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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat — such as clothes dryers and dishwashers — during the evening when it's cooler. This will minimize indoor heat during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest.

RATE CHANGE UPDATE – A RATE REDUCTION!

BY JOSH DELLINGER, GENERAL MANAGER



JOSH DELLINGER

Change is a constant in our world, and as your electric cooperative we work to adapt while focusing on safely delivering reliable and affordable power to your home and business. The seven cooperative principles help us maintain that focus and this month we are seeing two of those principles in practice. The first is “cooperation among cooperatives.” Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Empire Electric Association’s wholesale power provider, is also a cooperative. Tri-State has been working on several requests from its membership including keeping power costs as low as practical. At the end of April, Tri-State announced something rare in the utility business: a rate reduction.

Tri-State’s efforts at managing the cost to deliver reliable and affordable power to its member cooperatives lead to the second principle, “members’ economic participation.” One benefit to you as an EEA consumer-member is sharing in the economic benefits of being a cooperative. When EEA’s costs go down, your costs go down. Tri-State’s rate decrease will result in a reduction in EEA’s expenses, and EEA plans to pass on this reduction directly to you in two ways.

First, we will reduce the purchased power components in our new rates that are scheduled to become effective September 1, 2021. The new rates will still incorporate the rate structure changes we have been addressing over the past several months. As noted previously, the new structure is designed to recover costs more fairly, to give consumer-members more opportunities

to save on their power bills, to better align costs with revenue streams and to be revenue neutral. Now, the new rates will also reflect the Tri-State rate decrease. The accompanying tables (page 6) show the updated rates.

Second, we will credit consumer-members their portion of EEA’s realized savings between March 1, 2021, (the retroactive effective date of the Tri-State decrease) and September 1, 2021, (the scheduled effective date of EEA’s new rates). This credit will be applied to the September billing statements.

Residential, General Service Single-Phase and Irrigation members will have the option of an all-energy rate or a new time -of-use-and-demand rate (TOUD). General Service Three-Phase members will have the option of a new TOUD rate or the Large Power rate.

For the new TOUD rates, the on-peak period is from 12 p.m. (noon) through 10 p.m. daily, Monday through Saturday, with the exception of the following six holidays if occurring on Monday through Saturday: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The off-peak period is any time that is not on-peak. Distribution demand is defined as the maximum average kilowatt load used by the consumer-members for any period of 15 consecutive minutes during the period for which the bill is rendered.

These changes are scheduled to go into effect on September 1, 2021. Consumer-members in rate classes that have the TOUD option will be automatically changed to that rate unless EEA is notified. Notice may be

ALL-ENERGY RATES	Current Rate	New Rate Effective 9/1/2021
Residential		
Grid Access Charge per month	\$32.00	\$38.00
Energy per kWh	\$0.09599	\$0.09452
General Service Single-Phase		
Grid Access Charge per month	\$32.00	\$38.00
Energy per kWh	\$0.10755	\$0.10599
Irrigation Single-Phase		
Grid Access Charge per month	\$33.00	\$33.00
Energy per kWh	\$0.11289	\$0.11132
Irrigation Three-Phase		
Grid Access Charge per month	\$48.90	\$48.90
Energy per kWh	\$0.11404	\$0.11247

LARGE POWER AND TRANSMISSION SERVICE	Current Rate	New Rate Effective 9/1/2021
Large Power		
Grid Access Charge per month	\$231.15	\$231.15
Distribution Demand per kW	\$10.25	\$10.25
Generation Demand per kW	\$10.25	\$10.0450
Transmission Demand per kW	\$9.09	\$8.9082
Energy per kWh	\$0.04204	\$0.04120
Transmission Service		
Grid Access Charge per month	\$1,483.15	\$1,483.15
Distribution Demand per kW	\$1.09	\$1.09
Generation Demand per kW	\$10.25	\$10.0450
Transmission Demand per kW	\$9.09	\$8.9082
Energy per kWh	\$0.04204	\$0.04120

NEW TOUD RATES Effective 9/1/2021	
Residential	
Grid Access Charge per month	\$32.00
On-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.14814
Off-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.04339
Distribution Demand per kW	\$2.74
General Service Single-Phase	
Grid Access Charge per month	\$32.00
On-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.13200
Off-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.04339
Distribution Demand per kW	\$6.92
General Service Three-Phase	
Grid Access Charge per month	\$51.87
On-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.15300
Off-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.04339
Distribution Demand per kW	\$8.00
Irrigation Single-Phase	
Grid Access Charge per month	\$33.00
On-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.14774
Off-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.04339
Distribution Demand per kW	\$6.85
Irrigation Three-Phase	
Grid Access Charge per month	\$48.90
On-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.15799
Off-peak Energy per kWh	\$0.04339
Distribution Demand per kW	\$8.00

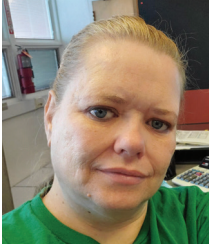
provided by filling out the online form on EEA's rate page (eea.coop/rates) or calling EEA at 970-565-4444. The window to request an optional rate is from Monday, July 12 through Friday, August 20. You will be afforded the opportunity to change to a different rate any time after the September 1, 2021, effective date. Any subsequent rate change requests will only be granted after a minimum of one year on that rate.

For any questions about this notice and/

or the proposed changes, please contact EEA at 970-565-4444 or toll free at 1-800-709-3726. Copies of all tariffs are available on EEA's website at eea.coop/rates. Copies of tariffs are also on file at EEA's main office and are available for inspection during regular business hours.

