



Notice: January 10, 2023

OCEC RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 2023

With the recently approved 2023 budget by the OCEC Board, members will see a rate increase beginning in April 2023. The increase will be approximately 5% for all rate classifications and will show up on the May 2023 billing statements. Some of the primary drivers of OCEC’s need for the increase is the rising cost of wholesale power for our growing system. Bonneville Power Administration’s rates for our needs above our cost-based federal allocation has increased by 100% and part of this rate increase is needed to cover this cost. In addition, OCEC has experienced significant cost increases for the specialized equipment necessary for maintaining a reliable and resilient electric distribution system. In some cases, we have seen over 200% cost increases for materials in an 18-month period. OCEC has not had a rate increase since 2018 and we will always strive to keep rates affordable.

How will the rate increase affect my monthly bill?

Below are two examples of the rate increase on two specific residential electric accounts:

Example A (Rate 1)

Full Time Resident, General Service Rate 1

Average usage of under 1200 kwh per month, maximum of 14,400 kwh per year.

Rate 1	2022	2023
Base Fee	\$32.00	\$33.60
Per kwh charge	\$0.0810	\$0.0851
12 mo. Total kwh	8164	8164
12 mo. Bill Total	\$1,045.28	\$1,097.96

Example B (Rate 2)

Full Time Resident, General Service Rate 2

1201 to 5000 average monthly kwh usage, maximum of 60,000 kwh per year.

Rate 2	2022	2023
Base Fee	\$50.00	\$52.50
Tier 1 kwh Up to 5,000 kwh	\$0.0678	\$0.0712
Tier 2 kwh 5,001 and over	\$0.0758	\$0.0796
12 mo. Total kwh	37464	37464
12 mo. Bill Total	\$3,140.06	\$3,297.44

Rates Effective April 1, 2023

	Base Fee	kWh Rate	Demand Charge
Rate Class	(\$/mo)	(\$/kWh)	(\$/kW)
G1	\$33.60	\$0.0851	N/A
G2	\$52.50	Up to 5,000 kWh: \$0.0712, 5,001 kWh and over: \$0.0796	N/A
G3	\$63.00	\$0.0518	\$3.40
G4	\$152.25	\$0.0501	\$3.40
Second Meter	\$26.25	\$0.0851	N/A
Irrigation Single Phase	\$48.30	\$0.0520	\$3.40
Irrigation Three Phase	\$62.00	\$0.0520	\$3.40
Idle Service	\$18.00	N/A	N/A