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Electric Rates

The Process of determining the best balance



We are in the final month of the year and work is well under way to determine rates and budgets for next year. This work includes a deep dive into the cost of each customer class and determining what it will take to keep our electric system safe, reliable, and affordable. I wanted to explain the process SPPD management and Board of Directors use to set rates for our customers. – Chad Waldow: General Manager, CEO

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Rates >>>

The process of a rate study includes many factors.

Expenses: *We kick this process off with an in-depth analysis of each rate class called a Cost-of-Service Study (COS). This study includes fixed and variable costs to determine the exact cost to serve each customer of each rate class. Once we know the cost to serve each customer class, we then must cover these costs with the rates.*



Revenue: *When we look at the revenue that we expect to collect from each rate class, there are several variables we need to consider. Weather is the most unpredictable variable. Hot and cold temperatures impact sales for residential customers, while wet and dry growing conditions affect the irrigation and drying bin sales. While no one can predict the weather, we must be financially prepared for both. Extreme storms will also increase the costs we need to cover. We must determine a reasonable reserve to meet all those challenges.*

Other Factors: *Considerations must be taken for Power Cost Adjustments (PCA) from our wholesale provider, interest rates on debt and investments, inflation, depreciation of system, and level of maintenance as we develop rates. Recently we have had issues with replacing our fleet on schedule as well as significant price increases. The unpredictable weather can significantly impact our budget as well.*

In conclusion, we look to set rates for the year that will allow us to continue to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to all customers. We also look to keep rates stable and make gradual adjustments rather than constant changes year after year. Rate setting is not a perfect science and it is a very complex process. I applaud our Board of Directors, management, and employees for being good stewards of the customers' money. When making decisions on rates and budgets, we carefully consider the impact to the District. We must consider each rate and ultimately, each customer. We again look forward to 2023 with no rate increases and continue to pass through a PCA credit to most customers. We are proud to serve our customers and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chad Waldow – CEO

2023 Budget Opens



Applications are open for the 2023 Budget Billing Program as of December 1, 2022.

The budget program is open to all residential customers. The program will follow the customer usage billings from January 1 to December 31 of the year 2023. December billing will reflect the “settle-up” amount and thus close the budget year. Any amount owed the District will be paid in full by the customer. Any amount that appears as a credit balance will remain on the account and adjusted for the new budget cycle.

All applications are due by December 31, 2022 and will be reviewed by SCPPD personnel before activated.

EnergyWise Incentives >>>

Energy Efficiency is important to all! If you are looking for ways to save energy and money, check our list of rebate programs.

There are several options for customers to take advantage of in the 2022 year. For more information, check the website at www.scppd.com or call the office at 402-439-2228.



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2022 Incentive Rebate Programs

Residential Heat Pump Water Heater:

\$400 for air source with an EF > 1.9

\$650 for ground source with an EF > 2.8

High Efficiency Heat Pump:

\$400 - \$3,000 Incentive

Minimum SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5

Includes Air-to-Air, and Water/Ground source

SMART thermostat:

\$25-\$100 Incentive options

Cooling System Tune-up: \$30

Attic Insulation: \$0.15 per square foot - \$300 max.

Severe Winter Weather

Stay safe during outages due to ice and other severe winter weather

- ✓ **Supplies:** At home, have plenty of nonperishable food, medical supplies, cell phone chargers, flashlight with batteries, blankets and warm clothing. Don't forget about your pets!
- ✓ **Prepare your home:** Weatherproof your home ahead of winter by caulking windows and doors. Inspect chimney flues for wood stoves or fireplaces. Protect pipes from freezing.
- ✓ **On the Road:** Prepare an emergency road kit. Consider including battery booster cables, an ice scraper, a portable shovel, flashlight, basic first aid supplies, warm clothing or blankets bottled water and snacks.
- ✓ **Vehicles:** complete annual maintenance, test the car battery and cooling system, use winter tires and replace them if the tread is less than 1/32 of an inch, and keep the gas tank at least half full

A portable generator can be useful during an outage; however, use one correctly to prevent CO poisoning and to stay safe.



NEW YEARS
SAFETY RESOLUTIONS

Consider these safety-themed resolutions this year. They will help keep you and others safe!

1. Do not drive distracted, especially near or in work zones.
2. Do not place a cell phone on bedding or under a pillow.
3. If you see a downed power line, stay away and call 9-1-1.
4. If you are in a car accident involving a downed line, do not get out.
5. Do not take on electrical work if you are not qualified.
6. Never use a portable generator indoors, in a garage or in an enclosed area.
7. Test GFCI outlets monthly to ensure they are working.
8. Ensure your home's electrical system is up to code.
9. Look up and look out for overhead power lines when working outside.
10. Call 8-1-1 prior to your next digging project.

Safe Electricity.org®

Scholarship >>>

Attention High School Students! Utility Line Scholarship Opportunity



The Stanton County Public Power District, in partnership with Northeast Community College, has established a scholarship program to assist students who plan to continue their education in the Utility Line program. A scholarship is offered each year for full-time study and provides up to \$6,000 in assistance. The Donald D. Heller Utility Line Program Scholarship is established in memory of Don's 40 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Stanton County on the Stanton County Public Power District Board of Directors.

If you are interested, please apply online at <http://northeast.edu> and click on scholarships before the **March 1, 2023 deadline**. For additional information, contact the SCPPD office.

Only ONE scholarship may be awarded each year. Please apply today!

Holiday Closings

The SPPD office will be closed to observe the Christmas holiday on December 26, 2022

as well as the New Year Holiday: January 2, 2023



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