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Manager's Message



Dear Member,

Your electric company is not just an electric company. It is a nonprofit electric cooperative. That means we are not owned by far-away stockholders, such as the for-profit companies Idaho Power and Pacific Power.

OTEC is member-owned, so we don't put profits before service. Our top priority as a co-op is to provide value for you—the member.

OTEC employees know that everything we do here is for the benefit of the members and we work hard every day to provide those benefits to you.

To ensure continued membership benefits, OTEC is upgrading our electric system for the 21st century. We are removing old meters and putting in new digital meters. The world now communicates through digital technology, which includes cell phones and the Internet, and we must adjust our equipment accordingly.

These upgrades ensure a reliable electric grid that allows OTEC to continue to bring you the reliable and affordable electricity you have come to expect.

While we aim to provide you with a modern electric system, we maintain some "old-fashioned" programs that bring value to co-op membership.

This month, OTEC kicks off our 2012 scholarship program. From now through January, students whose parents or guardians receive OTEC service can apply for one of 28 scholarships.

Beginning in December, high school juniors can apply for a one-week all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., next June. Just go to **www.otecc.com** to learn more.

These programs are part of OTEC's commitment to community and education.

As you can see, all of OTEC's projects and programs are for the benefit of our members. Why? Because you are No. 1 in our book, and you are the reason we are here.

We're local. And we serve you.

With regards,

Werner Buehler