



**CONTINENTAL DIVIDE**  
AN ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

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## NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (CDEC) will file proposed rate schedules, under Advice Notice No. 68, on January 3, 2023 with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (Commission) which will result in a rate adjustment to all consumer classes except Contract Service consumers – Large Power Service and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

Pursuant to Rule 17.9.540 NMAC and 17 NMAC 1.2.53 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, CDEC's consumers are notified that:

- (a) This rate adjustment will result in an increase in operating revenues. A test period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 was used. Advice Notice No. 68 will change rates due to increased costs to conduct business. The increase in revenues for the Cooperative is projected to be \$3,131,904 or 5.00% above the annualized test year revenues.
- (b) The proposed changes affect a test year average of 23,219 consumers in the general service classification (20,621 residential and 2,598 commercial), an average of 126 consumers in the general service – time of use classification, an average of 256 consumers in the commercial classifications, 3 consumers in the Large Industrial Transmission Classification, 974 Public Street Lighting devices and 4,992 Area Lighting devices.

(c) The present and proposed rates are as follows:

### PRESENT

#### General Service - Schedule "GS RES"

\$29.00/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.09736/kWh (\$0.000465/kWh)\*

#### General Service - Schedule "GS COMM"

\$30.50/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.09736/kWh (\$0.000465/kWh)\*

#### General Service Time of Use - Schedule "GS-TOU"

\$35.50/Billing Period System Charge

On-Peak kWh @ \$.15076/kWh (\$0.000789/kWh)\*

Off-Peak kWh @ \$.06576/kWh (\$0.000789/kWh)\*

#### Large Power Service - Schedule "LPS" - Utility Owned Sub

\$ 82.50/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.05679/kWh (\$0.000136/kWh)\*

All kW @ \$19.20/kW - Utility Owned Sub

#### Large Power Service - Schedule "LPS" – Cons. Owned Sub

\$ 82.50/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.05679/kWh (\$0.000988/kWh)\*

All kW @ \$18.95/kW - Cons. Owned Sub

#### Large Industrial Transmission

\$1,050/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.003150/kWh

#### Private Area Lighting Service - Schedule "PALS"

100 Watt MV Fixture @ \$8.07\*

91-110 Watt LED Fixture @ \$11.36\*

151-170 Watt LED Fixture @ \$13.89\*

171-190 Watt LED Fixture @ \$14.73\*

175 Watt MV Fixture @ \$11.58\*

250 Watt SV Fixture @ \$14.73\*

400 Watt MV Fixture @ \$21.84\*

400 Watt SV Fixture @ \$21.56\*

#### Street Lighting Service - Schedule "SLS"

100 Watt MV Fixture @ \$9.43\*

91-110 Watt LED Fixture @ \$12.40\*

151-170 Watt LED Fixture @ \$14.93\*

171-190 Watt LED Fixture @ \$15.78\*

175 Watt MV Fixture @ \$13.67\*

250 Watt SV Fixture @ \$17.61\*

400 Watt MV Fixture @ \$25.76\*

400 Watt SV Fixture @ \$24.43\*

### PROPOSED

\$34.00/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.104528/kWh (\$0.002109/kWh)\*

\$35.50/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.107062/kWh (\$0.002109/kWh)\*

\$40.50/Billing Period System Charge

On-Peak kWh @ \$0.15602/kWh (\$0.002109/kWh)\*

Off-Peak kWh @ \$0.07102/kWh (\$0.002109/kWh)\*

\$90.00/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.063691/kWh (\$0.002109/kWh)\*

All kW @ \$19.50/kW - Utility Owned Sub

\$90.00/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.063691/kWh (\$0.002109/kWh)\*

