewed upcoming virtual meetings

Upcoming regular board meeting date:

April 28; time and place to be determined

Members may be welcome to attend board meetings. Due to COVID-19, plans can change quickly. Please call the office at 1-800-750-8212 or 597-3301 to confirm the meeting status you wish to attend.

To place an item on the agenda, please contact Co-General Manager/CEO Donald Franklund at 701-597-3301 or Chair Casey Wells at least one week in advance.

Members may obtain a copy of approved board minutes by completing and returning the "Request for Information or Data" form. You can find this form at www.morgransou.com, or contact the Flasher office to request a copy.

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