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FROM THE MANAGER

Transmission Demand & Your Electric Bill: What You Should Know

Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative continues its mission to deliver safe, reliable and affordable power while helping members better understand how electricity is priced. Recent articles have centered around a key concept: wholesale transmission demand.

Wholesale transmission demand costs are paid by Flint Hills REC to have power and energy delivered from generation plants to Flint Hills REC's distribution system. Wholesale transmission demand is the fastest-growing expense component of Flint Hills REC's power bill. Wholesale transmission-related costs now make up 31% of Flint Hills REC's total power bill. Since 2008 we have seen a 225% increase in wholesale transmission demand costs and anticipate this trend to continue.

As we discussed in our July *Kansas Country Living* magazine article, there are several things causing the increase in wholesale transmission demand. Those things include grid

congestion, capacity needs, and infrastructure investments for new transmission needs and replacement of old transmission plant.

The wholesale transmission demand costs are currently billed to you as part of the kilowatt-hour (kWh) energy charge. The proposed rate change will remove the wholesale transmission demand costs from the existing kWh energy charge while adding a Transmission Demand Adjustment component to the bill without raising our members' overall rate. This will allow for more transparency and fairness in how you are billed.

The notice to members on Pages 12B and 12C shows the proposed revenue-neutral rate change that the Flint Hills Board of Trustees will consider in September.



Chuck Goeckel

LABOR Day Office Closing

In observance of Labor Day, our office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

Board to Consider Revenue Neutral Rate Change

The Flint Hills REC Board of Trustees will discuss and vote upon a rate neutral change proposal at their September board meeting. This meeting is open to Flint Hills REC membership and will be held on **SEPT. 15, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.** at the cooperative's office at 1564 S. 1000 Road in Council Grove.

If you are unable to attend or have question, you may call the office at 620-767-5144 or send written comments to Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., P.O. Box B, Council Grove, KS 66846. Members have the right under K.S.A. 66-104d(g) to petition the Kansas Corporation Commission for review of a rate change.

RATE CHANGE EXPLAINED

Over the past four months we have published information in the *Kansas Country Living* magazine about demand and specifically wholesale transmission demand and how that impacts your electric bill. The articles are available on our website at www.flinthillsrec.com.

To more appropriately bill our members, the Flint Hills REC Board of Trustees tasked management to investigate billing transmission costs as a separate line item on the members' monthly electric bill. Currently, wholesale transmission demand costs are billed to you as part of the kilowatt-hour (kWh) energy charge.

To offset the cost of the new Transmission Demand Adjustment charge, an equal cost reduction will occur in the members' kWh energy charge, resulting in a zero, or near zero, overall rate increase to the Flint Hills REC membership. It should be noted that each member uses kWh energy and demand differently, which will result in some members experiencing a decrease in the cost of their monthly electric bill while others may experience an increase.

Transmission demand charges will occur only during the following time frames:

- **SUMMER (JUNE-SEPTEMBER)** — hour beginning noon through hour ending 11 p.m.

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES BY CUSTOMER CLASS			
CUSTOMER CLASS	CURRENT RATE	11/1/2025 CHANGE	PROPOSED NEW RATE
SINGLE PHASE DOMESTIC (SPD RATES 1, 2, 4, 7, 101)			
SINGLE PHASE DOMESTIC (1, 4, 7, 101)			
Customer Charge, \$/mo	\$37.50		\$37.50
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$1.50		\$1.50
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge, \$/kWh			
Winter (Oct.-May)	\$0.11986	\$(0.02738)	\$0.09248
Summer (June-Sept.)	\$0.13486	\$(0.02738)	\$0.10748
SINGLE PHASE DOMESTIC-ELECTRIC (2)			
Customer Charge, \$/mo	\$37.50		\$37.50
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$1.50		\$1.50
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge			
Oct.-May First 1500 kWh	\$0.11986	\$(0.02738)	\$0.09248
Oct.-May Excess	\$0.09379	\$(0.02738)	\$0.06641
June-Sept Energy Charge	\$0.13486	\$(0.02738)	\$0.10748
SINGLE PHASE DOMESTIC-GRANDVIEW PLAZA (5, 501)			
Customer Charge, \$/mo	\$20.00		\$20.00
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$1.50		\$1.50
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge			
Winter (Oct.-May)	\$0.10696	\$(0.03467)	\$0.07229
Summer (June-Sept.)	\$0.12196	\$(0.03467)	\$0.08729
SMALL COMMERCIAL (RATES 11 AND 14)			
SMALL COMMERCIAL (11)			
Customer Charge	\$37.50		\$37.50
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$1.50		\$1.50
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge, \$/kWh			
Winter (Oct.-May)	\$0.10315	\$(0.01260)	\$0.09055
Summer (June-Sept.)	\$0.11815	\$(0.01260)	\$0.10555
SMALL COMMERCIAL LOAD MANAGEMENT (14)			
Customer Charge	\$37.50		\$37.50
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$1.50		\$1.50
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge, \$/kWh			
Charge per kWh	\$0.10404	\$(0.01716)	\$0.08688
IRRIGATION (RATE 19 NON LOAD MANAGEMENT)			
Customer Charge	\$37.50		\$37.50
Horsepower Charge (\$32.50/motor horsepower)	\$32.50		\$32.50
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge			
Winter (Oct.-May)	\$0.16726	\$(0.03245)	\$0.13481
Summer (June-Sept.)	\$0.18226	\$(0.03245)	\$0.14981

