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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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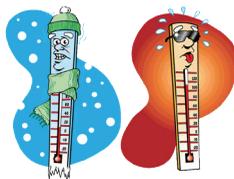
Whether It's A Little Or A Lot... You Control Your Electricity Usage

Dear Member,

As my desk sits close to the front counter, I hear most conversations that take place when our members come in the front door. Lately, I have been hearing a number of folks exclaim, "My electric bill has never been this low." With winter approaching, soon I expect to hear, "My electric bill has never been this high!" While mother nature certainly gets some of the credit, or blame, you are the one in complete control.



With the possible exception of our little July heat wave, most of us could get by without air conditioning here. Fans, the daily afternoon breeze and cool nights help us keep our homes pretty comfortable. We spend more time outdoors, barbecuing, picnicking, and just enjoying the finer things Douglas County has to offer. Hence, a great opportunity to keep electrical usage low.



On the other hand, few of us can get by in the winter without heat of some kind. Couple heating costs with more indoor activity, increased cooking and baking and a few lights and you have the other end of the usage scale. Higher usage equals higher bills. Keep in mind, it's not you and it's not us, it's colder temperatures mainly responsible for your higher bill.

Inside this Ruralite, you will find helpful information about controlling usage on pages 28-29. Our website, www.dec.coop, also offers money-saving tips for you. I know it seems a little weird that we are trying to get you to use less of the product we sell, but that's the beauty of belonging to a co-op. We are not trying to make a profit because we have no stockholders to satisfy, just you... the owners.

As always, if you have any questions or would like a better understanding of this subject, please don't hesitate to call. And I'm looking forward to hearing, "Hey, my winter bill is less than it was last year!"

Best Regards,



James K. Brooks
General Manager