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Rates, rates and more rates

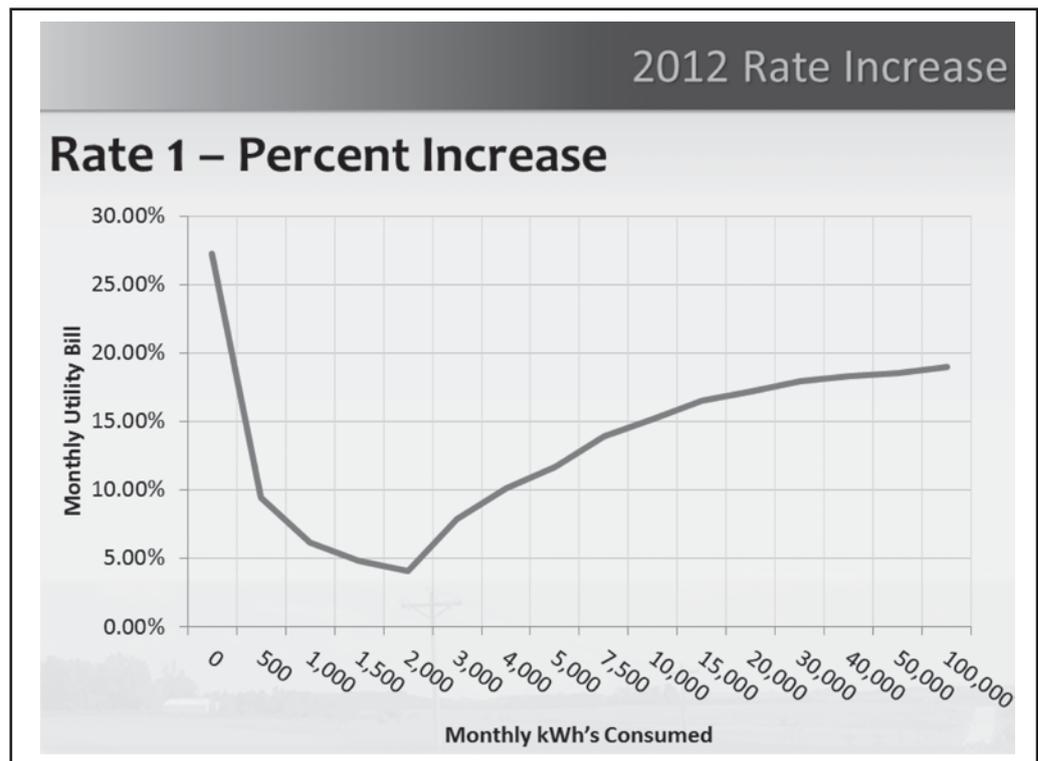
Timing is everything. My guess is that you should be receiving your first bill under the new rates in the next day or two. We have discussed this rate increase with you, the member, for the past four or five months. In early January, every member received a separate mailing from us describing the “drivers” behind the need for the rate increase. Also in early January, I sent out 334 individualized letters to accounts that were projected to receive a relatively high percentage increase. Those letters provided each account with their monthly consumption, billings under rates in effect before the rate increase, billings under the new rates, change in billing and the percentage change in billings.

For all other members we have developed a web application that will provide them

with the same information concerning their rate increase. Please go to our website www.cceci.com and click on the button that looks like a calculator. It will be helpful to have your billing statement available.

For those that don't have access to the internet, a picture may be helpful. The following four graphs demonstrate by rate and kWh the percentage increase you can expect to experience. Once again, it would be helpful to have your billing statement available. You can easily locate your rate number. It is located in the bottom left hand corner of your statement. Your monthly consumption of kWh usage is located in the middle third of your statement toward the right side column entitled “kWh Usage”.

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If you have any questions, please contact the office at 526-7282.

