

Rocky Mountain Power requests routine true-up of energy costs

BOISE, Friday, Feb. 4, 2011— Estimated energy costs are just one component of an electricity bill. These costs are primarily the fuel Rocky Mountain Power uses to generate electricity and the electricity the company purchases from other providers to serve customers. Energy costs are routinely adjusted by Idaho electric utilities to reflect the actual costs to serve customers. Rocky Mountain Power has requested that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission review an energy cost true-up for Dec. 1, 2009 through Nov. 30, 2010.

Rocky Mountain Power keeps energy costs as low as possible by analyzing the best mix of choices for producing safe, reliable electricity. The energy cost true-up ensures that customers pay only the actual costs for the energy used to serve their homes and businesses.

The utility's request, if approved by the commission, would increase residential electric bills 6.1 percent, or approximately \$5 per month for a typical residential home using 839 kilowatt-hours per month. The total amount of the company's request is \$12.8 million. Rocky Mountain Power has requested the true-up take effect on April 1, 2011.

"Energy costs are a large portion of the cost of providing electric service to customers and tend to vary more rapidly than other costs of serving customers," said Karen Gilmore, vice president of Rocky Mountain Power. "These routine true-ups allow the company to either collect rising costs or credit declining costs back to customers in a timely manner after review and approval by regulators. As always, we encourage customers to take advantage of energy savings programs and tips as well as programs to even out fluctuations in monthly bills."

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will study the company's request and must approve the proposed changes before they can take effect. A copy of the company's request is available for public review on both the company's and the commission's websites:

- <http://www.puc.idaho.gov>
- <http://www.rockymountainpower.net/about/rar/iri.html#>

Physical copies of the request are available at the company's offices:

- Rexburg – 25 East Main
- Preston – 509 S. 2nd East
- Shelley – 852 E. 1400 North
- Montpelier – 24852 U.S. Hwy 89

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The proposed increase would result in the following changes:

Overall tariff customers – an increase of 7.4 percent, or \$11.0 million

Residential customers – an increase of 6.1 percent for Schedule 1 and an increase of 7.5 percent for Schedule 36; that would be approximately \$5.03 per month for the average residential home using 839 kilowatt-hours per month under Schedule 1

Irrigation customers (Schedule 10) – 7.9 percent

General service:

Schedule 23/23A – 7.1 percent

Schedule 6/6A – 8.6 percent

Schedule 35 – 11.2 percent

Schedule 9 – 10.9 percent

Schedule 19 – 8.2 percent

Public street lighting

(Schedules 7/7A, 11, 12) – 2.8 percent

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