Our mission is to "safely, responsibly and reliably meet the electrical energy needs of our member-owners." The "responsibly" component of our mission includes the

financial responsibility to recover costs in as equitable a manner as practical and to ensure our consumer-members benefit when EEA's costs decrease. The new rate structure is designed to do exactly that — to recover costs more fairly and to pass on the Tri-State decrease directly to you. Thank you for your support as we work to "safely, responsibly and reliably" provide for your power needs.



▲ Joyce Burrow



▲ Levi Hill



▲ Lindsay Hoover

My Co-op Employees

Joyce Burrow joined EEA at the end of April as a part-time Billing Clerk. Joyce has experience in administration, banking, and payroll and was most recently the payroll clerk for Pasco Southwest Home Health. She has lived in Cortez most of her life where she raised her two sons. Joyce enjoys reading, working on puzzles, watching movies, and spending time with her husband, Christopher, and their 3 dogs and 3 cats. Joyce is a great addition to our co-op family and we look forward to working with her!

Levi Hill joined EEA in April as a Systems Technician. Levi was born and raised in the Cortez area and graduated from MCHS. He previously worked for Kinder Morgan CO2 in Cortez for over 14 years where he held positions as a SCADA Technician, I&E/Communications Technician and most recently as the Operations Supervisor. He is an honorably discharged Navy veteran where he proudly served with the US Marine Corps at MCAS Miramar San Diego, CA, as an Avionics Electronics Technician working on F/A18 electronic equipment. He has an associate degree in

electrical engineering from Barstow College, a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in IT from Colorado Technical University and is nearly finished completing an MBA through Grand Canyon University. Levi resides in the Lebanon area with his wife Amanda and their two daughters Emilyynn and Marissa. He loves chasing soccer balls and playing other sports with his daughters and anything outdoors. He is also a member of the Lewis Arriola fire department and a deputy for the Montezuma County Coroner's dept. EEA is excited to have Levi join our co-op family!

Lindsay Hoover joined EEA at the end of March as a part-time Consumer Services Representative. She has experience in administration and most recently worked as an Administrative Assistant with the Mancos School District. Lindsay is a native Coloradan and enjoys camping and fishing with her husband Kevin and children. If she isn't outdoors or helping out our members, she is most likely quilting. Lindsay is a welcome addition to our Business Services team and we look forward to working with her!

EEA Board Appoints Audra Fahrion as District 3 Director

I'm Audra Fahrion, and I am so excited to serve on the EEA board and to represent District 3. I was born and raised in Cortez and have been married for 35 years to Robert Fahrion. We have two married children, Zac (and Taylor) Fahrion and Kelsie (and Chris) Black, and two amazing grandsons, Nathan and Nokona. I graduated from Montezuma Cortez High School in 1987 and after many years raising children and running a business, I had the opportunity to attend the University of Phoenix to study business and finance. I currently have Series 7 and Series 66 financial licenses as well as a Life and Health Insurance license. I recently celebrated 20 years with Edward Jones and have served in many leadership positions within the company.



▲ District 3 Director
Audra Fahrion

I have served on many boards in our community including the Southwest Softball Association, Hospice of Montezuma, Beta Sigma Phi and Kiwanis. I am honored to have been appointed as the District 3 director. Bill Bauer was a great man and his shoes will be impossible to fill, but I hope to continue his example of leadership and care for our community. I have been actively serving our community most of my life and believe it is because of this community that I and my team have a successful practice. My goal for my time on the EEA board is to learn and be a voice for the membership. I am excited about this challenge and to step out of my comfort zone, to be able to develop my knowledge base and to serve our community in a new role.

My Co-op Calendar

July 1

2021 Photo Contest submission deadline

July 4

Independence Day

July 5

EEA offices closed in observance of Independence Day

July 9

EEA's board meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. at its headquarters in Cortez. The agenda is posted 10 days in advance of the meeting at eea.coop. Members are reminded that public comment is heard at the beginning of the meeting. Meeting restrictions due to health concerns may require the meeting to be held remotely.

Congratulations!

2021 EEA Scholarship Winners



Tuff Adair
Monticello



Talissa Bahr
Adult



Kennedy Brewer
Monticello



Justin Brunner
Dolores



Cory Bunker
Monticello



Amy Cao
Adult



Olivia Chamberlain
Monticello



Paxton Christensen
Monticello



Gaven Cooper
Mancos



Aimee Crowley
Monticello



Nayomi Cruz
Mancos



Jacob Day
Mancos



Ridley Dennison
MCHS



Presley Frost
Adult



Hayden Gray
Dove Creek



Robert Hebert
MCHS



Alaina Howard
Adult



Nina Huffman
Dolores



Tia Imel
Mancos



Destiny John
MCHS



David Jones
MCHS



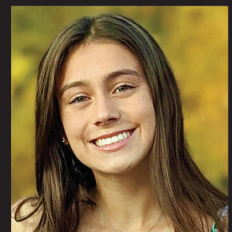
Vanessa Kee
Adult



Shelby Kline
Dove Creek



Delaney Manness
Adult



Grace Manning
Mancos



Cavin Martinez
MCHS



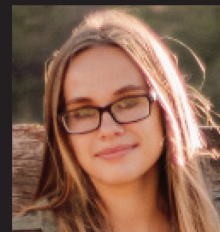
Elizabeth Mee
Mancos



Elli Nielson
Monticello



Croix Peed
MCHS



Tasia Schmidt
Dove Creek



Joseph Tevault
MCHS