



Okanogon County Electric Co-op

February 2017 Newsletter

Expect Higher Bills In February

If you were in the Methow in January, you know about the long cold spell we had. While the cold was good for the various winter sports in the valley, electric usage on OCEC's system for the first two weeks of January increased 36 % compared with the same time in 2016.

With this increased usage comes higher than average bills for the bills delivered in January and February. This is to be expected.

Among some of the reasons for higher electric usage and corresponding higher bills:

- A relatively low snowpack in the valley the first part of the month provided less ground insulation for the extreme and prolonged cold.
- Heating systems have to work harder and use more energy during extreme cold spells.
- As the cold spell is prolonged, latent heat in homes escapes and this requires heaters to operate longer.
- Preventative heating of unoccupied homes is increased during the cold snap.

OCEC Elections In April

As a nonprofit cooperative, OCEC is run by a Board of Directors elected by its members. There are seven members on the board and a three year rotation for each Board member. Because of a By-Law change last year, all Board positions are At-Large.

There are three positions open this year. Two Board members (Dale Sekijima and Ray Peterson) are running again and one Board member (Ardis Bynum) has chosen not to run.

Per the OCEC By-Laws, a Nomination Committee was established and is responsible for nominating a slate of candidates. No current OCEC Board members or employees can be on this committee. The Nomination Committee does not endorse any candidate but makes sure that the candidates are qualified. Besides making sure there is a full slate of candidates, the Nomination Committee is a source of information for any member contemplating running for the Board.

As there are three positions open, all candidates run together with each Coop member having the ability to allocate three votes to three different candidates on their ballots. The top three candidates are elected.

The Nomination Committee is as follows:

Rita Jenson (chair)	996-4279	Ed Surette	996-2154
Duncan Bronson	996-3218	David Ashcom	425-557-9818

If you would like run for one of the Board positions up this year, please contact one of the members of the Nomination Committee.



Office Info:

Fall / Winter Office Hours:
Mon - Fri.
8 am - 4:30 pm

Our customer service call center is available 24/7/365 to handle most electric & propane concerns.

(509) 996-2228

OCEC Board:

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Unclaimed Capital Credits

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc (OCEC) is refunding capital credits to active and inactive members. Capital credits are the margins - the money left after expenses are paid - that are to be refunded to our members.

The OCEC Board of Directors determines the amount to be refunded to our Members.

Listed below are customers for whom we have no current address. If you are on the list, or know the address of anyone on the list, please contact:

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc
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ANDRTIZ, RHONDA
ANSELL, WILLIAM
BAD BOY, INC.
BARKLEY, JEFF
BARNETT, GARY & JANE
BEARDSLEY, JOHN M
BENINTENDI, SHEARI
BISSELL, ROBERT B
BOWSER, BRUCE & KIM
BUTCHART, BYRON E
CAMERON, DAN
CARROLL, PAMELA
CASEY, KIM
CAULFIELD, RICHARD
COLLINS, JAMES
CONTINENTAL JEWELRY INC
COYOTE CORPORATION
CRAWFORD, SEAN & ANGELA
CUNNINGHAM, JUDY
DAYS, TOM
DI RIENZO, TINA
DIERINGER, GRETCHEN & DORAN, JAMES
DONNERBERG, RP
DUALSZKY, ILONA
EGAN, JOEL
EVANS, SHARON (RON)

FISH, JACK G
FLEMING, JOHN
GIESEN, GORDON & STACY
GRADY, DIANE
HAMLIN, CHARLOTTE
HARDY, RICHARD P
HIGGINSON, JOHN M
HITCHOCK, HOWARD
HO-DE-HO RANCH
HOLLERN, BROOKS
HOUGH, DAN & DOROTHY
HULDERMAN, JOHN
IMES, FERN M
KINGERY, JOHN C DDS
KNOX, STEVEN & JULIE
KONIGSMARK, JOHN
KUEHN, DR LYNN & NANCY
LEMMON, KENNETH & PATSY
LOFGREN, JAMES MR & MRS
MARTENS, JIM & RHONDA
MCCAULEY, BRIAN
MCCULLOUGH, BRUCE
MCDONALD, MARVIN & ERMA
MONNIN, STEVEN & TINA
MOORE, THERESA
MORRELL, ALLAN D

MUELLER, THOMAS
NOPSON, WALLACE
NORSBY, PEGGY
O REILLY, TERRY M
PARKER, JOHN & FRANCIS
SAMPLE, ROGER
SMITH, GUS ESTATE
SONNICHSEN, LYLE
STEINER, JEANNETTE M
STRAUSS, JOSEPH
STUCKEY, DAN & PENELOPE
SULLIVAN/SMITH/EDMONDS
SUN COUNTRY REALTY
SUTHERLAND, RENEE
SUTTON, MARLENE
TILSON, CONNIE
TOWNSEND, MERCER KAREN
TRAVETTE, ROBERT
WALKER, KENNETH ESTATE
WELCH, MAXINE ESTATE
WIEWECK, TODD & LIANNE
WINTHROP OKANOGAN ASSOC
WITT, EDWIN & LOLA
WOODS, CHARMAINE
WOODY, SAMANDA & KEELE, J
WRIGHT, SHARON

