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The board meets the fourth Monday of each month at the co-op office.

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Rate Adjustment Ensures Long-Term Stability

As a member-owned utility, you are not just customers—you are owners. Every decision we make is with your best interests in mind.

Bonneville Power Administration, our wholesale power supplier, has announced a 28% rate increase effective Oct. 1, 2025. Because BPA provides most of the power we distribute, this increase directly affects our costs. It is one of the largest wholesale hikes we have ever seen, and it comes at a time when material and supply costs have also risen sharply—in some cases, more than 100%.

After much discussion and careful consideration, your board of directors has approved a rate adjustment for all rate classes. This increase will appear on your November billing, which will include use from October. The new residential energy charge is \$0.0899 per kilowatt-hour. For an average household using 1,300 kWh and 10 kW each month, the bill will increase by \$16.77, or 11.36%. There are no changes to the demand charge or facilities charge.

The decision was not made lightly. The board understands how difficult any increase is, and has the fiduciary responsibility to ensure the financial health of your cooperative while keeping rates fair and stable for all members.

There is some good news: BPA has signaled no additional wholesale increases are expected until October 2028. That gives us a window of stability, and Midstate will work diligently to keep our new rates in place for the next several years.

We must acknowledge certain events remain outside of our control. A major wildfire, ice storm or other catastrophe could force reevaluation. But our intent is clear: We will hold the line on rates unless unforeseen events make change unavoidable.

This increase is spread across all rate classes, ensuring no single group carries the entire burden. Every member is affected, and every member contributes to maintaining the cooperative's strength.



While not universally popular, the demand charge implemented in January has proven essential in offsetting rising costs. Without it, our rates today would be approaching 12 cents per kilowatt-hour. By taking that step early, the board helped soften the blow of this year's BPA increase.

We take seriously the responsibility of stewardship—of our system, our finances and our shared future. The board must meet equity and financial goals required by our lenders, but those goals also ensure Midstate remains strong, reliable and resilient. Every dollar is managed with care, and every decision is made to balance today's needs with tomorrow's stability.

MEC is committed to operating as efficiently and frugally as possible. Every effort is made to stretch each dollar and deliver safe, reliable power at the lowest possible cost. We are not driven by profits or shareholders, but by service to our member-owners.

We cannot control wholesale power costs, but we can stay proactive, be transparent and put members first in every decision. Thank you for your continued support of Midstate Electric Cooperative.

Jim Anderson
CEO/General Manager

*"Facts are stubborn things."
—Ronald Reagan*