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**Mor-Gran-Sou
Electric Cooperative**

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Directors:

Mark Doll, Vern Frederick,
Lance Froelich, Chad Harrison,
Jay Larson, Bob J. Leingang

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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 Touchstone Energy® Cooperative core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.

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

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BILL CREDITS: Strong financials lead to end-of-year return

At the end of each year, Mor-Gran-Sou completes its financials. The co-op then prepares a budget to plan for future needs.

Many things are considered while preparing the budget in addition to the current financial status, such as the cost of money, management plans, construction projects, maintenance projects, generation and transmission forecast, and politics.

When the current year's financials are stronger than forecasted, the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors may issue a bill credit to the members.

Adjusting the cooperative's margin as a bill credit, rather than allocating money as capital credits, allows the members of Mor-Gran-Sou to receive an immediate benefit. It also allows Mor-Gran-Sou to maintain its margins (which will be allocated) within expected and manageable levels.

The last bill credit issued to members occurred in November and December 2017. They were based on kilowatt hours used by each member. November's credit included January through September 2017 usage, and December's bill credit included January through October 2017 usage. The credit appeared on the members' November and December billing statements.

Mor-Gran-Sou's 2018 financials are again stronger than forecasted. Once again, members will find a bill credit on their December billing statement. Please look for your credit on the line item on your enclosed electric statement entitled "MGS Bill Credit."

If you have any questions, please contact us at 701-663-0297, 701-597-3301 or 1-800-750-8212, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT.

Thank you, members, for your support throughout the year.

Opt into Operation Round Up with enclosed bill stuffer

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is offering Operation Round Up to its members. It is a program in which Mor-Gran-Sou members can voluntarily choose to round up their monthly utility bills to the next dollar and donate their pennies to the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Please look for the stuffer enclosed in this electric bill. Your gift of change will change the lives of area neighbors, friends and communities when your money pools and is awarded in the form of local grants.



BE A STAR THIS CHRISTMAS

by bringing about life change with YOUR change.

- Electric bill rounded up to closest dollar
- Change donated to Operation Round Up
- Average donation of \$6 per year, per membership
- ALL donations stay local & improve quality of life



Co-op scholarships available for high school graduates

Mor-Gran-Sou continues its scholarship program in offering opportunities to qualifying seniors. \$7,500 is available to help finance local students' educational journeys. We encourage students to apply!

High School Sophomores & Juniors: Apply NOW for the 2019 Youth Tour, scheduled June 15 to 21

The question asks how smart technologies and social media can be used at Mor-Gran-Sou to communicate with young adults.

Safety poster coloring contest

Kids, draw a poster that tells our readers how you play and work safe around electricity!

For details on all youth opportunities, read the December local pages of *North Dakota Living*.



The holidays are around the corner! Gift certificates are available at Mor-Gran-Sou.

If a certain someone on your list is a member of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative and you need a bright idea on what to buy for Christmas ... why not wrap a gift certificate he or she can use toward an electric bill? Call Mor-Gran-Sou at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212 and ask for Julie or Jackie.

We can help "lighten" the holidays.

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

- Local #WhoPowersYou nominee
- Board meeting minutes
- Holiday closings & more

Mor-Gran-Sou's 2019 annual meeting: July 19

It's time to consider serving as a board director for Mor-Gran-Sou. 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 four board positions will be elected:

- The Grant County position presently held by Vern Frederick;
- The Mandan-Area position presently held by Judge Barth;
- The Morton County position presently held by Jay Larson; and
- The Morton County position presently held by Bonnie Tomac.*

**This position is to serve the remaining two-years of Bonnie Tomac's three-year term, as Ms. Tomac has resigned effective Dec. 31.*

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 to appoint a Nominating Committee of five to nine members who geographically represent the co-op. 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 27, 2019. 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. 9, 2019. The members of the Nominating Committee include Bryce Allen, Mandan; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Andrew Holle, Mandan; Rhonda Leingang, Solen; Alan Malm, Flasher; Garek Murphy, Fort Yates; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; Shari Striegel, Carson; and Travis Wilkens, New Salem.

For a person to be nominated, the member vying for a board seat must submit the completed declaration of candidacy form to Mor-Gran-Sou by 4 p.m. CT (3 p.m. MT) on Thursday, March 7, 2019. The completed form must be mailed to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Attn: Jackie Miller, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, N.D., 58535-0297. If you or someone you know is interested in being nominated, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members or Jackie at Mor-Gran-Sou by calling 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301. You can also email Jackie at jlmliller@morgransou.com.

The Nominating Committee members or Jackie can provide you or the potential candidate with the declaration of candidacy form. It is also located on Mor-Gran-Sou's website at www.morgransou.com (click Home/Your Power in Membership/Forms and Applications/Declaration e will provide to the board.

Bylaws and resolutions for the annual meeting

Under the bylaws, any bylaw amendments or resolutions must be presented to the members in writing in advance of the annual meeting scheduled for July 19, 2019. The board of directors has charged the Nominating Committee with reviewing and advising the board of any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions. Any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions should be submitted in writing no later than March 21, 2019, and/or they can be presented in-person at one of the following in-person meetings of the Nominating Committee:

- ✓ Jan. 9, 2019 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT
- ✓ March 21, 2019 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT

If you do wish to submit a bylaw amendment or resolution in writing, please forward it to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND, 58535-0297, before March 21. Thank you.