



# January 2025 Newsletter

## BOARD APPROVES RATE DESIGN CHANGES FOR 2025 - 2028

OCEC plans to hold two Town Hall style meetings for our membership at The Winthrop Barn to present these rate design changes.

**January 13, 2025 at 5:30pm and February 13, 2025 at 5:30pm**

OCEC staff began a process to study and analyze our current rates and rate design in June of 2023 in partnership with the National Rural 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 further 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 changes from staff and a corresponding implementation schedule summarized below:

|  | 2025   | 2026   | 2027   | 2028   |
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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                           |
| 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 |
| Priority #3 – Peak kW Classification       | Establish new classifications based on new data                                    | Implement board approved changes, reclassify members | No Action  | No Action  |

OCEC Staff have created a Rates page on our website [www.ocec.coop](http://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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# OKANOGAN COUNTY ENERGY SAFETY TIPS AND INFO

Please remember that a propane delivery truck needs at least a 10-foot-wide path to be able to deliver fuel to your home. Also, keep the tank area and a path to the tank free of snow. When plowing, snow blowing, or shoveling, do not push or pile snow around your tank, meter, regulator, or piping. Our drivers thank you for helping us to provide you with safe, efficient and timely propane deliveries.



Can you find the propane tank in this photo?

## SPACE HEATER SAFETY TIPS

-  Heaters should be placed on level surfaces.
-  Check heater cords for any damage or fraying.
-  Avoid using an extension cord to power the heater.



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