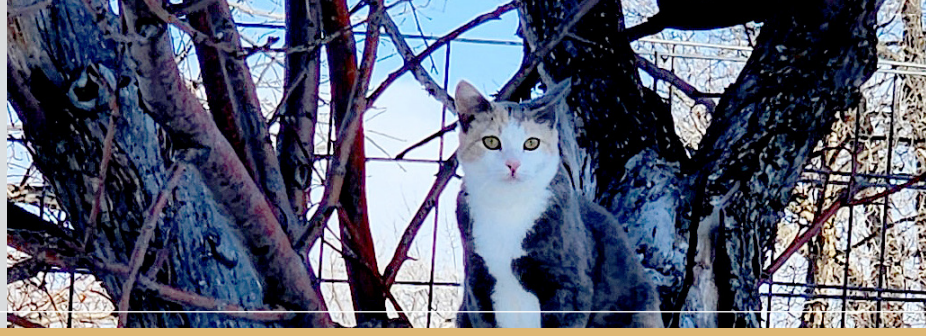
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PRECorp News

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PRECorp to issue capital credit checks in December

In December, PRECorp will issue a capital credit retirement or "refund" of $3.2 million. This retirement returns a portion of the money members paid for electric usage during select years. Some Powder River Energy members will receive a credit on their bill or a check in the mail.

This year's PRECorp capital credit retirement is related to margins allocated to members during 2003 - 2005. Any member who had service with PRECorp in 2003 - 2005 will receive a percentage of the PRECorp capital credit retirement of $3.2 million. Since its inception, PRECorp has retired more than $155 million to its members.

Additionally, PRECorp's wholesale power supplier Basin Electric forecasts a $4.7 million return, which will be returned to those who were cooperative members in 2008.

PRECorp members are projected to receive a total of nearly $8 million through this 2026 retirement of capital credits.

Capital credits are a major benefit of being a member of an electric cooperative and reflect one of the seven cooperative principles: Member Economic Participation.

"Our cooperative model has centered on our membership and the enduring value we create through this relationship," said PRECorp CEO Brian Mills. "We work to provide our members with an A-plus experience, great rates, and a

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Paperwork filed for 2027 COPA rate adjustment

On Friday, October 30, Powder River Energy (PRECorp) officially filed the application paperwork for a Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) with the Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC).

In September, Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) – PRECorp's wholesale power supplier – announced an increase in 2027 power costs, which is approximately a 9.2% increase to PRECorp based upon specific load and energy requirements.

PRECorp staff has calculated the impact of the increase for its various rate classes. This will mean approximately $10 to $14 more per month for the average residential member.

As wholesale power costs are significantly increasing, residential members will also see an additional increase due to the balancing mechanism built into the Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA), which reconciles costs annually.

Simplified, this COPA is recovered because PRECorp paid more for Basin's wholesale power than it

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BRIAN MILLS, CEO

The stretch between Thanksgiving and Christmas has a way of slowing us down enough to count our blessings. The table gets a little longer, a few extra chairs come in from the shop, and somewhere between the turkey and the pie you look around and realize there are three, maybe four generations sitting together… each one with a hand in building what the others now enjoy. I am truly blessed to share that view with my own family, and I hope you get to share it with yours.

That picture of generations around one table is a fitting way to talk about Capital Credits this year…because I suspect some of you are asking: "If PRECorp is sending money back to me, why is my bill going up next year?" It deserves a straight answer.

Let's start with the bill. As we shared in August, our wholesale power supplier, Basin Electric, is raising its rates starting in January 2027. That wholesale power makes up roughly 80 cents of every dollar you pay us. PRECorp has not raised its own distribution rate since 2020, and we intend to keep stretching that dollar as far as it will go.

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The Capital Credits retiring this season were not created this year. They come from margins members paid roughly 20 to 25 years ago — dollars that have spent a full "tour-of-duty" financing the poles, wire, and substations that serve you today. Simply put, when you pay a dollar in, it first covers the cost of the energy you use today. If any is left over, it becomes your share in financing the cooperative going forward. When we retire capital credits, today's members take over that job from the members who carried it two decades ago. Holding those dollars back to soften next year's bill would mean using their dollars utilized for capital improvements, to pay for your power today. When we say it this way, everyone can agree it simply does not make financial discipline sense for the cooperative.

