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# GENERAL MANAGER'S BOARD MEETING BULLETIN



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## Report highlights MPE's strong financial standing

*Mountain Parks well positioned to take on financial impacts of power supply transition*

Mountain Parks Electric's (MPE) financial performance is strong comparative to co-ops' medians across the U.S. and the state, according to the recent Key Ratio Trend Analysis (KRTA).

The KRTA is a tool developed by National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) and used by electric co-ops to compare financial and performance ratios historically and with other co-ops nationwide. MPE's CFO/Manager of Finance Emily Meek provided an executive summary overview for the Board at the September meeting.

Along with the strong performance indicators highlighted in the recent KRTA, which used MPE's and other co-ops' Form 7 data from 2023, Meek told the Board that 2024 is tracking to historical performance

for MPE. She also let the Board know that for the first two years of the power supply transition starting in 2025, the Board should anticipate significant declines in the financial ratios. These anticipated declines are related to the contract termination payment and reduction of Tri-State capital credits from MPE's total equity calculation. While MPE expected these declines, the focus is on longer-term benefits to our membership.

Some highlights from the KRTA report include:

- Total members served shows a 5-year trajectory of consistent growth.
- Total utility plant also shows consistent growth; "It is good to see that we are investing in our plant," said Meek.

• MPE's standing in the main ratios associated with financial health shows that our co-op is financially strong and outperforming many of our peers.

### MPE Quick Facts from 2023 Form 7

- 22,348: Average of Total Consumers Served
- 335,336,000: Total kWh sold annually
- \$116,437,000: Total Utility Plant
- 63: Total Number of Full-Time Employees
- 1,887: Miles of Line

## Other Board Meeting Items

- Beginning September 16, Vannguard will replace USIC as the contractor handling MPE members' electric utility locates, as reported by Manager of Operations Adam Paulson. Vannguard has a good reputation and already does locates for Xcel Energy in MPE's service territory. Line locating is a priority for MPE, falling under the co-op's strategic plan categories of safety, concern for community/members, and system reliability.

- The Board was presented with additional details MPE's recent grant awards that could bring close to \$11 million to the co-op to support wildfire mitigation, grid monitoring, and grid hardening from the Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management and the Colorado Energy Office and the Department of Energy. Typically, due to budget and time/labor constraints, MPE is able to complete one to two Work Plan projects on the system per year. These grants will help fund around 10 important projects over the next 3 years.

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