Progress: Working 40' in the air in Newport, our linemen install spreader arms (yellow) for fully-energized 12.5 kilovolt lines, preparing for bulkier lines to offer more capacity. (Photo: Walter Duvall)

Central Lincoln Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Rebate
We are pleased to announce rebates of $250 toward the purchase and/or installation of 220V “Level 2” electric car charging stations, however they must be installed in Central Lincoln territory. (Level 2 chargers use the same outlets as clothes dryers.)

What does the purchase and install of a Level 2 charger cost? It varies, but we’ve had customers who’ve been able to purchase and install Level 2 chargers for as little as $500, and as much as $1,800. There are many brands of EV chargers available. It’s important to research what chargers are recommended by specific EV manufacturers, and to consult with a licensed electrician who will do the installation before buying a Level 2 charging station.

Residential, commercial, and industrial customers all qualify for this rebate. The application form is available on our website (clpud.org) by clicking on the “Electric Car Information” box on the left.

$2,500-$5,000 State of Oregon EV Lease or Purchase Rebates Now Available
Oregonians who buy or lease a new EV may apply for a new state rebate of up to $2,500. If the applicant meets “low to moderate income” guidelines, they may qualify for an additional $2,500 rebate for a new EV purchase or lease, or a $2,500 rebate for the purchase or lease of a used EV. (These EV rebates are funded by a tax on car dealers.)

State rebates may be applied retroactively to EVs purchased or leased earlier this year, but of course, some restrictions apply. Only EVs that have a base manufacturer's suggested retail price of less than $50,000 qualify. Both battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) are eligible.

See https://tinyurl.com/or-ev-rebates for more details.

Federal $7,500 EV Tax Credit Expected to Sunset Soon for GM EVs, Nissan EVs, and Teslas
Savvy EV buyers may also take advantage of a federal tax credit of $7,500 for purchasing a new EV, but once a car manufacturer sells 200,000 EVs, the tax credit will be reduced for the next twelve months. After that, no federal rebates will be available for that make of EV. According to Electrek.com, “Tesla has become the first automaker to reach the threshold and trigger the phase-out period. GM and Nissan are not too far behind however.”
Central Lincoln Updates Mission and Vision

Following extensive review and input from customers, employees, and our board members we have adopted updated mission and vision statements.

“Our mission is to ensure our communities have access to reliable and affordable energy products and services.

Our vision is to connect our communities to their energy future.

We value our customer and community connections, financial and system stability, reliability, dependability and consistency, ethical and honest behavior, innovation and technology, and safe and committed employees.

We strive to be approachable, respectful and responsive to our customers. We take our responsibilities to our communities and environment seriously, and we are committed to being involved and visible in them.

Today, we provide electricity to our customer-owners,” explains General Manager Debra Smith. “In the future, we may be helping customers meet their energy needs with a variety of approaches and technologies. Our new mission and vision statements stress choice. We wanted to emphasize the importance of connection—both physically to the electric grid and metaphorically through people. What hasn’t changed is the role of our mission, vision and values; describing who we are, where we’re going and what we believe. Together, these form the basic tenets of our organizational self and set the expectation for how we will work together.”

(Editor’s note: If Coastlines had video embedded in it, we would show you how excited Debra gets about energy policy. It’s great.) She continues: “Most people believe our industry will change dramatically in the next ten years. We have reached a tipping point due to successful energy efficiency programs, improved building codes and consumer awareness; we all use less electricity than in days gone by. But there are some initiatives that will result in more electricity use. Many countries (China, for instance) and states (Oregon and Washington for example) have established electric vehicle (EV) adoption targets which others believe to be too conservative, given plans by some large automakers to focus their efforts on EV production. We strongly support this shift to EVs, and are ready to serve this emerging market.”

“Central Lincoln continues to be an innovative leader among medium-sized utilities, and we want to make sure we maintain that industry leadership.”

Ask the Energy Expert:

How do I buy LEDs approved for use in fully-enclosed light fixtures?

Q: I have enclosed dome luminaries in my kitchen and living room. Where do I find LED bulbs suited for that type of light?

A: Look for LED bulbs approved for use in fully-enclosed fixtures. You may have trouble finding these bulbs at smaller stores, but your options should be plentiful at the bigger box stores and online. And thanks for conserving electricity!