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Okanogan County Electric Co-op

March 2020 Newsletter

OCEC 81st Annual Meeting

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Okanogan County Electric Cooperative Inc.
Official Notice of the Annual Meeting of Members

Pursuant to the provision of the By-Laws, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of members of Okanogan County Electric cooperative will be held Monday, April 20, 2020.

Where:

"The Barn" in Winthrop, WA
51 N Highway 20

When:

Monday, April 20, 2020
Registration: 6PM to 7PM
Meeting begins at 7PM

Among topics to be discussed are:

- Election of open Board positions
- Update on electric operations
- Update on propane operations
- OCEC's Firewise Program

The first 150 memberships to register at the meeting will receive an energy efficiency package of 14 LED lightbulbs, a load sensing power strip and kitchen/bathroom faucet aerators. This package has a \$77 value.

American Legion Auxiliary #120 will serve pie afterwards.



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Did You Know?

Did you know that OCEC offers two types of Budget Payment Plans to members who have at least one-year of billing history on their account?

We offer a traditional Budget plan or a Levelized plan – both can help you plan for your energy expenses on a monthly basis.

A traditional Budget Plan begins in June of each year and bills a “set” dollar amount each month to the customer. This amount is determined by looking at the members previous year’s billing history average and whether the account is carrying a balance or a credit. Budget amounts are reviewed each May and the next year’s budget amount is set at that time. OCEC sends a letter in May to participating members to inform members of their new budget billing amount for the year.

A Levelized Plan looks at a member’s most current twelve months of bills; always averaging the most recent twelve months for the current billing. A Levelized account billing will vary a small amount each month while still allowing for budget planning. Members can begin a Levelized Plan at any time of the year and there is no review month for Levelized billing.

- Both types of budget accounts allow the member to plan for energy expenses.
- Both types of budget accounts allow a balance to be carried without penalties (as long as the payment is made on time every month).
- Auto payments and E-bill notifications can be set up for accounts through the OCEC website.
- Tenants must receive permission from landlords before OCEC can proceed with a budget program.

It is important to remember that all amounts due must be paid by the last day of every month to continue to be on a Budget Plan. If a payment is not received on or before the due date the account is automatically removed from the Budget plan and all past due balances will be considered due immediately.

Contact OCEC before May 1st if you would like to sign up.