

Notice – Empire Electric Association, Inc.
Residential – Single Phase, General Service – Single-Phase, Irrigation – Single-Phase, and Power Cost Adjustment
Clause Tariff Updates
Effective January 1, 2017

Empire Electric Association is proposing changes to its Residential – Single-Phase, General Service – Single-Phase, Irrigation – Single-Phase, and Power Cost Adjustment Clause rate tariffs. The proposed changes are scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2017.

Grammatical and formatting changes are suggested for each tariff mentioned above. These changes are meant to bring consistency to the format and clarity to the language of each. Increases to the Grid Access Charges of the single phase Residential, General Service, and Irrigation tariffs are also proposed. The Grid Access Charge is meant to reflect Empire’s costs to establish and maintain a member’s access to the power grid, regardless of the amount of energy used. The proposed changes are as follows:

Rate Class	Present Grid Access Charge	Proposed Grid Access Charge
Residential - Single Phase	\$30.73	\$32.00
General Service - Single Phase	\$30.65	\$32.00
Irrigation - Single Phase	\$30.70	\$33.00

At the November 11, 2016 board meeting, the Empire board of directors considered the 2017 budget as well as the cost of service study and approved these increases.

This will mark the first time since 2013 that these rate classes have seen a general rate increase. Raising rates is never a popular decision nor is it ever something our board desires to do. However, as our costs rise, rate increases become necessary. As a member-owned cooperative, Empire strives to keep rates low while providing excellent member service. The updated Grid Access Charges will allow Empire to earn a 3.78% rate of return on the Residential – Single Phase rate class, 3.99% on the General Service – Single Phase, and 1.53% on the Irrigation – Single Phase. Each of these rates of return is significantly less than the investor-owned utility average.

For any questions about this notice and/or the changes in the tariffs, please contact Josh Dellinger, General Manager or Mary Thiesing, Corporate Operations Manager at (970)565-4444 or toll free at 1-(800)709-3726.

Copies of all tariffs are on file at Empire’s office at 801 North Broadway, Cortez, Colorado. These are available for inspection during regular business hours.

Anyone who desires to comment about the proposed changes may file a written comment to Empire at 801 North Broadway, P.O. Box K, Cortez, Colorado, 81321, at least 10 days before the proposed effective date.

The cooperative may hold a hearing to determine what final changes will be authorized. The changes ultimately authorized may or may not be the same as those proposed. Anyone who desires to receive notice of the hearing is required to make a written request at the above address at least 10 days before the proposed effective date.