

RATE STUDY:

New Residential Rates

As we reported in last month's magazine, your cooperative completed a rate study. Working through the rate study process, your board of directors has had long discussions to determine what, if any, rate adjustments are necessary. It's important to note that your board of directors takes its responsibility to set fair rates very seriously. After all, they are members of the cooperative and pay the same rates. At the board meeting in September, your board of directors approved a new schedule of rates to take effect December 1, 2016.

Your cooperative has several different classes of services, each with their own specific rate. For example, residential services have different rates from commercial accounts which are both different from agriculture accounts. There are even different classes of services within the residential and commercial categories. The goal of a sound rate design is to align the rate being applied to each class of service with the cost of providing the service. With the new rate plan, some service classes will experience a rate increase; likewise, some will see a decrease. We'll use this magazine to examine the effects the new rates will have on each rate class, beginning this month with the residential classes. Next month we'll discuss the new commercial and agriculture rates.

The rate study revealed that some classes of service are underpaying and some are overpaying. Residential classes fell in the underpaying category. Keeping with the before-mentioned goal of aligning rates with the cost of providing service, your board of directors approved the following changes to the residential rates.

Facility Charge The Facility Charge (soon to be called Service Availability) component of your bill recovers some of the fixed costs that come from providing service to you regardless of how much electricity is used. Calculated on a daily basis, the Facility Charge currently amounts to approximately \$29 per month on most residential accounts. On minimum use accounts (less than 250 kilowatt hours per month) the monthly charge averages \$32. Your board of directors has agreed to increase the daily residential Facility Charge from \$.9533 to \$1.0849 and from \$1.0521 to \$1.1836 on minimum use accounts. Both changes result in roughly a \$4 monthly increase in the Facility Charge. It's interesting to note that these new Facility Charges fall below the \$51.27 charge recommended by the cost-of-service study and the recommendations we received at the Member Forums.

Power (KWH) Charges A second component of your electric bill is comprised of power charges arising from the costs associated with the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity. Different from the Facility Charge, these charges are based off the electricity you use measured in kilowatt hours (kWh). The new rate structure calls for an

increase of a half-cent per kWh for most residential accounts, a little higher increase for Time of Use accounts, and a slight decrease for controlled heating accounts.

Impact of new rates While the rate changes will impact each of you differently, we thought it would be helpful to show some examples that compare the current rate structure with the new one, so shown below are examples for each of the residential categories at various usage levels. Feel free to contact us if you'd like us to run a comparison specific to your account.

Commercial and agriculture members: Watch for next month's magazine to see your new rates.

RESIDENTIAL A

KWH USED	500	750	1,000	1,500	2,000
Current Rate	\$95.05	\$128.07	\$161.10	\$227.15	\$293.20
New Rate	\$101.55	\$135.82	\$170.10	\$238.65	\$307.20
Net Change	\$6.50	\$7.75	\$9.00	\$11.50	\$14.00

RESIDENTIAL SC (Minimum Use)

KWH USED	250
Current Rate	\$65.03
New Rate	\$70.28
Net Change	\$5.25

RESIDENTIAL TOU (Time of Use)

KWH USED ON PEAK	50	100	100
KWH USED OFF PEAK	200	300	400
Current Rate	\$53.87	\$71.82	\$78.75
New Rate	\$59.55	\$78.28	\$86.10
Net Change	\$5.68	\$6.46	\$7.35

CONTROLLED HEATING H3

KWH USED	500	750	1,000	1,500	2,000
Current Rate	\$49.15	\$73.73	\$98.30	\$147.45	\$196.60
New Rate	\$47.00	\$70.50	\$94.00	\$141.00	\$188.00
Net Change	-\$2.15	-\$3.23	-\$4.30	-\$6.45	-\$8.60

UNCONTROLLED HEATING H1

KWH USED	500	750	1,000	1,500	2,000
Current Rate	\$66.05	\$99.08	\$132.10	\$198.15	\$264.20
New Rate	\$68.85	\$102.83	\$137.10	\$205.65	\$274.20
Difference	\$2.80	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$10.00



AREA KIDS NEED OUR HELP

Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those who are less fortunate than us, especially children. Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative kicked off its annual Toys for Tots drive at its Member Appreciation Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 29. The response was overwhelming; four Toys for Tots boxes were filled with toys—your generous donations were greatly appreciated.