Think of a cattle operation. Each fall you hold back a set of replacement heifers from this year's calf crop and send some of the older cows to town. The herd keeps going because every year's calves take their turn carrying the operation. Skip that rotation to get through a tough year, and the herd ages out from under you. Capital Credits work the same way. Each generation carries its own share for the well-being of the cooperative.

Keeping that rotation, even in a year when costs are rising, is a commitment your Board of Directors takes seriously in its fiduciary role, and a sign your cooperative is healthy. This year the Board has authorized $3.2 million to be returned to the membership. Capital Credit retirement amounts of less than $50 will be applied directly as a credit to the member's monthly bill.

Retirement amounts of $50 or more **are scheduled to be mailed December 14** to the members through a check.

Because Basin Electric is a member-owned cooperative as well, the same financial discipline takes place at the generation and transmission cooperative that you own through PRECorp. Basin projects a 2026 retirement of $4.7 million to PRECorp members, which will be included in what you receive. A tip of the hat to our Accounting team for making sure every one of those dollars finds its way home to the right member-owner.

In any case, we understand that a bill increase stings, especially this time of year. If you would like assistance managing your bill, our Member Services team is ready to help with tools such as Budget Billing, Heat Rates, Energy Audits, prepaid metering, and more.

As you gather around your own table this season, know that we are grateful for every one of you. This cooperative has been running for more than 80 years, and we intend to hand it to the next generation as good or better than we found it. Thank you for allowing us to serve you. It is our honor.

On behalf of your Board of Directors and the PRECorp Team, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Powder River, Let 'er Buck!



Capital Credits...

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trusted energy partnership. Returning these capital credits to the membership is a key part of our cooperative way."

At the close of each fiscal year, all margins (revenue received in excess of expenses) for that year are allocated to each member as a capital credit based on annual power purchased. Members are apprised of their cooperative capital credit "allocation" on their billing statements each August. This allocated capital credit is retained and used to provide for the ongoing operation of the cooperative until such time allocation is retired.

Annually, the PRECorp Board of Directors reviews the financial condition of the cooperative and considers the following financial impacts before issuing a retirement:

1. Cash liquidity needs now, and in the future
2. Keeping rates predictable and stable
3. Balancing risk – known and unknown
4. Alignment toward equity management goals

Capital Credit retirement amounts of less than $50 will be applied directly as a credit to the member's monthly bill.

Retirement amounts of $50 or more **are scheduled to be mailed December 14** to the members through a check. Inactive members with less than $20 total unretired capital credits will receive their entire capital credit allocation amount – regardless of year earned - as part of this retirement.

Members who do not have a valid address on file with PRECorp will still receive their retirement, but it will be posted as "unclaimed" on their account. A member may claim capital credit "refunds" by providing proof of legal interest.

Unless they are claimed within three years, the unclaimed funds will be returned to the cooperative for the general benefit of the membership in the form of education scholarships, community grants, and other member related benefits.

Since 2011, PRECorp has provided the opportunity for members to help non-profit organizations in northeast Wyoming. To date, several members have generously donated their capital credits to the Powder River Energy Foundation, which has supported local charities in PRECorp's service territory with more than $2.7 million in direct donations since its founding in 2007. A donation form is enclosed with each mailed capital credit check. Members who wish to donate their retirement, please complete the form and return it, with your check, to PRECorp.

Please direct any questions or concerns about capital credits to PRECorp's Member Service Team at 1-800-442-3630.

Events Calendar

The list of PRECorp events includes Board meeting dates, holidays, telephone town hall meetings, and more.

- **Thursday, November 19** - CEO Telephone Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 24** - PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, 9 a.m., teleconference
- **Thursday and Friday, November 26-27** - Thanksgiving Holiday, PRECorp offices closed, call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- **NEW LOCATION: Thursday, December 17** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 1 p.m., **Gillette**.
- **Thursday, December 24** - Christmas Eve Holiday, PRECorp offices closed, call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- **Friday, December 25** - Christmas Day Holiday, PRECorp offices closed, call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- **Friday, January 1** - New Year's Day Holiday, PRECorp offices closed, call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- **Monday, January 18** - All-Employee Meeting, PRECorp offices closed, call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- **Monday, January 18** - Deadline to apply for Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.
- **Tuesday, January 19** - PRECorp Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sundance
- **Tuesday, January 25** - PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, 9 a.m., teleconference
- **Monday, February 1** - Deadline to apply for Basin Electric Power Scholarship ($2,500).
- **Tuesday, February 16** - PRECorp Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette
- **Tuesday, February 23** - PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, 10 a.m., Gillette
- **Monday, March 1** - Application deadline for PRECorp and Lineman scholarships.
- **Tuesday, March 16** - PRECorp Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette
- **Tuesday, March 23** - PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, 10 a.m., Gillette
- **Wednesday, March 31** - Application deadline for ROSS Scholarship ($2,000).

