Okanogan County Electric Co-Op

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative (OCEC) is headquartered in Winthrop, Washington. The cooperative's service area runs along the eastern edge of the northern portion of the Cascade Mountain Range and generally serves the upper Methow Valley. The utility operates under the authority of a Board of nine member elected Directors.

The town of Winthrop sets at an elevation of 1,800 feet and serves as the eastern gateway to the North Cascades National Scenic Highway. The town has a western theme including wooden sidewalks and serves as a popular tourist destination. A vast array of Arts and Education. Summer activities include camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, golfing and boating. Winter activities include skiing (both cross country and downhill) and snowmobiling. The Methow Valley also provides some of the best deer hunting and fishing in the state. The valley is truly one of the most scenic areas in the northwest.

The utility has experienced substantial residential growth in the rural areas over the past few years that has created some challenges for the utility. The growth slowed considerably with the down turn in the economy but voltage issues still exist during peak load conditions and options for a solution to this condition are being studied. The utility is also exploring the purchase of a Bonneville Power Administration 115kv transmission line and substation. OCEC has a fully deployed AMI system having installed the Aclara TWACS system in 2006. In addition an ESRI ArcGIS/Futura mapping system was initiated in 2005, and is 98% complete at this time. OCEC is a member of PNGC who manages the power resource needs of the utility primarily from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). OCEC also has a separate propane division that sells and delivers propane to customers throughout the county.

2010 Utility Statistics:

Number of consumers: 3,459 / KWh Purchased: 55,317,597 / KWh Sold: 51,386,830
Maximum kW demand: (non coincidental) 13,025 / Employees: 17
Total Utility Plant: 10,240,773 / Total Miles of Line Energized: 496 / Consumers per Mile: 6.97

www.winthropwashington.com / www.mvsta.com / www.skitheloup.com
www.townoftwisp.com / www.centralreservations.net / www.bearcreekgolfcourse.com
www.methownet.com/musicandarts.html / www.confluencegallery.com / www.methowartsalliance.org
www.mercplayhouse.org / *Methow Valley School District :* www.methow.org

93 W Chewuch RD. Winthrop, WA 98862 / okanoganelectriccoop.com

