

Big Skylights



An internal newsletter of the STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

A report from your Chief Executive Officer Dave Wheelihan

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Job Market

Communications Specialist

Ravalli County Electric Cooperative (REC), based in Corvallis, is seeking to fill a communications specialist position.

The co-op is looking for “someone who shows a lot of initiative and drive, exceeds expectations and has the ability to make things happen.” The person in this position must be adaptable, a creative thinker and possess the ability to make significant team contributions while serving REC’s membership.

The communications specialist will be representing the co-op by increasing the co-op’s public presence through business networking opportunities, attending fundraisers, coordinating and participating in community events, and social media/website communications. Minimal requirements for this position include dynamic verbal communication skills, exceptional customer service, and outstanding writing/editing skills.

Experience/educational requirements include a Bachelor’s degree with a focus on communications: advertising/marketing, journalism, communications and public relations or a related degree. However, consideration of education and work experience including marketing, editorial or public relations responsibilities may be given in lieu of degree.

The successful applicant must possess a valid Montana driver’s license, present a professional appearance at all times, have the ability to travel occasionally out-of-town and overnight, and work non-traditional hours including evening and weekend hours as required.

To apply, visit REC’s website at www.ravallieletric.com and submit a completed REC job application, resume, letter of interest, and (if applicable) samples of your work. Benefits are available after 90 days and wage depends on experience.

Journeyman Lineman

Big Horn County Electric Cooperative of Hardin has an opening for a journeyman lineman. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a Montana CDL, have completed a recognized four-year apprenticeship program; be proficient in operating digger derricks, bucket trucks, trenchers, underground locating and fault finding equipment; be in physical condition to carry out the work associated with overhead and underground power lines; be willing to work in extreme conditions such as heat, cold, wind, rain and snow, at all hours and be on a rotating “on-call” list; have experience in rubber gloving, the operation of OCR’s and regulators, underground and overhead distribution lines. Having a positive safety-minded attitude and being a “team player” is a must.

The successful applicant will be required to live within 15 minutes driving time of work, take a pre-employment physical and drug test, and be on a six-month probationary period.

Big Horn Electric is located in a farming/ranching community serving rural residents, including three-phase irrigation and pumping loads, an oil field, and some small and large commercial loads in Big Horn County, Montana and a small part of north central Wyoming.

The co-op offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefits program. Send resumes to: Monte Russell, District Supervisor, Big Horn County Electric Cooperative, Inc., PO Box 410, Hardin, MT 59034 or mrussell@bhcec.com. Ph: (406)665-2830. A company employment application with references will be required along with work history dating back five years. This position will be open until filled.

Rates and Treasury Manager

East River Electric Power Cooperative, Madison, SD, is seeking a Rates and Treasury Manager to join our management team. This is an exciting opportunity to work for a cooperative that helps power people's lives and enhances economic opportunity in rural communities across our region.

East River Electric Power Cooperative provides wholesale power supply and delivery through a 2,800-mile transmission system to 25 member electric distribution systems throughout eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota.

The person selected for this position will be responsible for the development and maintenance of East River's wholesale power rate structure and transmission service rate structure as well as associated billing functions. Responsibilities also include capital management which will focus on the implementation of strategies to fund the Cooperative's aggressive electric plant addition and replacement plans while ensuring continued financial stability and affordability. In addition, responsibilities will encompass financial and load forecasting, and the supervision and development of employees within the Rates and Treasury Services Department.

Education and background minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree with a major in finance or a business management related field of study (business administration, economics, mathematics) with five years related work experience in progressively responsible positions.

East River offers an excellent compensation package which includes health insurance, a pension plan and 401K contribution, and an optional 9/80 work schedule.

To access a more detailed outline of the position and instructions to apply, please visit www.eastriver.coop/careers and complete your electronic profile. You will be able to upload additional applicant documents (i.e. resume, cover letter) and submit your electronic application. Questions can be directed to hr@eastriver.coop or (605) 256-4536.

This position will remain open until filled. Equal Opportunity Employer. M/F/Disabled/Veteran

CALENDAR

August

23-24
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Writing & Photography Workshop
METSPool Executive Committee & Board Meetings

Great Falls, MT
Missoula, MT

September

19-22
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26-29

Operations Conference
958.1 Succession Planning: Developing the Purpose-Driven Organization
MECA Annual Meeting

Helena, MT
Great Falls, MT
Great Falls, MT