

Sun River Electric Cooperative

Ripples



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

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

Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

JANUARY 2020

2020 Rate Details

By Scott Odegard
General Manager

In last month's *Ripples*, I promised details on rate changes starting January 1, 2020.

In most cases, the demand charge has increased, but with a corresponding decrease in base charges and energy charges. Some examples:

The Residential Rate demand charge increases one dollar, from \$5/kilowatt to \$6/kilowatt, but the monthly base rate decreases one dollar, from \$31/month to \$30/month. More importantly, the energy charge decreases 10 percent, from 6.216 cents/kilowatt hour to 5.596 cents/kilowatt hour.

The Irrigation Rate is a little more complicated since there are actually three different rates. In all three cases, the energy charge stayed the same, the demand charge went from \$1/kilowatt to \$3/kilowatt, and the base charge decreased. The Historical and Budget base rates (three-phase) decreased from \$408/season to \$312/season. Single-phase decreased from \$336/season to \$264/season. The Electronic base rate decreased from \$34/month to \$26/month, and single phase decreased from \$28 to \$22/month.

Small Commercial (GS-1) will have the same base charge, the demand charge will go from \$3/kilowatt to \$4/kilowatt, and the energy charge will decrease from 7.961 cents/kilowatt hour to 7.6 cents/kilowatt hour.

Large Commercial (GS-2) will have the same base and demand rates in 2020, but the energy charge increases 1/10 of a cent/KWH from 6.268 cents/KWH to 6.368 cents/KWH.

All of the rate changes for next year, in total, amount to an increase overall of about 1.56 percent.

A higher demand charge and a lower energy charge means your monthly bill is more dependent on how and when you use energy and less on how much energy you use. Contact Brad Bauman or Ross Oveson in our member services department for tips on things you can do to use electricity more efficiently and save on your monthly bill.

Don't forget to stop by
Sun River Electric
Cooperative's booth!



Thursday- Saturday
January 16-18, 2020

Montana ExpoPark,
Great Falls

Stop by the office
to get free tickets.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Let the sunshine in! For additional warmth, open drapes over windows that receive sunlight during the day. Close them at night, which can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to 10%.

Source: energy.gov



REBATES

Remember that SREC has appliance and water-heater rebates. Go to www.sunriverelectric.coop for details.



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and 62 generation
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of the nation's
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(2.6 million miles)
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For more information, visit: www.electric.coop | @NRECANews



Swap Column

FOR SALE: 2004 Silverado, 2500 HD, 6 liter, crew cab, 72,000 miles, automatic, heated leather, loaded, 5th wheel plate included, \$16,500. Jeff or Theresa Poor, Jeff 899-8415 or Theresa 899-2206 or 264-5985.

FOR SALE: 2 fiberglass pickup canopies, 1 Leer w/full rear door, for older 8' box, \$150, 1 Unicover Safari for S10 sized pickup with 6' box, \$200;

ladder-rack, fits 6-1/2 ft. or longer box, \$150, Jerry Dombrowske, 563-3617. 258577

WANTED: Old windmill pedestal. Steve Bratcher, 965-3003.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the *Ripples* Swap Column, please contact Sun River Electric Cooperative at 1-800-452-7516 or 467-2527, or email Kathy at kscott@sunriverelectric.coop by the first of the month.

Hidden Numbers

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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