- **WINTER (OCTOBER-MAY)** — hour beginning 5 a.m. through hour ending 11 p.m.

Any modifications made to the Power Cost Adjustment will also be rate neutral. The PCA base will be reduced to reflect wholesale transmission costs now billed through the new Transmission Cost Adjustment.

To see how each rate class will change please see the adjacent rate comparisons.

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES BY CUSTOMER CLASS			
CUSTOMER CLASS	CURRENT RATE	11/1/2025 CHANGE	PROPOSED NEW RATE
GENERAL SERVICE LARGE (RATES 21 AND 22)			
Customer Charge			
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$7.60		\$7.60
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge per kWh Summer (June-Sept.)			
First 125 kWh/kW	\$0.12084	\$(0.01143)	\$0.10941
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.11084	\$(0.01143)	\$0.09941
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.09584	\$(0.01143)	\$0.08441
Over 375 kWh/kW	\$0.08584	\$(0.01143)	\$0.07441
Energy Charge per kWh Winter (Oct.-May)			
First 125 kWh/kW	\$0.11584	\$(0.01143)	\$0.10441
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.10584	\$(0.01143)	\$0.09441
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.09084	\$(0.01143)	\$0.07941
Over 375 kWh/kW	\$0.08084	\$(0.01143)	\$0.06941
GENERAL SERVICE LARGE LM (RATE 23)			
Customer Charge	\$8.50		\$8.50
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$8.50		\$8.50
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge per kWh	\$0.08990	\$(0.01473)	\$0.07517
PRIMARY POWER (RATE 26)			
Customer Charge			
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$10.00		\$10.00
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge per kWh Summer (June-Sept.)			
First 125 kWh/kW	\$0.16013	\$(0.00895)	\$0.15118
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.09513	\$(0.00895)	\$0.08618
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.07513	\$(0.00895)	\$0.06618
Over 375 kWh/kW	\$0.06513	\$(0.00895)	\$0.05618
Energy Charge per kWh Winter (Oct.-May)			
First 125 kWh/kW	\$0.15513	\$(0.00895)	\$0.14618
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.09013	\$(0.00895)	\$0.08118
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.07013	\$(0.00895)	\$0.06118
Over 375 kWh/kW	\$0.06013	\$(0.00895)	\$0.05118
COMMERCIAL MASTER METERED-NEW RATE (28)			
Customer Charge	\$750.00		\$750.00
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$10.00		\$10.00
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
Energy Charge per kWh Summer (June-Sept.)			
First 125 kWh/kW	\$0.12084	\$(0.02517)	\$0.09567
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.11084	\$(0.02517)	\$0.08567
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.09584	\$(0.02517)	\$0.07067
Over 375 kWh/kW	\$0.08584	\$(0.02517)	\$0.06067
Energy Charge per kWh Winter (Oct.-May)			
First 125 kWh/kW	\$0.11584	\$(0.02517)	\$0.09067
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.10584	\$(0.02517)	\$0.08067
Next 125 kWh/kW	\$0.09084	\$(0.02517)	\$0.06567
Over 375 kWh/kW	\$0.08084	\$(0.02517)	\$0.05567
COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS (RATE 33)			
Customer Charge	\$228.00		\$228.00
Distribution Demand Charge per kW	\$10.89	\$(2.43)	\$8.46
Transmission Demand Adjustment		Actual Cost/Month	Actual Cost/Month
CP Winter Demand	\$12.64		\$12.64
CP Summer Demand	\$18.05		\$18.05
Energy Charge per kWh	\$0.07000		\$0.07000
POWER COST ADJUSTMENT (PCA)			
PCA Rate Base	\$0.08010	\$(0.02436)	\$0.05574
The proposed change to the PCA is to remove all wholesale transmission costs, that are subject to the Transmission Demand Cost Adjustment, from the PCA formula. The reduction listed above is equal to test year 2024 actual costs and helps maintain a near zero net change in overall costs charged to Flint Hills REC members.			