Drive safely; be cautious at accidents

At PRECorp, our primary concern is for the well-being of equipment operators, drivers, and passengers, whose lives and health are threatened in an accident.

Drivers who are distracted, inexperienced, careless, impaired, or overconfident on slick roads run the risk of colliding with another vehicle, or careening into a ditch.

Some accidents may require emergency responders and PRECorp crews to clear the scene, replace a broken pole, and restore power to the scores of members whose homes and ranches could be darkened by the accidents.

Be safe

While no driver can pick the place their automobile accident will happen, there are measures to keep in mind when driving on hazardous roads:

- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Stay focused. Do not use your phone or dashboard controls if they pull your eyes or attention off the road.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand, gravel).
- If your vehicle starts to slide, always look and steer where you want to go.
- Leave time and distance to slow down. It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Double the following distance behind the cars in front of you. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly helps regain traction and avoids spin outs.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is to keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

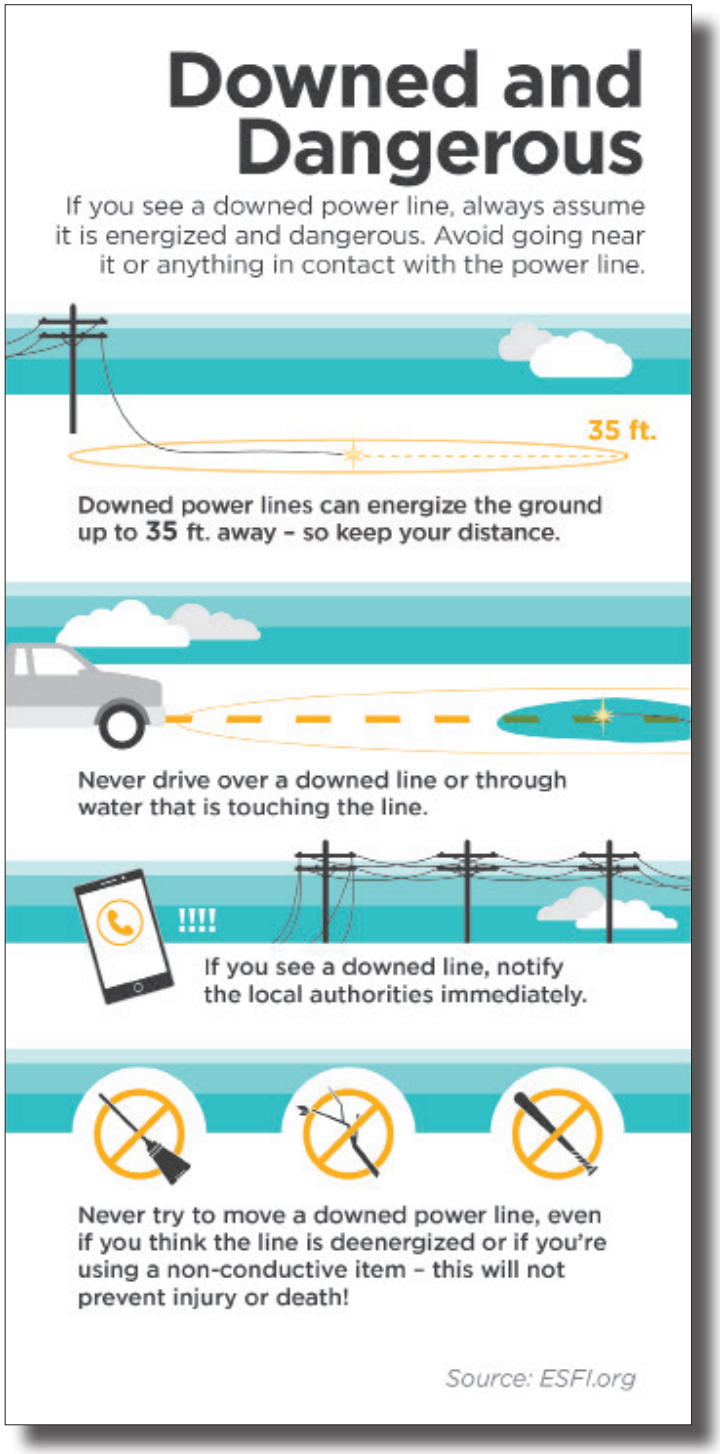
Below are some life-saving facts to know if you are involved in or come upon an accident.

