



Manager Memos -by Curtis Kayton

Change is in the air.

As fall progresses, the leaves have fallen which signals that the seasons are changing again. In past issues we have signaled that a rate increase is on the horizon in this editorial. The district's wholesale power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission Cooperative based in Denver is increasing our wholesale rate by almost 8% or nearly \$400,000 beginning January 1, 2024. Higher costs driven by inflation, supply chain pressures, and fuel volatility have not only impacted TSGT, but CRPPD as well. Staff recognizes this and are performing self-audits of our procedures and workflows to identify any opportunities to reduce controllable expenses. Our rate class modeling is winding down now and there will be bill stuffers included in the December statements that will state the average increased percentage for each class. As a reminder, the last wholesale increase from Tri-State was in 2017.

Again, as harvest winds down please keep safety first and foremost in your day. As always if you have questions please stop in or call, and from all of us at CRPPD have a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Energy Efficiency Credits

Energy Efficiency Credits are available on electric motors, electric heating, electric hot water heaters, and LED lights. Must be new installations only. and submitted within 90 days.

Certain standards of efficiency must be met to qualify depending on the type of electric equipment installed.

Some of the credits include:

- *Electric water heaters - \$50/unit
- *Heat pumps-\$150-\$500/ton
15 SEER Minimum
- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *Old refrig and freezer going to be recycled
- *Clothes Dryers - \$30-\$90
- *Induction Cooktops 30" or larger, must be replacing gas
- *LED lights - lesser of 1/2 cost of lights or \$8 per lamp, 500 Lumens or greater
- *Electric trimmer, chainsaw, or pruner, electric blower or lawn-mower - 25% of cost, up to \$150
- *Whole House Fans - \$100
- *Smart Thermostats - \$25

Receipts are required.

Please contact our office for information on requirements and credit amounts at 586-1824.

Let us help pay for your new electric appliances and motors.

Electrical Safety and Energy Efficiency Go Hand in Hand During a Holiday Vacation

Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house you go, and if you are planning to spend the entire holiday season there, make sure your home is just as set for vacation as you are. Instead of just locking the door and stopping delivery of the mail, there are many items on a vacation checklist that will not only keep your home safe from an electrical fire, but also reduce the amount of energy being used. "Before you depart, walk through the house and look for electronics and appliances and ask yourself, does this need to be on, or even plugged into a receptacle?" says Erin Hollinshead, Executive Director. "Those questions will help you raise your electrical safety and improve your energy efficiency."

In the kitchen, your toaster is plugged in, as well as the blender, maybe a bread machine and of course the stove and microwave. If an unexpected power surge struck at your home, one of more of those could be damaged by the higher voltage and could cause a fire. The same goes for your computer and all its peripherals. They should be unplugged while you are away.

While you are away for the holidays, will anyone be watching the television, watching a DVD, tuning the satellite receiver, or looking at the fourteen digital clocks in the house? You hope not, so unplug them and save your money from the phantom power draw that keeps them warmed up and ready to come on at the click of a remote. At least 10% of the utility bill for a typical home can be attributed to the electronic devices that are eager to serve you and are always ready. Give them a rest and vacation as well.

Law enforcement officials recommend placing selected indoor lights or radios on timers to make your home appear to be inhabited and if the time of day can be varied for them to come on, it will not only provide security, but will save money from having them on 24 hours per day.

When you leave home adjust the thermostat on your heating system and water heater. Energy efficiency specialists recommend the furnace be turned back to 55 degrees and the water heater also turned back to the lowest setting to save money.

Common sense should rule in your process of safety and efficiency and there are many ways to ensure against an inadvertent electrical fire while you are away, as well as not wasting energy if no one is around to use it.

Lights On After School

Chimney Rock PPD participated in the "Lights On After School" program in conjunction with their Pathfinder Program at the Bayard Public School on October 20th. The students were given the opportunity to participate in our Lineman Rodeo, putting on the lineman gear, screwing on insulators and pulling fuses, tasks that a lineman does in their daily work. The kids as well as our employees always enjoy this activity.



Merry Christmas

In a manger long ago, a child was born who showed the world the path to peace and a love of mankind. Today, it still begins with a single, loving action that ripples into the collective spirit.

To our customers and friends, we wish you the Merriest Christmas and blessings for the New Year. Merry Christmas from the directors and employees at Chimney Rock PPD

Shauna Abbott, Jacob Ashmore, Tina Douglas, Joel Duffield, Larry Fiscus, Shecky Francisco, Bryce Hargens, Corey Henkel, Ron Hubbard, Curtis Kayton, DJ Kearns, Richard Kildow, Justin McAllister, Travis Petersen, Dalton Propp, Stan Propp, Tanner Rafferty, Kevin Stuart, and Brandon Wyckoff.



Our Office Will be Closed:

December 25th and 26th for Christmas

*December 29th at 11:30 a.m. and
all day January 1st for New Year's*



Old Fashioned Butterscotch Squares

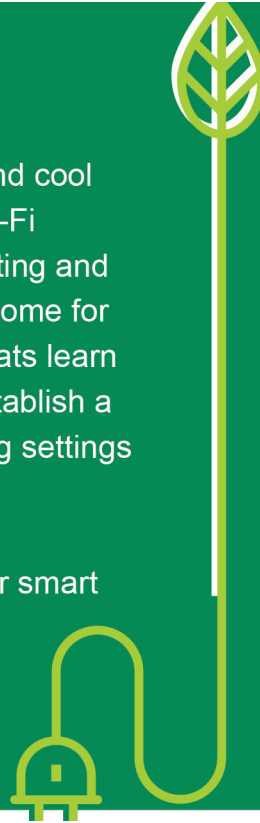
1/2 cup butter, plus extra for greasing the pan
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 beaten egg
8 ounces vanilla wafers, chopped in pea size bits
3/4 cup chopped nuts
3/4 cup butterscotch morsels
1 teaspoon vanilla
Grease an 8x8 pan with butter.
Melt the 1/2 cup butter in large saucepan over medium heat.
Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly.
Add sugar and egg; stir to blend well.
Put the pan back on the burner and heat over moderate heat, stirring almost constantly until mixture boils.
Allow to boil for one minute, stirring constantly.
Remove from heat.
Stir in wafers, nuts, butterscotch morsels and vanilla.
Press into pan.
Refrigerate for several hours.
Remove from fridge an hour or so before cutting. Cut into small pieces to serve.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Get smart with a better way to heat and cool your home! Smart thermostats are Wi-Fi enabled and automatically adjust heating and cooling temperature settings in your home for optimal performance. Smart thermostats learn your temperature preferences and establish a schedule that adjusts to energy-saving settings when you're asleep or away.

For maximum energy savings, look for smart thermostat models with the ENERGY STAR® label.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Budget Billing Set Up Time

Customers currently on budget billing will have their accounts “settled up” with the January billing. The accounts will bill the actual amount due on the account.

This is a good time to set up new budget accounts. New budgets will start with the February billing. If you would like more information on budget billing or would like to set up your account on budget just give our office a call.

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STORM SAFETY KIT

Severe weather can strike at any time, causing destruction and power outages. To keep your family safe, have an emergency kit on hand and an evacuation plan in place.

Learn more at:
SafeElectricity.org

- Bottles of water
- Nonperishable food
- Portable phone charger
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Can opener
- First-aid supplies
- Hand sanitizer
- Prescriptions
- Pain reliever
- Warm clothing
- Blankets
- Battery-operated radio
- Toys, books and games
- Important documents
- Money
- Baby supplies
- Pet supplies