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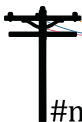
Coop CORNER

Your monthly report from
Your Socorro Electric Cooperative



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SOCORRO ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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Happy Holidays fellow member-owners.

We are starting a 3 Part informational series this month titled **“What does it cost to get power to me?”**.

We will review the process of delivering power from the generation plant all the way to your home or business. The intention of this series is to help educate and engage you as our Member/Owner on what it takes to get your power to you, and the inherited costs associated with that process.

Part 1-From The G&T:

At the generation plant, energy can be generated with fuel from; coal, natural gas, bio-fuel, nuclear , or renewables like; wind, solar, and hydro. Once the fuel is purchased, it is moved (train, truck or pipeline) (freight costs vary by delivery) to the generation site to start creating your power.

After the power is generated it travels on large transmission lines to its first stop, the “Generation Switchyard”. This distance can vary from yards to miles. The costs to move the power from the generation site to the “Generation Switchyard” include ancillary charges (taxes, regulatory compliance etc.), wheeling charges (associated with moving power around the national power grid), and transmission fees (essentially the “Wholesale” cost (It’s like paying a toll) just to send the power down the line). See #1 on graphic below.



After leaving the "Generation Switchyard" the power is then pushed onto longer transmission lines that flow to the "Transmission Substation." The distances range from 10 miles to thousands. The "Transmission Substation" is owned and operated by the Generation & Transmission Company (G&T). As the owner, the G&T has to maintain that substation and power lines in order to deliver power to the Cooperative.

SEC is a member of our G&T and included in the cost of power are benefits like member services, communications, education "training", studies & analysis. The G&T also provides NERC & WECC compliance, renewable energy Credits, mutual aid...etc. The price we pay for your energy is greatly weighed down by Compliance (Federal Government) and regulatory (EPA) costs.

These are just a few of the charges that go into getting your power to YOUR Cooperative. See #2 on graphic below. So, as you can see, with all the charges that we encounter to deliver your energy, we don't really pay that much.

Also keep in mind that 20 years ago we paid \$0.98 for a gallon of gas, \$0.99 for a loaf of bread, \$1.09 for a gallon of milk, and \$3.49 per pound for a Ribeye. 20 years ago energy was around \$0.10 per kWh and today around \$0.12 per kWh. How much has everything else gone up? Look for Part 2-From the G&T to SEC, in next month's Coop Corner.

As always THANK YOU for being a member-owner of YOUR Socorro Electric Cooperative!!



It's beginning to look alot like Christmas!

Keep in mind that LED Christmas lights use 80-90% less wattage than traditional incandescent bulbs.



Not only are LED Christmas lights, brighter and more colorful than incandescent lights, they can actually save you money on your electric bill!

*Our offices will be closed on
November 24 & 25, 2016
in Observance of Thanksgiving.*

*We are grateful
for family, friends
and you, our members!*

*Our offices will be closed on
December 2, 2016 at 12:00 for
Our Employee Appreciation
Luncheon.*

*We will also be closed
Monday December 26, 2016
in Observance of Christmas!*

Monthly Boardroom Report

Your Monthly Board Report October

Good day fellow member-owners of YOUR Socorro Electric Cooperative,

The Board passed a few issues that are great for the membership. They voted and passed the approval of a new logo design for the Coop. With our greater focus on you, our member-owners, the Board felt our new logo will show that.



The Board also approved moving forward with a Cost of Service study (COS). This will help us to get a greater picture on setting our budget for the upcoming years, and to see what changes, if any, we may need to make to our services. The test year will be 2016. We will start the "COS" sometime in January. Keep looking right here for updates on this and other issues the Board will address.

To you and yours the very Best Wishes, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

As always THANK YOU for being a member-owner of YOUR Socorro Electric Cooperative.

CONTACT US

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1-800-351-7575 or 575-835-0560

Paying Your Bill

You may call and make your payment over the phone by check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card) 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week with our IVR phone system at no charge.

Please call (575) 835-0560 or toll free 1-800-351-7575.

Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Report An Outage

Before reporting a power failure, please check your house fuses and/or breakers first.

If problem is not corrected, call the outage number.

If you get a busy signal, it is an indication that someone else is experiencing an outage as well; however please continue to call, this will help us pinpoint the problem.

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The Board of Trustees meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Cooperative.

**Congratulations
to all the winners
in this year's
Election!**



**SEC will be collecting can goods and
non-perishable food items to donate to
the Socorro Storehouse.
Please bring in your items to our office.**

