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New bill lines — Delivery Cost Adjustment & Residential Demand

In January you will notice two new lines on your monthly Egyptian Electric Cooperative bill – Residential Demand and Delivery Cost Adjustment. These lines will not yet have charges associated with them. As we discussed last month, financial pressures, internally and externally, are affecting our costs - some will be long-term and some short-term. You will continue to see increases to the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) on your bill until we adjust rates. In fact, the

estimated PCA numbers published last month are already out dated due to continued incoming costs from our power supplier, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC).

To better align how we bill our membership with how we are billed by our power supplier, we are preparing to move forward with new methods to

process and bill energy usage to you. These methods will also set up our membership to better self-manage usage and, in turn, manage your energy expenses and our costs. How this will be executed has not been decided, but we are working on designing new rates now that can be expected to be approved early 2023. This is a complex process of pulling interval data from our new metering system and running it through various financial models to ensure fairness. As soon as the new rates are determined we will be sharing them with you.

In January of 2021, we revised our billing format so you could easily see what you pay, such as electric supply and residential distribution delivery charge in an unbundled manner, along with the PCA, which has always been a standalone charge or credit per policy to address fluctuating costs.

The Delivery Cost Adjustment would eventually be an offshoot of, or a portion of, the PCA line item. The Power Cost Adjustment is currently associated would position us to better manage these events as well as allow us to pay less money to our power supplier.

A Residential Demand line will be added onto the bill as well. Our bill from our power supplier includes two lines – energy (kilowatt-hour, kWh) and demand (kilowatt, kW). Power cost on a large scale aligns heavily with the demand placed on the system and the time at which it occurs. Our goal has always been, and continues to be, to

Distribution	Service Availability Charge		\$38.50
	Delivery Charge	2050 kWh @ 0.06920	\$141.86
	Delivery Cost Adjustment	2050 kWh @ 0.00000	\$0.00
Electric supply	KWH Charge	2050 kWh @ 0.03630	\$74.42
	Power Cost Adjustment	2050 kWh @ 0.00900	\$18.45
	Demand Charge	2050 kW @ 0.00000	\$0.00
		Total Energy Charges	\$273.23
Taxes and other fees	175 Watt Mercury Vapor Light	1 @ 10.00000	\$10.00
	IL Excise Tax		\$6.85
		Total tax and other fees	\$16.85
		Total Current Charges	\$290.08

with only the electric supply of power and not the delivered energy. Adding this line would allow us to equitably assess these variable costs to which charge they belong. 22-32-0002

This past summer we discussed that the perceived scarcity of power capacity in early 2022 drove up energy market pricing, signaling the potential for rolling blackouts that would be caused by a peak usage event. This experience has expedited our wanting to manage load more effectively as a cooperative to lower our overall demand on the grid. Potentially needing less capacity

The cost of electricity continues to increase. The PCA projections issued last month are already out of date. We will continue to update you monthly, however, to ensure that you have the most recent information between magazine issues, we ask that you please check our website for the most current information regarding our rate adjustments during this uncertain and volatile time.

best recapture costs needed to operate our business at the lowest cost possible. Again, we are still unsure what rates will look like in the coming months but will be sure to keep you up to date and informed of these changes.



Considering solar? Be sure we are your first call for information to help you get started! Visit our Interconnections page at eeca.coop for EECA policy and procedural information. We look forward to working with you through the process!



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Classroom Grant Winners

Congratulations to our ten \$500 Classroom Grant winners that were awarded to teachers from across our region! Thank you to all the schools who participated and encouraged application, as well to those who made application going the extra mile for all our students! You continue to make this program a success, and the programs within your school more valuable.

- Sara Hammel, Chester High School Importance of Procuring a Diverse Library
- 2. April Bartnick, Murphysboro Middle School Community Outreach & Pollinator Habitat Restoration
- 3. Jason Geis, Murphysboro High School Light Up Scholar Bowl
- 4. Carla Vaca Diez & Anne Kaszubski, Parrish Elementary School, Carbondale - Magnetic STEM & Language Manipulatives
- 5. Angela Lysakowski, Sparta Lincoln School Living Museum
- 6. Sophia Durbin, Chester High School 3D Printing Fun
- 7. Melissa Giblin, Tri-C Elementary School, Carterville Spanish & Bilingual Books for All
- 8. Kayli Pierson, Parrish Elementary School, Carbondale HearBuilder for Speech Language Students
- Melanie Spears, Unity Point School, Carbondale Reducing Impacts of **Natural Earth Processes on Humans**
- 10. Sarah McKinnies, DuQuoin High School Help Us Warm Our Greenhouse





















Every month we will have three map location numbers hidden throughout our Egyptian Electric News section. If you find your location number, that corresponds to the one on your bill, call our office and identify yourself and the page that it is on and you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.







Youth to Washington 2023

Applications for the 2023 Youth Tour are now available! Youth Tour was established to inspire and empower our next generation of leaders. 56-12-0105

Since 1964, more than 50,000 young Americans have taken advantage of this unique opportunity offered by electric cooperatives across the nation. Youth Day will be held on March 29, 2023, when winning students will have an opportunity to meet with their elected senators and representatives at the State Capitol alongside their counterparts from other southern schools and Illinois communities. From their Youth Day participation, two students will be selected for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth to Washington trip, or Youth Tour, as it is also called. Youth Tour takes place June 16-23, 2023, when hundreds of electric co-op

student participants travel to Washington, D.C., to learn about the cooperative business model, our government and our nation's history. During the week students will experience the best of the best in our nation's capital with their newfound lifelong friends. While in D.C., participants will meet with their local congressmen and discuss issues

Without a doubt, Youth Tour has established itself to be an invaluable leadership program that gives our young Americans an experience they will never forget. Students have repeatedly shared that this experience has helped them grow

important to the students.

into successful professionals. Youth Tour participants return home with a deeper understanding and a skillset of what it takes to be a leader. As a result, they seek networking opportunities and can put these skills to use right here in our communities.

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Help us share this Youth Tour opportunity with a student leader! If you are or know a standout high school sophomore, junior or senior interested in traveling to Washington, D.C., to experience the trip of a lifetime, please visit eeca.coop to learn more or contact us for more information. Deadline to apply is Feb. 6, 2023.