Know the hazards at an accident scene:

- If you come in contact with a power pole, line, or ground-level transformer, or come upon an accident of this nature, be very careful.
  Call 911 immediately.

- **STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE!** Unless the vehicle is on fire, do not get out of your vehicle if a power line is near it. If you must get out, jump clear, try to land on both feet, then shuffle or hop away.

- Do not touch or attempt to move a downed line.
- Stay back from the scene. Stepping in the direction of a downed power line exposes you to the risk of deadly voltages.
- Use caution. Fight the urge to escape or rush in until you have surveyed the area for potential hazards.



Purchasing Appliances and Electronics: Best Times to Buy

Product Type	Best Time to Buy for Discounts
Refrigerators and Freezers	Late winter to early spring (March/April); New models arrive in spring, and older models are discounted; Holiday sales (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day).
Washers/Dryers, Dishwashers, Ovens and Ranges	September and October when new models are released and older models are discounted; Holiday sales (Labor Day, Black Friday, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day); End-of-year clearance.
Large Home Electronics (TVs, home theater)	Holiday sales (Black Friday and Cyber Monday); Amazon Prime Days; Late fall/early winter; Other promos, like Super Bowl sales for televisions.
Smart Assistants and Other Smart Devices	Holiday sales (Black Friday, Cyber Monday); Other sales events, like Amazon Prime Days.
Air Conditioners, Heaters and Other Seasonal Appliances	Off season (purchase AC units in fall or winter, heaters in summer); Retailers offer bigger discounts when demand is low.

Additional Purchasing Tips:

- When possible, bundle major appliances for significant savings.
- Be on the lookout. When new models arrive, older models drop in price.
- Retailers typically clear out inventory at the end of the year, which mean big discounts.
- Local retailers typically try to meet end-of-month/end-of-quarter sale quotas, which could mean flexible prices and/or negotiating.



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collected from sales to the membership.

What does this mean for members? For a residential customer using an average of 1,200 kWh per month, the rate change will result in an increase of about $14 per month. This amount will vary based on individual usage. These estimates are also preliminary, and are subject to change. Rate calculators can be found on PRECorp's website to estimate how your power bill may be affected.

The primary reason is the Bismarck-based power generator is raising capital to build new generation stations in its service territory. These stations are needed to supply adequate power for the growth in traditional electrical needs in the central United States.

Secondarily, Basin is required to provide adequate power generation resources to create regional grid stability. In times of maximum demand, Basin must literally overbuild infrastructure to meet the highest possible demand.

Basin is investing in existing infrastructure to ensure this reliability during peak winter and summer seasons.

Details and specific numbers remain under review as of press time. Go to www.precorp.coop for information updates, rate calculators and PSC docket information.

PRECorp CEO Brian Mills will host a telephone town hall meeting for members on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. to offer additional details. If you miss this town hall, you can listen/view the recording on PRECorp's Facebook feed.



Powder River Energy Foundation supports organizations with $30k in Holiday giving

The Powder River Energy Foundation recently increased its annual 'Holiday Giving' initiave to $30,000 to 22 charitable organizations in the five-county area of northeast Wyoming through its annual Holiday giving program.

"The Foundation's mission is to lend a helping hand to nonprofit charitable organizations in northeast Wyoming who improve the quality of life or services in their community," said Foundation Executive Director Joe Roth. "The charities selected will bring relief to an estimated 10,000 people in northeast Wyoming. Our Foundation Board enthusiastically supports them this Holiday season."

