

PRECorp files General Rate Case to begin in 2020

Powder River Energy is seeking more than just a rate adjustment in its recent general rate case with the Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC).

Changes to what members across residential and industrial classes can expect to pay on their monthly power bill will garner most of the attention. However, the cooperative is also changing the basic charge in order to capture fixed costs being lost due to declining sales, and to bring the basic charge closer to cost of service.

PRECorp is also filing to reintegrate much of the Coal Bed Methane (CBM) classes into General Service and Large Power classes in acknowledgement of less dedicated use of system investments by CBM members.

The filing requests PSC approval and implementation in September 2020. The following are the rate impacts in the Residential and General Service classes for 2020 planning:

- The Residential basic charge increases \$1.50 per month to \$27, and residential rates increase an average of 8.87%. The total rate per kWh will increase from \$0.086428 to \$0.094708.
- The General Service basic charge will increase \$5 per month, to \$40 for single-phase, and \$45 for

three-phase. General Service rates will increase 8.86%. The total rate per kWh will increase from \$0.085053 to \$0.091608.

Why the increase?

PRECorp projections show a continued decline in sales, particularly in the CBM industry and coal mines through industry consolidations and idling facilities. This decline has eroded the business results below the minimum financial performance required by PRECorp's lenders.

The recently completed cost of service study guides the rate changes by class. The rate adjustment, coupled with a continued focus on business efficiencies and cost reductions, will restore positive operating margins and allow the cooperative to continue to provide its consumer-members with the safest and most reliable service possible.

More information on the web

Go to www.precorp.coop/2020-rate-case for complete documentation in the case file, rate calculators to predict what your bill would be based on your usage, and a portal for asking questions.

Seasonal accounts will have two bills

It's seasonal billing time again.

Consumer-members who have stock water wells, recreational cabins, rural community buildings, or other services that qualify for once-a-year bills – are reminded to expect TWO bills for their seasonal accounts.

The first bill – to be issued in November – covers usage from January 1 through October 31. The second bill – to be issued in January – covers usage from November 1 through December 31.

Why two bills?

Seasonal bills are issued each November for usage through October. Each year cost of power adjustments (COPA) are implemented and effective for usage on or

after January 1. Sometimes there are slight increases, sometimes there are slight decreases.

In order to close out 2019 with the correct rates, a second bill for November and December usage is issued. This way, the seasonal accounts start the new year with the correct COPA rate effective for usage on or after January 1.

Plans are underway to transition the seasonal accounts to be billed monthly rather than two times per year. This is tentatively effective in September 2020.

As with any billing questions, we encourage members to call 1-800-442-3630 on weekdays between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to speak with a Member Service representative.

Do you have a medical necessity?

In an effort to better serve our members with special health care needs, PRECorp is requesting information from our members who may have electricity-dependent residential medical equipment such as oxygen or dialysis machines.

Typically this information is gathered when members join the Cooperative and sign up for PRECorp electrical service.

However, if members have obtained the medical equipment since joining the Cooperative, members may want to share that information with us.

The purpose for knowing this information is to notify members with medical necessities of scheduled outages that might impact their service.

Members will need to provide a doctor's note for our files explaining the medical necessity. Other information that will be needed is the member's physical address, member number, meter number, and emergency contact phone number.

For more information or to update your information, contact PRECorp Member Service at 1-800-442-3630.

Powder River Energy Corporation will make every effort to restore electrical service as soon as possible during an outage. There is no guarantee the power will be restored within a given time frame. Individuals are responsible to have an alternative plan if power cannot be restored before any condition becomes critical.

No return envelope in October? Here's what happened:

Due to an equipment failure while processing the billing, some PRECorp members did not receive return envelopes in their October bills. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and believe we have the problem corrected.

Holiday office closings:

The PRECorp offices will be closed for the following holidays:



• **Veterans Day, Monday, November 11**



• **Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29**



• **Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25**



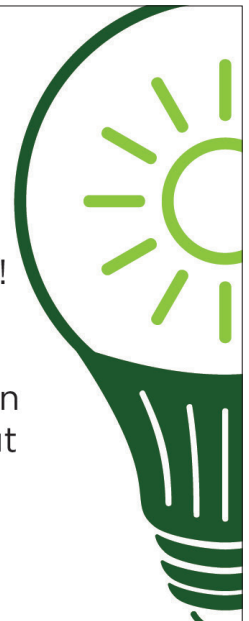
• **New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1**

Call 1-888-391-6220 to report an outage.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Trim your holiday energy costs by choosing energy efficient LED lights! LED holiday lights use less energy and can last up to 40 seasons. They're also easier to install - you can connect up to 25 LED strings without overloading a wall socket!

Source: energy.gov



Telephone Town Hall meeting Wednesday, Nov. 20:

Join PRECorp CEO Mike Easley at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, for our final telephone town hall meeting of the year. Mike wants to answer your questions and give a brief update on your Cooperative. Members will be called on the phone at the beginning of the meeting, but you may also dial 1-844-881-1317 to call in from a different location.