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GENERAL MANAGER'S BOARD MEETING BULLETIN



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Conduit installation option for members returning

MPE to allow qualifying members/contractors to install conduit

MPE's Engineering and Operations departments will be introducing a pilot program that will allow qualifying MPE members and contractors to complete their own digging of trenches and laying of conduit as a part of construction for new electrical services.

Training/certification meetings will be scheduled to allow members and/or contractors to qualify to install the conduit properly. Safety concerns and quality standards will be covered to insure the same level of quality control is maintained. Site inspections will also be implemented to ensure standards are met.

This initiative responds to a common request from members and developers as it allows for a more affordable option for some members. It will also provide the best opportunity to get the most conduit in the ground during the digging season. All other construction will continue to be facilitated

by MPE. Members will continue to have the option of MPE completing the trenching and laying of conduit, as well.

As this pilot program is launched, more information will be provided on the MPE website, including dates and details for the training/certification meetings.

In a review of the recent successful construction season, Engineering/Operations also proposed to the Board to have Simple Service removed from the MPE tariff. Simple Service was introduced in 2023 with the intention of streamlining the construction process for services up to 200 amps. Because construction projects vary so widely across MPE's service territory, the Simple Service framework proved not to be effective. Official notices will be published of this proposed tariff change, and the Board will consider it at the Feb. 8 meeting.

Other Board Meeting Actions

- The Board discussed updating MPE's bylaws regarding director elections to move to plurality and away from requiring more than 50% of the vote to name a winner in elections. The Board will review a proposed red-line version of the bylaws at the Feb. 8 meeting. If the Board decides to move forward with proposing the bylaw change, it will be put to a vote for the MPE membership at the April 27 Annual Meeting.
- The Board approved MPE staff to proceed with the updated MPE Scholarship Program, which will provide annual amounts from the unclaimed capital credit fund of up to \$75,000 for academic scholarships, up to \$25,000 for electric industry/lineman scholarships, and up to \$25,000 for trade scholarships. More information will be provided soon on MPE's website.
- A review of board director compensation among Colorado co-ops found that MPE's Board was ranked the second lowest of 18. The Board approved changes to Policy D-4, including allowing directors to enroll in MPE's employee health insurance plan at their own cost and changing the regular meeting per diem to \$1,000. With these changes, MPE's Board remains in the lowest quartile for board compensation among Colorado's co-ops.