

## Owned By Those We Serve

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### Mission Statement

The mission of Douglas Electric Cooperative, a member-owned and operated cooperative, is to provide affordable, reliable electric and other compatible services that enhance the quality of life for its members, using progressive marketing in conjunction with sound financial and management principles.

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## No Rate Increase in 2018 Despite Increased Costs Related to Mandatory Spill from BPA

Dear Member,

I didn't think you would mind if I lead with a positive headline. The cost of power from both Bonneville Power Administration and the open market remains very favorable, and we continue to tighten our belts on the operations side. Consequently, we won't be looking at a rate increase this fall.

You will recall that last fall we increased the base charge to \$23 while decreasing the kilowatt-hour rate to 8.23¢. Remember, the base charge is not unlike the base charges you may be paying for cable, satellite television, telephone service, water or internet every month. There is a cost associated with providing and maintaining equipment and service to your home. It is designed to cover those fixed costs that we incur on a regular basis, such as personnel, poles, transformers, wires, equipment and basically everything necessary to deliver electricity to your home. Usage, particularly weather-related, is somewhat unpredictable, and therefore unreliable when it comes to providing a steady revenue source to cover those fixed costs.



With the base charge, we try to achieve fairness between our members who use a little energy and those who use a lot. The best part is that you are a member of a not-for-profit cooperative. You own this business and your elected board members make these decisions looking out for you.

In late 2019, a rate case is possible. With BPA struggling with increased expenses for operations and environment costs, we may be looking at an increase in the cost of power. We will be well out in front of this, communicating with you through this magazine, our website and the annual meeting. In the meantime, your rates will remain stable, and among the best in the country.

As always, if you have any questions or would like a better understanding of the rate process and determination, please don't hesitate to call.

Best Regards,



James K. Brooks  
General Manager