

# 2019 ORECA DEC

Director Education Conference, “The Deck”  
Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Airport



## Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – *The Cedars*

**1:00 p.m.** Welcome and Introductions: **Dave Schneider**, Midstate Electric General Manager and ORECA President, **Ted Case**, ORECA Executive Director

- **Peter Muhoro**, Vice President, Strategic Industry Research and Analysis, CFC – Where Technology is Leading the Electric Utility Industry
- **Jason Strong**, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, CFC – Rate Setting and Electric Co-ops
- **Tony Schacher**, General Manager, Salem Electric – “What Keeps Me Up at Night? Power Supply BPA, and the Future of Co-ops”
- *A DEC Quick Shuffle*: ORECA Guatemala Project – **Les Penning**, General Manager/CEO, Oregon Trail Electric
- *A DEC Quick Shuffle*: Columbia Basin Broadband Project – **Tommy Wolff**, General Manager, Columbia Basin Electric
- Daily Wrap-up by Ashley Slater, PNGC, DEC Validator

**5:00 p.m.** Reception – *Firs II & III*

**6:00 p.m.** Dinner - *Firs II & III*: Speaker – **John Dodge**, Author – “*A Deadly Wind: The 1962 Columbus Day Storm*”

## Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – *The Cedars*

**8:00 a.m.** Recap and Look at Today’s Program

- **Crystal Ball**, Executive Manager, Fish and Wildlife Program, BPA – Where Your Money Goes for Fish and Wildlife.
- **Kurt Miller**, Executive Director, Northwest RiverPartners – Future of the Northwest Hydro System
- **Adam Schwartz**, CEO, The Cooperative Way – “The Monopoly’s Over-Get Over It”
- *A DEC Quick Shuffle*: Wildfires and Electric Co-ops: Getting Ahead of the Blaze - **Billy Terry**, Director of Operations, Consumers Power, Inc.
- Daily Wrap-up by Ashley Slater, PNGC, DEC Validator
- Adjourn: Boxed lunches will be provided.