

Sun River Electric Cooperative

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406-467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516

If calling from a local number or cell phone –
please use: 406-467-2526 or 406-467-2527

Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

DECEMBER 2022

RATE ADJUSTMENT IS IN THE WORKS FOR NEXT YEAR

THE Sun River Electric Cooperative rate for 2023 will be increased. The drivers for the increase are the increase in input costs such as construction materials, wholesale power increase and labor costs. In most of the cases, the average member adjustment will be in the 2 percent range.

The plan as to how the additional revenue will be obtained looks like this. The energy portion of your billing statement will see the kilowatt portion increased by 1 mil, or 1/10 of a cent. The demand portion of the rates across the various rate classes will be raised by 25 cents. The average demand on a residential service is 7 kilowatts, therefore the average increase for this portion will be \$1.75 per month. The average energy usage for a residential service is 1,000 kw/hs. One thousand multiplied by .001 is \$1. The average increase per month will be approximately \$2.75. No adjustments will be made to the base rate for any of the billing classes.

MESSAGE

FROM THE CEO

COLUMN BY **BRAD BAUMAN**

Your board of trustees and management team worked hard to keep the increase affordable; absorbing some of the input costs by reducing the margins at both the wholesale power buying cooperative and your local cooperative allowed for a lesser amount of increase. With the national inflation number in the 8-9 percent range, this increase reflects the efforts of your cooperative's board and management team to keep the increase as minimal as possible.

None of us like to see things increase. This electric increase shows the importance of the cooperative



mission statement:

The basic mission of Sun River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is to maintain a financially sound cooperative with systematic maintenance and rate stability while promoting growth, board and employee education, and maintaining good consumer relations.

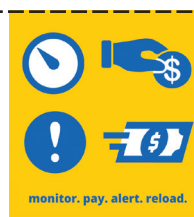
This reasonable increase will allow our employees to continue to provide the service that our members deserve. Thank you for the support that you offer our employees and your cooperative. We are here to serve you 24/7/365. 228797

May this holiday season bless you all with positive family time and a positive attitude as we head into 2023. This past year has been one that many will not be sad to see go. As with many things in our lives, we always have next year to wish for! Have a Merry Christmas and may peace bless you all. RM

REMINDER:

Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Pay as you go with
prePAY
electricity from SREC. It is easy!
Call SREC to get started.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

WISHING ALL OF OUR MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Sun River Electric Cooperative's office will be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2

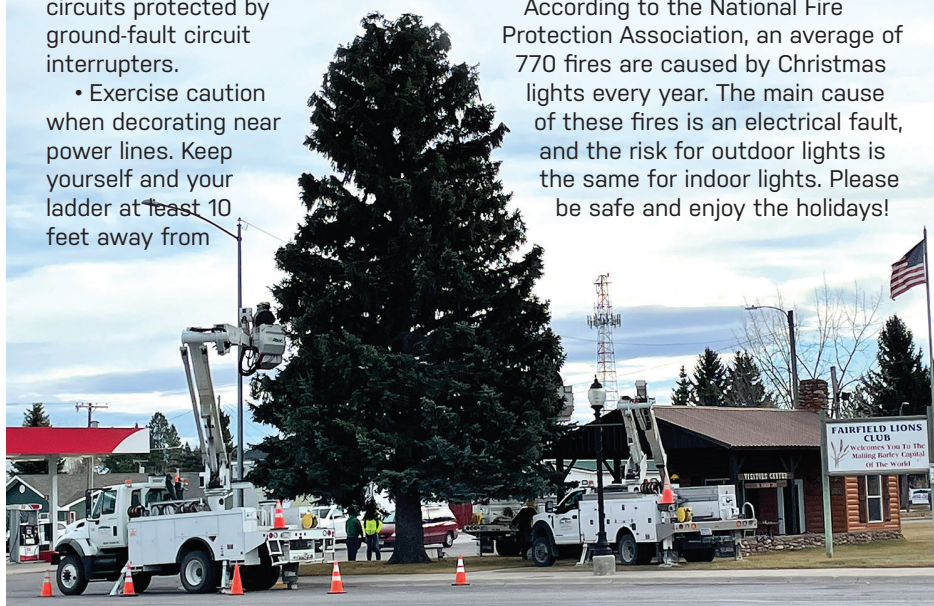
HOLIDAY DECORATING SAFETY

- Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire. Also inspect extension cords before use, discard if damaged.
- Make sure all extension cords and electrical decorations are being used properly. Indoor-rated cords should only be used indoors.
- Outdoor electrical lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground-fault circuit interrupters.
- Exercise caution when decorating near power lines. Keep yourself and your ladder at least 10 feet away from

powerlines.

- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices. They can overheat and cause a fire.
- Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights together.
- Keep all decorations at least three feet away from heaters.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, an average of 770 fires are caused by Christmas lights every year. The main cause of these fires is an electrical fault, and the risk for outdoor lights is the same for indoor lights. Please be safe and enjoy the holidays!



HOLIDAY RECIPES

CROCKPOT HOT CHOCOLATE

1 ½ cups heavy whipping cream
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk

6 cups milk
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups milk chocolate chips

Put all ingredients into a 6.5 quart

Crockpot and cook on low for 2 hours, stirring occasionally until chips are melted, then keep on the warm setting till serving. Serve with marshmallows and whipped cream.

CROCKPOT APPLE CIDER

2 whole cinnamon sticks
1 tsp. whole cloves
1 tsp. all spice
8 cups apple cider
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 large orange, sliced

Put all ingredients into a 6.5 quart

Crockpot and cook on low for 2 hours, then keep on warm until serving.

HIDDEN NUMBER

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$50 credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer.

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