The grants will go directly toward the Holiday season work of local charities in helping families in need at this time of year. This year's recipients are:

Campbell County:

The Mercantile at Rawhide Elementary; Campbell County Council of Community Services; John Paul II School Holiday Food Drive; and Campbell County Senior Center home-delivered meals

Crook County:

Moorcroft Interfaith Community; Hulett Holiday Baskets; and Crook County Council of County Services - Sundance Food Pantry

Johnson County:

Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends; Kaycee Food Pantry; Bread of Life Food Pantry – Buffalo; Compass Center for Families - Suicide Prevention Division; Buffalo Police Department Operation Blue Santa; and Buffalo Senior Center – Activities Programs

Sheridan County:

The Food Group, Inc.; The Hub on Smith; Sheridan Police Department - Cops for Kids; Clearmont Community Food Pantry; and Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange

Weston County:

Newcastle Ministerial Association Holiday giving; Helping Hands Foundation of Weston County; B.R.E.A.D. food pantry; and Weston County Peace Officers Shop with a Cop

The aforementioned donations are possible through fundraisers, members donating their capital credits, matching grants, and PRECorp's Operation RoundUp® program. Operation RoundUp® gathers voluntary contributions from participating co-op members by "rounding up" their monthly bill to the next dollar, resulting in an average donation of 50 cents a month. These donations are then transferred to the Powder River Energy Foundation, which is governed by the independent, voluntary Board of Directors who represent the five counties in the PRECorp service area.

For more information on the Powder River Energy Foundation or to sign up for the Operation RoundUp® program, check the Operation RoundUp® program box on your monthly billing statement, or go to the Powder River Energy Foundation website at www.precorpfoundation.org.

Since its formation in 2007, the Powder River Energy Foundation has driven more than $3.2 million in benefits to charitable organizations across PRECorp's service territory.

One hundred percent of Operation RoundUp® program funds go directly to the organizations, and all administrative overhead for the Foundation is donated through its relationship with PRECorp.

Additionally, since the Powder River Energy Foundation is a 501(c)(3), donations may be tax deductible, including event sponsorships and capital credit donations. Fundraising events next year include the June 5 Durham Ranch 5K/10K walk-run; and a September 13 Golf Scramble at the Golf Club at Devils Tower.

The Foundation's Board of Directors reviews charitable donation applications monthly.

Five ways to fight winter chill and save

Winter months often bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. By being proactive about saving energy, you can increase the comfort of your home and reduce monthly bills. PRECorp staff can offer ideas to manage your home energy use and keep winter bills in check.

Here are five tips to help increase your home's energy efficiency this winter:

1. **Mind the thermostat.** This is one of the easiest ways to manage your home energy use. We recommend setting your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower) when you're home. When you're sleeping or away for an extended period of time, try setting it between 58 and 62 degrees; there's no need to heat your home as much when you're away, sleeping or less active.
2. **Button up your home.** The Department of Energy estimates that air leaks account for 24% to 40% of the energy used for heating and cooling a home. If you can feel drafts while standing near a window or door, it likely needs to be sealed. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors is another simple, cost-effective way to increase comfort and save energy.
3. **Use window coverings wisely.** Open blinds, drapes or other window coverings during the day to allow natural sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to keep the cold, drafty air out. If you feel cold air around windows, consider hanging curtains or drapes in a thicker material; heavier window coverings can make a significant difference in blocking cold outdoor air.







4. **Consider your approach to appliance use.** When combined, appliances and electronics account for a significant chunk of our home energy use, so assess how efficiently you're using them. For example, if you're running the dishwasher or clothes washer, only wash full loads. Look for electronic devices that consume energy even when they're not in use, like phone chargers or game consoles. Every little bit helps, so unplug them to save energy.
5. **Think outside the box.** If you're still feeling chilly at home, think of other ways to warm up—beyond dialing up the thermostat. You can add layers to your home! If you have hard-surface flooring, consider purchasing an area rug to block cold air that leaks in through the floor.

Look for affordable quality rugs, window coverings, and weatherization items at local thrift stores or clearance aisles. You don't always need to pay full price or shop online.

Lastly, consider adding layers of clothing, wearing thick socks and bundling up under blankets.

If you're taking steps to save energy but continue to see major increases in your usage, give us a call at 1-800-442-3630 or take advantage of our free home energy audits. Start with PRECorp Member Service and we can help identify areas and other factors impacting your home energy use and recommend next steps for savings.

Go to our website at www.precorp.coop/helpful-links for additional energy-saving tips.