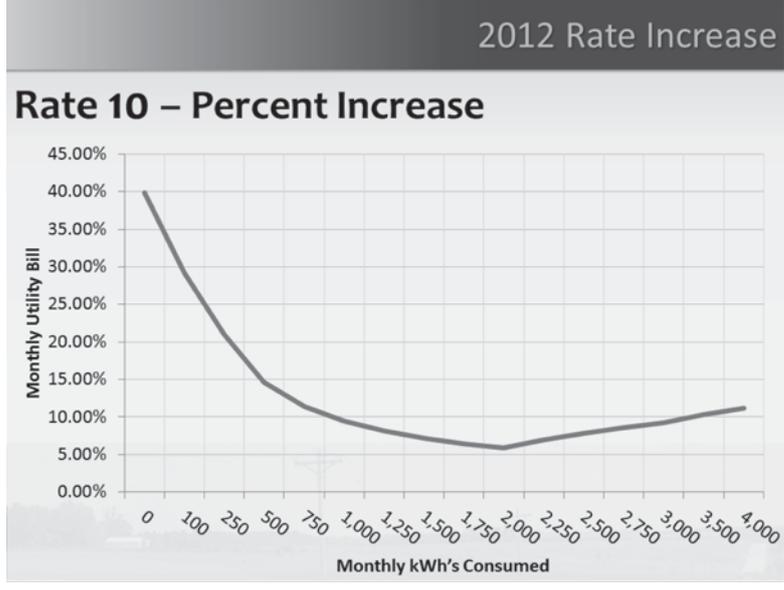
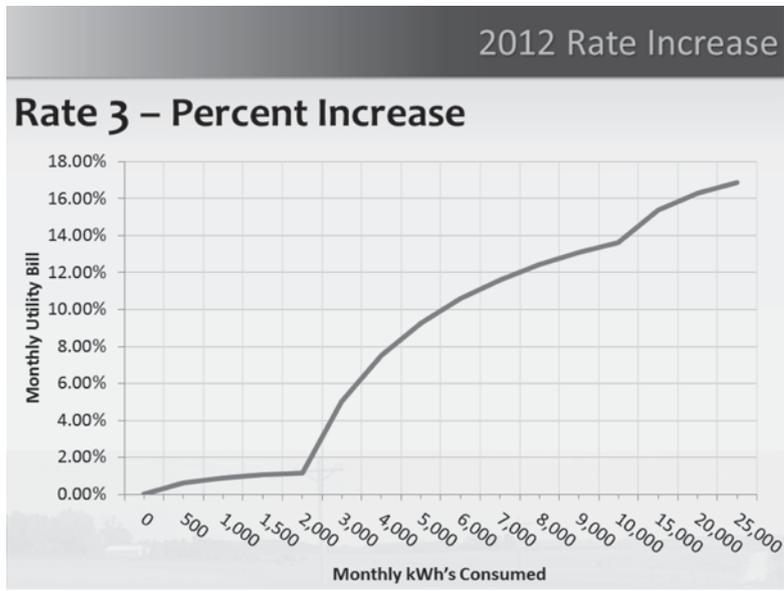
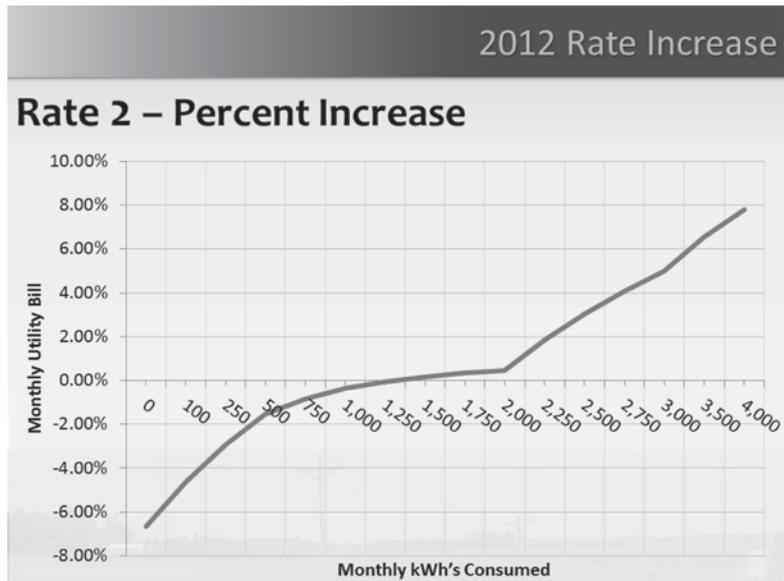
A few reminders: YOUR Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at Central High School located in Breese. Please come to meet Your Trustees, receive a bill credit, and listen to a discussion of the rate increase. Also, effective Jan. 3, 2012 we changed our hours of operation to 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. One last item, when contacting our office during non-working hours, please use 1-800-526-7282 for more efficient phone response.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article, and as always, if you have any questions concerns or comments, please call me or email me at Johnson@cceci.com.

