

RENVILLE-SIBLEY COOPERATIVE POWER ASSOCIATION

Policy No. 312

Electric Heat

(Uncontrolled Discounted Rate)

Objective

To implement the Basin Electric Special Heat Rate, hereinafter called Electric Heat Rate for all Cooperative consumers.

Policy Content

A. Availability:

All Cooperative consumers that meet the following criteria shall be billed for energy furnished to electric heating installations at the rate established by this policy:

1. To qualify, the electric heating equipment must be classified and rated by the manufacturer as hard-wired electric heat. This may include electric resistance heating equipment, a heat pump system, and/or an in-floor heating system in a residence or commercial building permanently connected to premise wiring. Any combination of equipment may be used. Installations shall have a combined aggregate demand rating of 3 kW to qualify for this rate.
2. The electric heating installation must be separately metered for energy usage. All eligible energy submitted for the electric heating under this policy must be measured by a meter that records the amount of energy consumed for the purpose of space heating. In the case of equipment designed for both heating and cooling, such as a ground source or air-to-air heat pump, the same metering equipment used for recording energy for the Controlled Air Conditioning Rate may be used for recording energy used for the Electric Heat Rate. The Cooperative will arrange for installation of metering equipment without charge, provided the Cooperative Contracted Electrician is utilized for installation. No reimbursement will be made for metering equipment installations not performed by the Cooperative Contracted Electrician. Consumers who choose to have metering equipment installed by someone other than the Cooperative Contracted Electrician shall provide an inspection affidavit and will be billed actual incurred cost for any electrical inspection fees. Cooperative personnel shall be allowed access to the metering equipment for maintenance, meter reading and meter testing purposes.
3. The Electric Heat Rate is not subject to load control.

4. Consumer accounts utilizing the Cooperative's controlled rates do not qualify for the electric heat discount rate. However, any consumer may utilize the rebate program for the purchase of heating equipment provided the equipment meets the qualifications of the rebate program.
5. Consumers who meet the qualifications and choose the Electric Heat Rate are required to remain on the rate for twelve (12) consecutive months. Should the consumer elect to discontinue this rate prior to twelve (12) months, the actual cost of labor, equipment, materials, and applicable taxes associated with metering equipment installation will be transferred to the consumer. Should the consumer choose the option to discontinue they will be ineligible for this rate for twelve (12) months. The Cooperative reserves the right to make an exception to this requirement if unforeseen circumstances force a major change to the operation.
6. Charges incurred due to changes of existing metering equipment, such as temporary removal to facilitate construction, or permanent relocation of existing equipment will be the responsibility of the consumer.

B. Rates:

The current applicable rates shall be listed on Schedule B – Rates.

C. Monthly Minimum Charge:

The current applicable charge shall be listed on Schedule B – Rates.

D. Billing Method:

The Cooperative shall read the meter on or near the 1st day of each month with the usage included on the power bill mailed in conjunction with this location. The Cooperative shall calculate and mail the power bill to the consumer on or before the 16th day of the month. Payment will be due and payable by the 3rd of the next month unless the 3rd falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the bill will then be due and payable on the following regular business day.

E. Terms of Payment:

If the current monthly bill is not paid or postmarked before midnight of the 3rd of each month or the first business day after the 3rd if it falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, a late payment special handling charge of 1.5% monthly (18% annually) or \$1.00, whichever is greater, shall be applied to the account.

F. Taxes:

The Cooperative shall access the State of Minnesota sales and use tax as applicable to the monthly billing.

G. Meter:

The Cooperative will provide, read, and maintain the demand interval and energy recording device.

Responsibilities

The CEO and assigned Leadership Team Member shall be responsible for implementing rates and routinely reporting to the Board as to the need to adjust rates to account for changes in cost or strategic initiatives.

Review

This policy and rate covered under this policy are subject to annual review.



Chair



Secretary/Treasurer

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