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Newsletter

BOARD APPROVES RATE DESIGN CHANGES FOR 2025 - 2028

OCEC staff began a process to study and analyze our current rates and rate design in June of 2023 in partnership with the National rurual Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC). This process resulted in a final Cost of Service Analysis (COSA) presented by CFC in February of 2024 to the OCEC Board. The Board reviewed the COSA and decided on three priorities for future rate design implementation to futher analyze:

- 1. Correct subsidies between existing rate classes identified by CFC
- 2. Implement a revenue-neutral monthly peak demand (in kW) rate for General Service 1 (G1) and General Service 2 (G2) rate classes
- 3. Implement an annual peak demand (in kW) threshold in addition to annual energy thresholds for placing members into G1-G4 rate classes

During the October 2024 board meeting the OCEC Board approved the proposed rate design chages from staff and a corresponding implementation schedule summarized below:

| | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
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| Priority #1 – Correct Rate Class Subsidies | Implement adjustments for G1/G2, Irrigation year 1 of 4, Idle Base Charge Increase | Irrigation year 2 of 4 | Irrigation year 3 of 4 | Irrigation year 4 of 4 | No Action |
| Priority #2 — Demand Rate on G1/G2 | Get peak kW on all member bills | Implement board approved changes for year 1 of 3 | Implement board approved changes for year 2 of 3 | Implement board approved changes for year 3 of 3 | No Action |
| Priority #3 – Peak kW Classification | Establish new classifications based on new data | Implement board approved changes, reclassify members | No Action | No Action | No Action |

OCEC plans to hold Town Hall style meetings for our membership starting in January 2025.

OCEC Staff have created a Rates page on our website www.ocec.coop where you can find detailed information regarding the proposed rates, peak demand (kW) and other frequently asked questions.

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ELECTRICITY EDUCATION AT METHOW VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCEC Linemen went to Methow Valley Elementary in October and performed an "arc flash" safety demonstration to show local students the dangers of contacting power lines. OCEC was able to conduct this demonstration in collaboration with the Okanogan County PUD and their arc trailer.

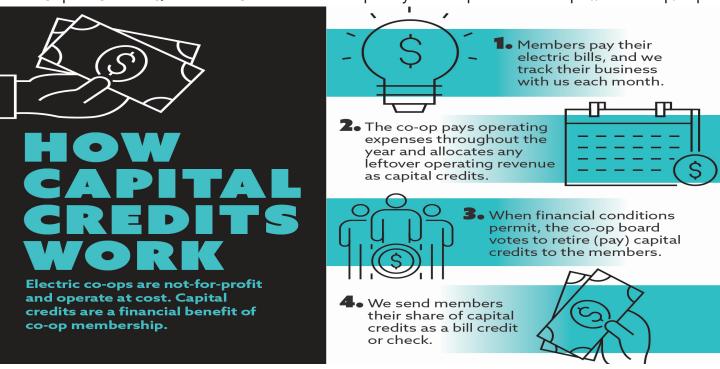




DO YOU HAVE A CAPITAL CREDITS CHECK ARRIVING SOON?

OCEC will be paying out a portion of Capital Credits this month to members who used power during the year **2010**. So don't just recycle that envelope before opening it!

Have Capital Credits Questions? Check out the frequently asked questions at https://ocec.coop/faq



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