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PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR ACEC'S BYLAWS



We've been working on updating our Bylaws. Many of the proposed changes are to "modernize" our bylaws to make sure they are current with "industry best practices". The most significant change is to reduce the size of the board of directors from 11 to 9. With this change, the board has recommended that two director positions be elected at-large, and seven directors continue to be elected by districts. Along with this, there are changes

that aim to streamline operating and meeting procedures, ensure conformance with current legal requirements, and clarify existing language in the bylaws. All of the changes are intended to keep current with best practices identified in our cooperative industry. To view the proposed bylaw changes please visit our website or the upcoming issues of Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News.

Voting on the adoption of these new bylaws will take place at the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2017. The meeting will take place at the Fine Arts Center, located at the Adams-Friendship High School and will begin at 6:00pm.



This year's **Annual Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, May 16, at 6pm.** The meeting will be held at the Fine Art Center at Adams-Friendship High School. Additional details can be found on our website and in upcoming publications.

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UNDERSTANDING RATE CHANGES

On January 25, 2017, Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors approved a very small rate increase that will go into effect on April 1, 2017. Member feedback consistently tells us that you prefer smaller incremental rate adjustments to larger but less frequent changes. That is precisely the approach taken with this rate increase. This slight increase in the facility charge will soften the rate increase that our financial forecast indicates will be necessary in 2018-2020.

Beginning on April 1, the facility charge for all residential and seasonal accounts will be billed at a daily rate of \$1.08. For most ACEC members, the rate increase will be a five-cent-per-day increase in the facility charge. This rate increase will have no effect on the energy rate. For residential and seasonal accounts the energy rate will be unchanged at 10.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

For most ACEC members, this is the extent of the effects of the rate increase. Other areas being adjusted include irrigation rates where increases are being phased in over a multi-year period, and an adjustment of seasonal date changes for time-of-day rates. Our renewable rate has been simplified. Changes are also being made to some commercial service rates, and rates for time-of-day electric space heating. All of these adjustments are the result of our continued efforts to achieve rate equity among our rate classes in accordance with the recommendations from the most recently completed cost of service study done by the Prime Group, Inc.

Even with this small rate increase, ACEC's residential rate compares favorably with rates charged by neighboring electric cooperatives and investor-owned utilities. We continuously look for ways to minimize the effect rising costs have on our Member's rates. For a comparison of last year's rates to 2017's, please visit our website.

2017 ACEC BOARD APPROVED RATES

New TOD seasonal times: On-Peak: November 1st- April 30th, 5pm-8pm. May 1st- October 31st, 1pm-8pm. Monday - Friday, except holidays. Off-Peak: All other hours.

Old Rate Structure			New Rate Structure	
Rate Schedule	Facility Charge	Energy	Facility Charge	Energy
Residential, Residential TOD*	\$1.0288/day		\$1.08/day	
Dairy Farm	\$1.0288/day		\$1.08/day	
Electric Heat TOD (off-peak rate)		\$0.0525		\$0.061
Commercial	\$1.65/day		\$2.00/day	
Commercial TOD	\$1.91/day		\$2.00/day	
Large Power	\$65/month		\$68/month	
Large Power TOD	\$81/month		\$85/month	

*Time-of-Day (TOD)

IRRIGATION RATES

Old Rate Structure			New Rate Structure	
Rate Schedule	Facility Charge	Demand PS/ Distribution	Facility Charge	Demand PS/ Distribution
Irrigation No Control (M)	\$100/month	\$33.00	\$110/month	\$34.00
Irrigation 12 Hour Control (N, P)	\$100/month	\$0.00/\$8.70	\$110/month	\$0.00/\$9.70



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