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# Okanogan County Electric Co-op

## OCEC Waives Monthly Base Fee in December

***This one-month waiver will reduce year-end margins.***

***Also there will be no rate increase for 2020.***

You will notice on your electric bill you receive in early January that there is not a monthly base fee. Okanogan County Electric Cooperative (OCEC) has waived the monthly base fee on its members' accounts in all rate classes except for irrigation rate classes for the December 2019 billing period. This will be reflected on the bill received in January. For most customers, this will reduce the monthly power bill for this one month by a range of \$32 - \$145 depending on which rate you are on. No waiver for irrigation rates, second meter rate or idle accounts.

After review of projected year end margins, the OCEC Board determined that this waiver was appropriate given the projected year-end margins for the year. OCEC is a non-profit cooperative and is owned by its members. All margins (revenues less expenses) are eventually returned to members and this is one way of doing this.

OCEC General Manager David Gottula said "While margins this year are at projected levels, the Board decided that this one-month waiver of the base fee is a way to lower the existing member's bills and reduce our margins. Also, with December being a high usage month and our members potentially having high power bills, every little bit we can reduce power bills helps our members."

OCEC also recently announced that there will be no rate increase in 2020. If you have any questions, please contact GM David Gottula at 509-996-2228.

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