

## September 2018

## Office Info:

Summer Office Hours: Mon - Thrs. 7 am - 5:30 pm Until September 30th

Winter Hours Begin October 1st

Our customer service call center is available 24/7/365 to handle most electric & propane concerns. (509) 996-2228

# **OCEC Board:**

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# Get Outage Info From OCEC:

OCEC is committed to sending outage texts and email notifications during regular business hours and will make every effort to send them during major after hour outages. Text messages are faster and have a higher success rate of delivery.

At www.ocec.coop members can opt-in to texting by clicking on the "Outage Text" link in the upper right portion of the screen and filling out the form shown to the right.

# Sign-up for OCEC Outage Texts OCEC is committed to sending outage texts and email notifications during regular business hours and will make every effort to send them during major off hour outages. Fill out the form below, and click "Join Now" to enroll OCEC Outage Text Sign-up Phone Number (e.g. 222334444 no dots) First Name Last Name Email email@example.com Join Now

Msg&data rates may apply. To unsubscribe, text **STOP** to 797979. For help text **HELP** anytime. Available in USA. Up to 2000 msg/mo. Your privacy is always protected and your information will not be shared. Powered by <u>EZ Texting</u>

Recent notifications included

information relayed to members pertaining to potential outages in the Twisp River area. For longer messages the text will direct members to our website where we can include more information than a text can handle.

For Twitter users you can follow us at @ocec\_info where we update our feed during major outages.

# Member Survey Coming in September

OCEC is conducting a survey of its residential members to help us better plan the future energy needs of our membership and gain insights into the best ways we can help you save energy and money.

This survey is conducted once every two years. Only a fraction of our residential members will be receiving these surveys. If you receive a survey, your response will be very important to us. Please help us by taking the time to fully complete the enclosed questionnaire. It should take you about 10 minutes to do so.

We would like to thank you in advance for helping us plan for your future energy and conservation needs. If you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in the survey, feel free to add them in the space provided at the end of the survey form. Please include your phone number or e-mail address if you would like us to contact you regarding these questions.

If you have any questions about the survey, feel free to contact the OCEC office.

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# **Revolving Loan Funds Available**

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative (OCEC) administers two USDA Revolving Loan (RLF) grants for economic development in the Methow Valley. As these funds are loaned and paid back, OCEC is able to loan the funds out over and over again. Currently OCEC is looking for projects in our community to loan zero-interest money to. The maximum loan period is for 10 years with a 1% administrative fee. There is \$70,000 in each fund available for lending.

The type of projects that would be eligible include municipal community development and service projects, non-profit business incubators, medical services, education and training to enhance economic opportunities for rural residents, advanced telecommunications, land and building acquisition, land and environmental improvements, new building construction, building renovation, machinery and equipment, community infrastructure and facilities, business startup or expansion, civic and other types of projects approved by the Okanogan County Electric Cooperative board of directors which are compatible with the stated Revolving Loan Fund objectives.

## OCEC is currently accepting letters of request for loan funds through September 30, 2018.

The applications will be considered on the following:

- Project impact on community
- Demonstrated ability to repay debt
- Credit worthiness of applicant
- Adequate collateral coverage
- Management capability and borrower reputation
- Equity commitment and adequate level of working capital

- Leveraging of other funding sources
- Job creation and/or retention
- Viability of marketing and/or operating plan
- Evaluation of project probability of success
- Project readiness



Please mail requests to RLF Committee, Okanogan County Electric Cooperative PO Box 69, Winthrop, WA 98862, or for additional information call Lynn Northcott at 996-2228.