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We have all been propositioned with this age old “need-to-tell-you-a-couple-things” question. Do you want the good news first or the not-so-good news first?

Anyone who has heard that question can be tempted to take the good news first, but most people opt for the not-so-good news. The latter option is often taken because one may

desire to accept the challenge and then absorb the better news as encouragement or a happy ending like you see in the movies. We are going to go with that approach this month.

For much of 2024, we have been sharing the news about the wholesale power rate increase from Basin Electric, from whom we purchase power on your behalf to then distribute to your homes and businesses. The final numbers are in and PRECorp has filed its 2025 Cost of Power Adjustment with the Wyoming Public Service Commission. You will likely see this filing in the public notices in your local newspaper.

More detail is published in this issue of the PRECorp News. For typical residential members who use 1,200 kWh per month, your monthly bill will increase from \$6 to \$8 per month starting in January. For those who have higher usage in the winter, your bill might be higher.

Please review the article in this edition for a deeper explanation why Basin took this big-picture action now, and how PRECorp is working to lessen the impact of this increase over the long term.

The PRECorp Team is ready to discuss any concerns members have about controlling their usage, bill pay solutions, and special rate control programs that might work under a variety of circumstances. This is part of our efforts to provide you, our members, with an ‘A-Plus’ member experience, great rates, and be a trusted energy partner.

So now for the good news portion of our message this month. The Board of Directors annually reviews the opportunity to retire Capital Credits to its member owners. These are like dividends for shareholders of a for-profit corporation. Since PRECorp is a not-for-profit member-owned cooperative, any excess margins are allocated back to you, the members.

From this allocation, the Board attempts to balance its cash flow with a distribution of those Capital Credits. A broad goal is to distribute 1.25% of those Capital Credits back to the membership every year. This year, the Board of Directors will send \$3,544,605 back to the membership in the form of Capital Credits. The timing and form of that distribution is being ironed out and we will have complete details in next month’s PRECorp News.

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Our efforts to steer the financial ship through the ups and downs of natural disasters, regulatory and legislative changes, and economic and demographic shifts remain a success story here at the cooperative. While many of your

neighbors in other counties and states have experienced double-digit rate changes over the past few years, our work to create a stable rate that provides reliable and safe power continues to hold true.

If our projections hold, we anticipate no rate increase from the PRECorp side in 2025 or 2026. We are diligent in managing our deferred revenue ‘savings account’ to balance our budget and satisfy our financial obligations to our lenders.

We are keenly aware of the challenges our members have faced in 2024, and these challenges will still be with us in 2025 as we recover from some of the worst fire seasons in the state’s history.

This is about your power provider accompanying you through these uncertain times and being your trusted source of power and information.

Here’s wishing all of you a blessed holiday season,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Mills". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in the bottom right corner of the page.