



Rate, Power Cost Adjustment Slated to take Effect this Month

To ensure that Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) can continue to power you with safe, reliable electricity, a rate increase is scheduled to take effect this month.

This rate adjustment will help REC continue to power you with safe, reliable electricity.

What does this mean for you?

- Residential members will likely see a 4% rate adjustment. That equals a \$7.78 increase for accounts with an average use of 1,350 kWh per month.
- Many commercial and industrial members will see an increase of about 2%.

REC is also implementing an adjustment to what's known as the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA). The cost of energy is a direct pass-through of the electricity REC purchases from Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) and distributes to its member-owners.

The adjustment amount to the PCA was not known at the time of printing. For full details, visit myrec.coop/rate-changes-2023

Easy Tips to Tame Energy Use



Here's what you can do to fight back against the winter chill.



Turning down your thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting can make a big impact on your winter electricity usage. REC recommends 68 degrees or lower during the day, a few degrees cooler at night.



Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home. **Close blinds and curtains at night** to keep cold, drafty air out.



Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.



Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home.



Lower your water heater temperature. The Dept. of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.



Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.



Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.



Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.

2022 RELIABILITY MILESTONES

REC works year-round to provide reliable electric service to member-owners.

3,000+

POLES REPLACED

2,500

**TRANSFORMERS
INSTALLED OR REPLACED**

4,200+

**ANIMAL GUARDS
INSTALLED**

325

**MILES OF WIRE
ADDED OR REPLACED**

1,300+

**MILES OF RIGHTS OF
WAY CLEARED**

25,000+

**HAZARD TREES REMOVED TO
PREVENT TREE-CAUSED OUTAGES**



Tackling Tree-Caused Outages from Above

In late November, REC's Vegetation Management Services team coordinated the pruning of trees in a portion of Clarke County with help from a helicopter.

A series of blades hang down from the chopper as the pilot carefully guides it along the right of way to prune trees that could potentially cause a power outage.

REC typically sends crews and contract teams to trim trees from bucket trucks or even by climbing into the trees. But in this case, the landscape made the helicopter pruning a safer alternative.

"We have high incidences of tree-caused outages in this area," said Cindy Music, Director — Vegetation Management Services. "And this is a very efficient way to get those trees pruned safely without putting people in trees with chain saws."