



# Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative

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#### Directors:

Mark Doll  
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Lance Froelich  
Chad Harrison  
Bob J. Leingang  
Bonnie Tomac

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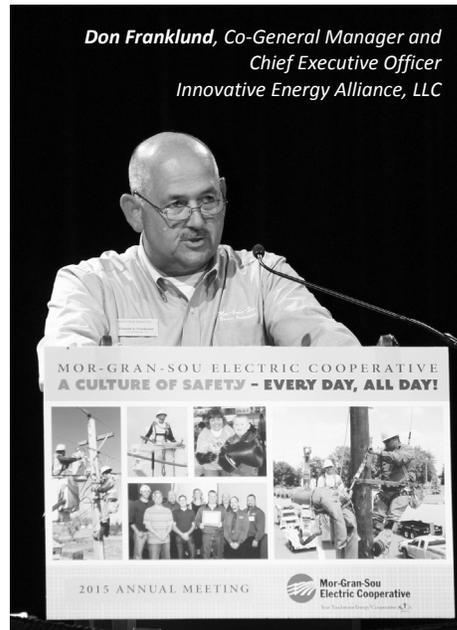
*Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.*

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

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## Thanks, members, for attending YOUR annual meeting



Don Franklund, Co-General Manager and Chief Executive Officer  
Innovative Energy Alliance, LLC

The Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors, management staff and employees thank you, our member-owners, for attending the 68th annual meeting of the membership held July 17. We appreciate the interest you continue to show in your electric cooperative!

This year, Mor-Gran-Sou members were asked to vote for three board directors: one for the At-Large position, one for the Morton County position and one for the Sioux County position. Incumbents Mark Doll, New Salem, and Chad Harrison, Fort Yates, retained their positions on the board. Doll is the At-Large representative and Harrison is

the Sioux County representative. New to the board is Bonnie Tomac, St. Anthony, who will serve her first three-year board term as representative for Morton County. She fills the position previously held by Robert Gaebe, who chose not to seek re-election. We thank Kevin Fishbeck, Clyde Howe and Richard C. Tokach for campaigning to serve their electric cooperative, and for being active and involved cooperative members.

To learn more about Mor-Gran-Sou’s annual meeting, read a complete summary in the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*.

#### In the August issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Keep calm and co-op on; Touchstone Energy® Co-ops participate in parade
- Power is a privilege: Youth Tour recap with Andrew Schafer
- National High School Rodeo Association rodeo recap with member families
- Meeting minutes and more

## Thank you, Director Gaebe

Robert Gaebe served on the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. board of directors for 9 years. He chose not to seek re-election at this year’s annual meeting. Bob’s expertise and concern for the membership and employees was appreciated. Mor-Gran-Sou thanks you, Director Gaebe, and wishes you well.

Watch for a story on Bob Gaebe in a future issue of the *North Dakota Living* magazine.





## Summer storm causes damage

Mor-Gran-Sou has completed rebuilding a number of poles and structures that were damaged following the June 21 storm. At one point, more than 2,400 meters lost power as the torrential rain and gusty wind hit the area Sunday evening. Crews were dispatched, and power was restored by midnight.

Mor-Gran-Sou members who normally receive electric service from the damaged infrastructure were being back-fed power from an alternate source within the Mor-Gran-Sou grid system. This has also been set back to the normal feed.

Thank you, members, for your patience as we worked through this storm damage.

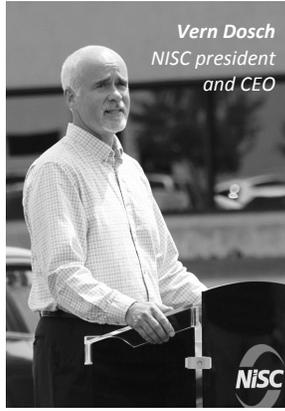
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**ATTENTION MEMBERS:** The billing statement you received on or around Aug. 7 contains a line item indicating your 2014 capital credit allocation. The information shown on that billing statement is not the retirement, but the allocation. This is the only statement you will receive concerning your 2014 capital credit allocation. Please retain the August billing statement as a permanent record of your 2014 allocation.

### What is a capital credit allocation?

This information is provided each year as an official record of your capital credits. Since Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is a member-owned cooperative, at the end of each year we allocate all our profits (the money left over after all expenses are paid) to you, our member-owners, based on how much energy you bought during the year. These allocations are called capital credits. By allocation, we mean that we assign your share of the margins to a holding account in your name. Capital credits are used by your cooperative for operating funds, and at some later date paid back to members as the financial condition of the cooperative permits. These amounts are not payable at this time and do not represent cash, but rather your equity in our cooperative.

## NISC expands to accommodate growth



Vern Dosch  
NISC president  
and CEO

National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), a leading provider of technology solutions to utility and telecommunications organizations, broke ground June 24 for its newest building at the Mandan campus. The 33,000-square-foot expansion will accommodate the demands of a growing organization, offering additional office space, meeting rooms, a dining facility and fitness center. It will connect all buildings on the campus.

The Mandan location, one of four NISC campuses in the United States, has been the N.D. campus since 1966 and is home to more than 400 employees.

Due to the continued steady growth of the information technology cooperative, NISC expects to add 70 employees over the next five years.

Vern Dosch, NISC president and chief executive officer, said, “The expansion of our Mandan campus will allow us to better serve our membership and create a positive work experience for our employees.”

Chris Baumgartner, co-general manager and chief executive officer of Innovative Energy Alliance, LLC, says Mor-Gran-Sou has always been proud to serve the NISC campus. “NISC is not only a member, but a tremendous cooperative partner. We look forward to working together to meet their expansion needs for many years to come,” he says.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative was one of the original 13 electric cooperatives in North Dakota to help create NISC. NISC’s predecessor organizations were formed by entities whose origins and success today are based on self-reliance. Centralizing the data processing services for rural electric and telecommunications cooperatives was the result of a shared vision to help rural electric cooperatives and telephone companies operate more efficiently and effectively by developing jointly owned IT support centers.

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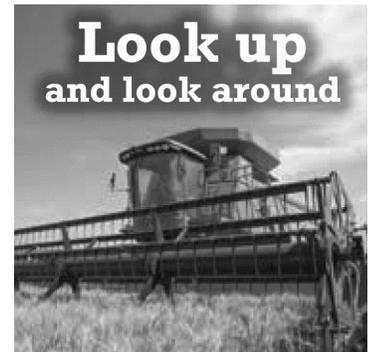
## Farm equipment is on the move

While farmers focus on the ground when sowing and harvesting, looking up is just as important — especially when operating farm equipment near power lines.

For your safety, make sure you have at least **10 feet of clearance** between power lines and your combines, grain augers, pickers, bailers and front-end loaders. Keep in mind that uneven ground and shifting soil conditions can put you in harm’s way.

Look up and look around when operating equipment. Power lines and poles may be closer than you think.

Should you see a power line issue that may need attention, please call the office or send us an email at [safety@morgransou.com](mailto:safety@morgransou.com) with your concern. This correspondence should include the description of the location, your name and complete contact information, and a photo if possible. Working together helps ensure the safety of all!



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### HOLIDAY CLOSING; MONDAY, SEPT. 7

In observance of the Labor Day holiday in September, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7. Members, line crews will be available in case of an emergency electrical outage.