



March 2024 Newsletter

85th ANNUAL MEETING

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 15, 2023.

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

When: Monday, April 15, 2023 at 7:00pm
American Legion Auxiliary #120 will be serving pie afterwards.

RATE INCREASE REMINDER

With the recently approved 2024 budget by the OCEC Board, members will see a rate increase beginning in March 2024. The increase will be approximately 8% for all rate classifications and will show up on the April 2024 billing statements. The primary driver for the rate increase is a large increase in the cost of wholesale power and transmission the cooperative purchases from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). In comparison to the 2023 budget, 2024 is forecasted to have an increase in wholesale power costs of nearly 25%. Wholesale power and transmission purchases from BPA account for roughly half of all of OCEC's expenses. OCEC always strives to find the balance of remaining a financially strong member-owned cooperative while providing reasonable rates to provide a high-level of reliable and Member-focused service.

To compare your current billing rate with the new rates, go to www.ocec.coop and use the Rate Calculator under Member Services on the homepage.

Rates as of March 1, 2024			
	Service Charge	kWh Rate	Demand Charge
Rate Class	(\$/mo)	(\$/kWh)	(\$/kW)
G1	\$36.30	\$0.0919	N/A
G2	\$56.70	1st 5,000 kWh: \$0.0769 5,001 kWh and over \$0.0860	N/A
G3	\$68.05	\$0.0559	\$3.70
G4	\$164.50	\$0.0541	\$3.70
Second Meter	\$28.35	\$0.0919	N/A
Irrigation Single Phase	\$52.20	\$0.0562	\$3.70
Irrigation Three Phase	\$67.00	\$0.0562	\$3.70
Idle Service	\$19.50	N/A	N/A

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SMARTHUB

OCEC transitioned our electric services to our new software provided by NISC (National Information Solutions Cooperative) on January 8, 2024. As many of you have noticed, our billing statements have been revamped and we now offer additional services through our new online customer portal SmartHub. If you have not checked it out yet go to www.ocec.coop and click on the SmartHub information link. During business hours we are available to assist members with questions regarding their SmartHub setup, paperless billing and auto pay set up. We appreciate your patience as the staff learns the ropes of this new system as well.

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.

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

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CLEMENT, RYAN
CRESS, MARK & SCHURMAN, JERI
DUNN, SUMMER L & DAVID
ESMOND, KIRK & AMANDA
GUNNIP, LAURA
JENKINS, PAM & MCCREA MARY
KNUDSON, ERIC
LOUKOTA, MARIANNE
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