See you on March 15 at YOUR Annual Meeting.



In our continuing efforts to provide our members and communities with superior services, Clinton County Electric is sponsoring the Lite 4 Bite program that began a few months ago. Turn in two or more canned or other non-perishable food items into our office in exchange for a CFL light bulb! A maximum of four bulbs will be given to each membership. The food collected will be distributed to a food bank located in the CCEC service area. Please help us help others!



Your power is out, what to do?

What should you do when you have the misfortune of your power going out?

First, remain calm, and then if possible, check with a neighbor to see if you're the only one in the area without service. If you are, check your electrical box for a tripped circuit breaker or blown fuse. If any breakers are in the "off" position, flip them back to "on". A blown fuse should be replaced with a new fuse of the same amperage. If you are a customer who has their meter on a pole or outbuilding, you likely have a main breaker or fuse below or near your meter as well. In that case, it is necessary to check to make sure that breaker is not tripped or the fuse blown.

If this doesn't solve your problem, or if you've noticed your neighbors are without power too, it is probably time to call Clinton County Electric. Please call 1-800-526-7282 to report your outage. Clinton County Electric personnel staff the phones during

normal working hours (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and our afterhours call center, Cooperative Response Center, answers the phones when we aren't available.

Please be prepared to offer our operator your name and service address. The operator will ask you what time you lost power and to describe the nature of the problem. For instance, you may have noticed a flash of light near the transformer or heard a loud pop before your lights went out. Those are clues that can assist our linemen in their restoration effort.

We are all very dependent on the convenience of electricity, so of course our goal is to restore your service as safely and quickly as possible.

For Extreme Outage and other information, check out our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ClintonCountyElectric.



If your neighbor has electricity, check your electrical box for a tripped circuit breaker or blown fuse.

Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Annual Scholarship Program

For many years, Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. has granted scholarships to students of cooperative member families. We are proud to announce that we will again carry on the tradition and proudly sponsors seven - \$500 scholarships this spring. The Scholarships are given to students based upon criteria set forth by the school they are attending. Please contact the guidance department at the following schools for an application and more details: Carlyle High School, Central High School, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, Mater Dei Catholic High School, Mascoutah High School, Wesclin High School and Kaskaskia College.



Spotlight on Tyler

This month we are spotlighting employee Tyler Koerkenmeier. Tyler joined the cooperative as an apprentice lineman in January of 2009. He will be “busting out” and becoming a journeyman lineman in January of 2012. He is currently working with the overhead line crew. Before beginning his employment, Tyler graduated from North American Lineman Training Center in McEwen, Tenn. Prior to that, he attended Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. Surprisingly, Tyler’s favorite part of his job is climbing poles. He also enjoys the opportunity to meet many of our members and travel around the county. This past October, Tyler married Heather Fix and they currently reside in Breese. Tyler grew up in Damiansville and graduated from Mater Dei Catholic High School in



Tyler Koerkenmeier.

2005. His favorite pastime when he isn't busy repairing power lines is hunting and fishing and, of course, spending time with his new wife, Heather.

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**CCECI 74th Annual Meeting date is
March 15, 2012**

Make plans to attend YOUR 2012 Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012 to be held at Central High School in Breese. Registration will start at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. The recent rate increase along with many other topics will be discussed. Take the opportunity to meet your trustees along with many cooperative employees.