FLINT HILLS REC FUELS GROWTH OF STUDENT LEADERS AT COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

DREWE MORGAN

representing Flint Hills REC, recently participated in the 48th Annual Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp (CYLC) held July 11-17 near scenic Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The camp brought together 77 high school student leaders from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming, sponsored by 45 electric and agriculture cooperatives.

Morgan was selected by Flint Hills REC because of his exemplary leadership skills, academic excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities, and strong character as demonstrated in his application. The competition was comprised of a test and interview to determine the winner.

Throughout the weeklong camp, students gained hands-on experience in cooperative business operations by forming and managing a mock candy cooperative. They elected a board of directors, appointed a general manager, created committees, and held daily membership meetings, mirroring the real-world structure of member-owned cooperatives. Educational sessions covered leadership development, conflict resolution, and co-op career opportunities. Highlights included electric safety demonstrations by cooperative linemen, a live raptor presentation from HawkQuest, and a tour of the Craig Power Station.

CYLC offered more than just professional growth opportunities; it fostered a sense of camaraderie and adventure. Students explored the natural beauty of Mount Werner, experienced the charm of downtown Steamboat Springs, and braved the rapids of the Colorado River on a rafting trip. Recreational highlights included a volleyball tournament, swimming, a talent show and a dance.

"I was affected by the safety presentation due to the amount of educational learning and the presentation itself," Morgan said.

"The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp is a meaningful way to invest in the future of our communities," said Travis Griffin, member services manager at Flint Hills REC. "We're proud to support opportunities like this that help young people grow as leaders, build confidence, and bring those skills back home to make a difference."

Flint Hills REC sponsors the trip for one student each year. For more information about this camp and other youth programs, contact our office at 620-767-5144 or visit www.flinthillsrec.com/youth-tour.



Drewe Morgan represented Flint Hills REC at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in July.

Sharing Success Program

Flint Hills REC, in partnership with CoBank, is proud to give back to the communities we serve through CoBank's annual Sharing Success Program.

Each year, Flint Hills REC joins forces with CoBank to select up to four qualifying 501(c)(3) organizations to receive a \$2,000 contribution. These grants are part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening and supporting local initiatives.

This year's recipients include **CORE COMMUNITIES**, serving Marion, Herington, and Alta Vista, as well as the **KANSAS 4-H FOUNDATION**, which will use the funding to provide scholarships for 4-H students across the Flint Hills REC service area.

The Sharing Success Program is open for applications every spring. If you know an organization that would benefit from the Sharing Success Program they can apply next spring through our website at www.flinthillsrec.com or call our office at 620-767-5144.



TOP LEFT, FROM LEFT: Alta Vista CORE Community representatives Amber Jones and Jocelynn Dagosta receive a Sharing Success check from Travis Griffin, member services manager at Flint Hills REC.



TOP RIGHT: Travis Griffin (center), member services manager at Flint Hills REC, presents a check to Herington CORE Community representatives Chardy Magnett and Kevin Bayes.



BOTTOM LEFT: Marion County CORE Community representative Tracey Lowe (left) receives a Sharing Success grant check from Flint Hills' Member Services Manager Travis Griffin.



BOTTOM RIGHT: The Kansas 4-H Foundation will use the funding to provide scholarships for 4-H students. Rock Springs Ranch Executive Director Garrett Johnson (left) receives a Sharing Success grant check from Flint Hills' Member Services Manager Travis Griffin.

YOUR SAFETY MATTERS

BE PREPARED THIS HARVEST SEASON!

Your electric cooperative reminds all farmers and farm workers to have a safe harvest season.



LOOK UP AND LIVE

Always be aware of overhead power lines when operating tall equipment like grain augers and combines.



KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

If your equipment contacts a power line, stay inside the cab and call 911. Only exit if there is immediate danger like a fire. If you must exit, jump clear without touching any part of the equipment, and hop away keeping feet together.



KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

As you work, be aware of overhead power lines. Always maintain at least 20 feet of clearance from power lines and electrical equipment.