We are happy to once again partner with the U.S Marine Corps to help make area children’s Christmas a little brighter through the Toys for Tots program. We ask you to help us spread a little Christmas joy this holiday season by donating a toy.

Last year we were able to provide toys to more than 700 area children. All indications are that the amount will increase this year. As you can image, it is a pretty daunting task to collect that many toys. This is where CWEC members can



help. Help us spread a little Christmas joy this holiday season by donating a new unwrapped toy. **All of the toys we collect are distributed locally.**

To find the collection site nearest you, please see the accompanying list. If you would like us to do the shopping for you, you can make a check to Toys for Tots and mail it to us at Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op, P.O. Box 100, Rosholt, WI 54473. If you would like to make a donation online, go to <http://iola-wi.toysfortots.org>.

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas.

2016 Toy Collection Sites-Final Toy Pick-Up Friday, December 9, 2016

BIRNAMWOOD

Banner Bank
416 Main St.
Biramwood, WI 54414
715-449-2556

BOWLER

Bowler Schools
500 S. Almon St.
Bowler, WI 54416
715-793-4101

1st National Bank

102 E. Railroad St.
Bowler, WI 54416
715-793-5200

IOLA

Premier Community Bank
505 E State St.
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-4700

1st National Bank

148 N. Main
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-4700

Iola–Scandinavia Elementary School

450 E Division St.
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-2411

Iola–Scandinavia Community Fitness & Aquatic Center

445 S Jackson St.
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-2411

The Iola Tax Place

105 Pine Crest Suite D
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-4829

MANAWA

Manawa Elementary School
800 Beech St.
Manawa, WI 54949
920-596-2524

Little Wolf High School

515 E 4th St.
Manawa, WI 54949
920-596-2525

Premier Community Bank

341 S Bridge St.
Manawa, WI 54949
920-596-2531

MARION

Premier Community Bank
230 Mavis Rd.
Marion, WI 54950
715-754-2535

ROSHOLT

Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op
10401 Lystul Rd.
Rosholt, WI 54473
715-677-2211

Community First Bank

275 W. Grand Ave.
Rosholt, WI 54473
715-677-4523

Rosholt Elementary School

46 Randolph St. W
Rosholt, WI 54473
715-677-4543

SCANDINAVIA

Silver Lake Lanes
N6311 State Road 49
Scandinavia, WI 54977
715-467-2700

TIGERTON

Premier Community Bank
112 US HWY 45
Tigerton, WI 54486
715-535-3300

1st National Bank

140 Cedar St.
Tigerton, WI 54486
715-535-2291

WAUPACA

RE/MAX Lyons Real Estate
206 W Fulton St.
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-9565

Walgreen Drug Stores

925 W Fulton St.
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-9228

WITTENBERG

Associated Bank
501 S. Webb St.
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-2127

Banner Bank

202 S. Westgor Ave.
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-2999

Wagner’s Shell Food Mart

504 E. Grand Ave.
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-6231

Wittenberg Shell

413 N. Genesee St.
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-2888

Esker’s Town & Country

409 S Webb St.
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-3232

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR 2016–2017

Electric Assistance

If you've received your electricity from Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op for six months or longer and your gross household income meets the guidelines shown below, you may be eligible for assistance. Electric assistance is an annual benefit payment. The amount of assistance varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income, and annual electric costs.

To apply, please submit verification of your income along with a statement indicating how many are in the household. Acceptable forms of income verification are:

1. Most recent tax return
2. Copy of a bank statement showing direct deposit amount
3. Most recent pay stub

If approved, assistance will be done as a credit to your electric account. For electric assistance CWEC members can call 1-800-377-2932.

