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# NEWSLETTER

**Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative**

**May 2011**

## ANOTHER RATE ADJUSTMENT

**O**n May 1st Chippewa Valley Electric is receiving a 4.5% wholesale electric increase. We did our 2011 Budget expecting an increase. The budget indicated a retail increase would be needed depending on our electricity sales and the size of the wholesale increase.

So far, electricity sales have been up. Additional sales mean better margins, reducing the need for a retail increase. Additionally, we have taken steps

to reduce operating costs. The Board reviewed the current financials and the budget for the remainder of 2011 and decided only a 1.0% rate adjustment would be necessary. The new rates will go into effect beginning with your May bill.

**Below is a synopsis of what the new rates will be** (the complete rate schedules can be found our website, [www.cvecoop.com](http://www.cvecoop.com)):

	<b>Small Single Phase Rate A</b>	<b>Off-Peak Rate H</b>	<b>Small Three Phase Rate W</b>	<b>Dusk/Dawn Lighting</b>
Monthly Facility Charge	30.30	4.04	50.50	9.60
<b>Summer</b> (June, July, August)				
First 1000 kWhr	.116	.087	.116	
Excess kWhr	.108	.087	.108	
<b>Winter</b> (September-May)				
First 1000 kWhr	.109	.062	.109	
All Other kWhr	.101	.062	.101	
	<b>Medium Peak Alert Rate M</b>	<b>Medium Three Phase Rate X</b>	<b>Large Peak Alert Rate Z</b>	
Monthly Facility Charge	55.55	65.65	95.95	
<b>Summer</b> (June, July, August)				
All kWhr	.068	.078	.068	
<b>Winter</b> (September-May)				
All kWhr	.068	.085	.068	
<b>Demand Charges</b>				
Monthly	6.50	9.50	6.50	
Summer Peak	63.80		63.80	
Winter Peak	29.00		29.00	

# ANNUAL METER READING VERIFICATION

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative uses the Turtle remote meter reading system to read the meters for the monthly billings. However, sometimes the Turtle becomes defective and incorrect readings are reported. So every year, we hire one part-time meter reader to verify the meter reading with the Turtle reading. Beginning in May, we will start verifying readings again.

As in the past, this year Phil Matott has been hired to read and verify our meters. We have our system divided into 26 reading routes which will take Phil the course of the spring, summer and fall to get around. In addition to reading the meter, Phil will look

for hazardous wiring conditions, broken meters and a number of other minor problems. Phil has read meters for us since 1989. He will be driving his personal car, with Chippewa Valley Electric magnetic signs, and he will also be carrying a Chippewa Valley Electric ID if anyone questions who he is or what he is doing.



## IS YOUR CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONER CONTROLLED?

Chippewa Valley Electric is offering a \$25.00 rebate to new participants in our Central Air Conditioning Load Management Program. In order to qualify for the rebate, the member must sign up for the control before June 1, 2011 and their air conditioner cannot be connected to a dual fuel meter.

In addition to the \$25.00 rebate, the member will receive a \$6.00 per month credit during June, July and August.

Air conditioners have a special control strategy that cycles the air conditioner rather than having it shut down for extended periods. This means when we need to control, the air conditioner will be shut down for 15 minutes and then allowed to run for 15 minutes, keeping the inconvenience to the member minimal.

If you would like to receive the rebate and the AC credit, please contact our office for a rebate form or the rebate form can be downloaded from our webpage at [www.cvcoop.com/forms/ACAgreement.pdf](http://www.cvcoop.com/forms/ACAgreement.pdf).

## REMINDER !!

### KEEP YOUR METER ACCESSIBLE!!

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY ELECTRIC CREWS NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR METER TO DO MAINTENANCE OR FOR READING THE METER. PLEASE DO NOT STORE EQUIPMENT OR ANYTHING ELSE AROUND YOUR METER. PLEASE KEEP THE AREA IN FRONT OF AND ALONG SIDE OF THE METER CLUTTER FREE.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (715) 239-6800 OR BY EMAIL AT [CVEC@CVECOP.COM](mailto:CVEC@CVECOP.COM)**

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