

January 2025

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 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
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 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?



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