Crisis Assistance

A co-op household may be eligible for crisis assistance if the family has experienced a tragedy that has placed a financial burden on the family. Additional funds for these families may be available through the co-op's Operation Round Up program. Please contact the co-op for more information on crisis assistance.



Heating and Weatherization Assistance

If your gross household income meets the guidelines set below you may be eligible to receive home heating assistance through Wisconsin's Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). If you meet WHEAP income eligibility guidelines, you may also qualify for assistance in furnace repair or replacement, caulking, weather-stripping, and insulation.

2016–2017 Income Guidelines

Household Size	One Month	Three Month	Annual Income
1	\$2,181	\$6,544	\$26,174
2	\$2,852	\$8,557	\$34,228
3	\$3,524	\$10,571	\$42,282
4	\$4,195	\$12,584	\$50,336
5	\$4,866	\$14,597	\$58,389
6	\$5,537	\$16,611	\$66,443
7	\$5,663	\$16,988	\$67,953
8	\$5,789	\$17,366	\$69,463

For more information on the WHEAP Program and how to apply, please contact the appropriate county agency listed below.

County	Agency	Telephone Number
Marathon	Energy Services, Inc.	715-842-3111
Outagamie	Energy Services, Inc.	920-735-0010
Portage	Energy Services, Inc.	715-344-5999
Shawano	Dept. of Social Services	715-526-4740
Waupaca	Energy Services, Inc.	715-258-6820

Give the Gift of Power!

Don't know what to give someone for Christmas? Why not give them the gift of power? Gift certificates are available at the CWEC office or online at www.cwecoop.com.





DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER

CWEC Toys for Tots Drive

Now through December 9

Donate a new, unwrapped toy. Toys are distributed to needy children in our area Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Rosholt. For more information call 715-677-2211.

Wittenberg Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 2, 4 p.m.

Help kick off the holiday season in the WOW Art Park. Refreshments and caroling for all. WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St, Wittenberg. For more information call 715-253-3525 or go the website www.wallsowittenberg.com.



Walls of Wittenberg Holiday Craft, Bake & Wreath Sale

Friday, December 2, 3–8 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St, Wittenberg. For more information call 715-253-3525 or go the website www.wallsowittenberg.com.

Iola Lioness Santa Parade

Saturday, December 3

Parade starts at 10 a.m. along Main Street, Iola. At the end of the parade route kids will meet Santa at the Iola Historical Society Complex. Enjoy cookies, snacks, and entertainment.

Walls of Wittenberg Wreath Sale

December 2, 3–8 p.m.

December 3, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

December 4, 10, 11, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Also available at Shell and Hanke's Grocery. WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg. For more information call 715-253-3525 or go the website www.wallsowittenberg.com.



Glacier Ridge Antique Tractor Club's Annual Polonia Christmas Parade

Friday, December 9, 6 p.m.,

Polonia

All entries welcome. Line up in Sacred Heart Church's parking lot around 5:30 p.m. For more details call Bob at 715-572-1548 or Helen at 715-592-6145.

Christmas Holiday

Office closed

Friday, December

23 and Monday,

December 26.

Merry Christmas!



New Year's Holiday

Office Closed Monday, January 2,

2017. Happy New Year!



HEY KIDS, GET OUT YOUR COLORS!

It's time for our annual Christmas coloring contest. The contest is open to all kids ages 10 and under. The theme this year is Christmas ornament.

Draw a picture of a Christmas ornament and mail or bring it to:

Central Wisconsin
Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 100
Rosholt, WI 54473



Please make sure to have your name, age, and phone number on the back of your picture.

We will award three prizes in two age groups—6 and under and 7 to 10. The prizes will be: first, \$25; second, \$15; third, \$10.

The contest is open to the children of members only. Pictures must be done in crayon only.

Deadline for the pictures is December 9, so get started right away and good luck!

The drawings will be on display in the lobby at the CWEC office, so stop in and take a look at the beautiful pictures.

To submit your community events email brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com or call Brenda at 715-677-2211.



Holiday Wishes

From all of us at
Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative

Our office will be closed on Friday, December 23,
and Monday, December 26.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Mike Wade, President & CEO

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