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Mission Statement

“The mission of Douglas Electric Cooperative, a member-owned and operated cooperative, is to provide affordable, reliable electric and other compatible services that enhance the quality of life for its members, using progressive marketing in conjunction with sound financial and management principles.”

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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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Winter Storms & Outages

Dear Member,

The middle of last December let us know winter was here with a windstorm that wreaked havoc across our side of the state. West Oregon Electric Co-op was flooded out of its offices while Tillamook PUD and Consumers Power experienced similar flooding and outage problems numbering in the thousands. Douglas Electric survived the weekend extremely well, only to have the second wave of the storm come through that Monday morning and push many trees over into our lines. At the peak, there were about 1,500 members without power... some of them overnight. When the wind kicks up and these storms come through our service territory, it's becoming increasingly evident just how effective and successful Dave Alsen and our tree trimming crews have been.

The middle of January brought an early morning outage to folks from Oakland to Myrtle Creek. The cause was an equipment failure in Pacific Power's Dixonville substation. Since Pacific delivers power to parts of our system, another 3,000 members from the Umpqua to Camas Valley substations were affected. Again, an impressive number compared to the tens of thousands of Pacific's customers affected. Power was restored in a few hours on a very cold morning.

This edition of Ruralite highlights the incredible job that our line crews do day in and day out. Additional praise should go to the office personnel who field all the calls and keep members posted on restoration efforts. We also appreciate those members who are very pleasant when they call, understanding that everyone is doing the best they can to return life back to normal.

We're only halfway through another extremely cold winter, but we'll keep doing our best to keep the lights on for you.

Best Regards,

Dave Sabala
General Manager

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