

Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment

The cooperative's summer bills may include a Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) under the energy supply section. The WPCA is a direct result of seasonally higher demand peaks. These cause higher wholesale power supply costs, which are passed through to members -- in proportion to how much electricity they use.

Here is more about the WPCA:

1. The WPCA is temporary and not a permanent rate increase. It is only being used for seasonally higher wholesale power costs. It only affects the energy supply part of the bill. There is no change in Adams Electric's local distribution costs.

2. The WPCA is only used if necessary. If weather is mild and electricity use is moderate, for example, the WPCA may not be needed.

3. All members of the cooperative are involved. All members share equally in any extra wholesale power costs. Even many commercial and industrial accounts work to control their summer demand peaks. The cooperative also uses its unique load-control program to reduce demand peaks as much as possible.

4. The WPCA is capped at 5 mills. For the average member using 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kwh) per month, the WPCA will add about \$5 to each electric bill. Even if the wholesale power cost is higher than that, the WPCA limit will still apply.

5. Deregulation continues to affect the electric utility industry. Power supply contracts are short-term and market rate pricing can vary. During the summer, higher electricity use can lead to demand peaks, which are costly for the cooperative. All electricity use contributes to the peaks.

In the past, Adams Electric has absorbed hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of increased power costs passed through from our power supplier. The cooperative can no longer continue to absorb those extra costs and must recover them during the summer

months through the WPCA. The recovery is done in proportion to each member's electricity use.

BASIC CHARGES			
Energy supply prices and charges are set by your electric generation supplier.			
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ENERGY SUPPLY:			
Energy charge	1000kwh @	.04074	40.74
WPCA	1000kwh @	.00500	5.00
TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLY			45.74

Some Helpful Terms

Kilowatt-Hour (kwh): A unit of energy or work equal to 1,000 watt-hours. The basic measure of electric energy generation or use. A 100-watt light bulb burning for 10 hours uses one kilowatt hour.

Mill: One-tenth of a cent. Used as a measure of electric energy bought and sold.

What can you do to lower your costs?

LOAD CONTROL: The more the cooperative can control demand peaks, through its load management system of remote switches on electric water heaters, the more it can reduce the impact of wholesale power costs.

Over 10,500 co-op members have volunteered to allow load control switches on their electric water heaters. **They receive a direct savings of up to \$5 per month** for allowing the switch to interrupt power to their water heater during demand peaks.

Many members with electric water heaters do not yet have a load control switch installed. For allowing the switch to be installed, at no cost to the member, **the co-op offers a one-time \$50 bill credit** in addition to the monthly bill credit. The monthly savings continue, and can add up to \$60 in savings annually!

Please allow at least 90-days for a load control switch installation.



AIR CONDITIONING:

Set your air conditioner to 78 degrees or higher. This will remove the humidity from your home and use less electricity than a colder setting.

Raising the temperature by 2 degrees will reduce cooling costs by 5 percent.

If you have a window air conditioner, try setting it to a comfortable level that is not too cold.

During the summer months, try to:

Run your dishwasher and do laundry after 6 p.m. on the hottest weekday afternoons.

Take shorter showers.

Be cool and save!



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