All kW @ \$19.25/kW - Utility Owned Sub

\$1,050/Billing Period System Charge

All kWh @ \$0.003863/kWh

100 Watt MV Fixture @ \$8.58\*

91-110 Watt LED Fixture @ \$12.06\*

151-170 Watt LED Fixture @ \$14.76\*

171-190 Watt LED Fixture @ \$15.66\*

175 Watt MV Fixture @ \$12.32\*

250 Watt SV Fixture @ \$15.68\*

400 Watt MV Fixture @ \$22.96\*

400 Watt SV Fixture @ \$23.26\*

100 Watt MV Fixture @ \$10.02\*

91-110 Watt LED Fixture @ \$13.17\*

151-170 Watt LED Fixture @ \$15.86\*

171-190 Watt LED Fixture @ \$16.77\*

175 Watt MV Fixture @ \$14.53\*

250 Watt SV Fixture @ \$18.73\*

400 Watt MV Fixture @ \$27.40\*

400 Watt SV Fixture @ \$26.00\*

## NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS (cont.)

Note: Mercury Vapor and Sodium Vapor fixtures are no longer available

\* Plus purchased power cost above or below the base cost of \$0.08259/kWh sold in the existing rates and \$0.08259 in the proposed rates and interest on long-term debt above the base cost of debt of \$1,590,261 in the proposed rates.

(d) A comparison of present and proposed rates for residential consumers at various kWh consumption levels is as follows:

GENERAL SERVICE - SCHEDULE "GS RES"				
MONTHLY KWH	PRESENT RATE*	PROPOSED RATE**	MONTHLY \$ INCREASE	MONTHLY % INCREASE
0	\$ 29.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 5.00	17.24 %
250	53.22	59.60	6.38	11.99 %
500	77.45	85.21	7.76	10.02 %
750	101.67	110.81	9.14	8.99 %
1000	125.90	136.42	10.52	8.36 %
2000	222.79	238.84	16.05	7.20 %

Includes adjustment factors estimated at \*\$(0.000465)/kWh and \*\*\$(0.002109)

- (e) The Cooperative will promptly notify a member, who so requests, of the date on which the schedule proposing the new rates will be filed with the Commission.
- (f) The proposed new rates will go into effect automatically by operation of law without a Commission hearing unless one percent or twenty-five (25) members of any rate class, whichever is less, file a protest with the Commission no later than twenty (20) days after CDEC has filed the schedule proposing the new rates and the Commission determines there is just cause for reviewing the proposed rates on one or more of the grounds of the protest.  
IF A HEARING IS HELD BY THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION, ANY COSTS INCURRED BY THE UTILITY MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE UTILITY'S FUTURE RATES, FOLLOWING THE UTILITY'S NEXT RATE CASE.
- (g) Procedures for protesting a proposed rate or rates is set forth in NMPRC Rule 17.9.540 NMAC and 17 NMAC 1.2.53, a copy of which can be obtained upon request from or inspected at either Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc., 200 High Street, P.O. Box 1087, Grants, New Mexico 87020 (telephone 285-6656 or the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (telephone 505-827-6940 or 800-663-9782)
- (h) Prior to filing a protest with the Commission, a Cooperative member should attempt to resolve any grievance by presenting your objections to the new rates, in writing, and allow CDEC seven (7) days in which to attempt a resolution of your objections or otherwise respond.
- (i) Any interested person may examine the rate filing together with any exhibits and related papers that may be filed at any time at the main office of the Cooperative or on or after the date of filing at the offices of the Commission.
- (j) Further information concerning this filing or the protest procedure may be obtained by contacting Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc. or the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

### Our October Winner is ...

The winner of October's \$100 drawing is **Thomas Carmany**, a member with service in McGaffey.

To be eligible for January's drawing, update the cell phone number AND email address we may or may not have on file for your account. There are three ways to do it:

1. Sign into or create an online account through Continental Divide's digital billing app SmartHub, which is available on our website and through the Apple and Google app sites.
2. Call our Grants or Gallup office with the information, or email it to: memberservices@cdec.coop.
3. Complete and return one (and only one) bill insert we send you requesting your update.

Remember, in April 2023 we plan to activate an **Outage Management System** that will enable us to more efficiently locate and isolate outages, predict their source, prioritize repairs and dispatch crews to provide faster restoration.

Our OMS software will also be capable of notifying you by text message when outages occur and when we expect your power to be restored. You'll be able to text us to report outages and receive other important messages regarding your electric service.