



Kilowatt Korner

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› SIGN UP FOR BUDGET BILLING

With inflation on the rise and the overall cost of living seemingly through the roof, managing the cost of necessities can be enough to push you over the edge. Although WREA works to balance electric rates in an ever-changing economy, inflation and supply chain challenges have affected the utility world as well. WREA is committed to working with members who need to arrange for a payment plan and can help consumers apply for energy assistance through LEAP (Low-income Energy Assistance Program) and Energy Outreach Colorado. Most importantly, we offer tools to help members be proactive in managing electric bills on a tight budget.

While the concept is not a new one, budget billing is an often-overlooked tool to help consumers gain control of fluctuating utility bills that could add financial stress during winter months. Budget billing is not a discount program but can offer members the convenience of a more predictable bill- regardless of the season.

The program is relatively simple, and an option for all members who have 12-months of a consumption history at a residence. WREA calculates the previous 12 months of consumption and divides that amount by 12 to come up with an average. That average becomes your monthly payment for the next 11 months (July-May). You'll receive your regular monthly statement showing your actual charges for the month so that you can remain energy conscious and aware of your usage. Each June we "settle up", at which time you would pay any actual charges remaining. If we've done the math correctly, and your consumption has not changed dramatically, it should be close to the budget amount you've become accustomed to paying. In the end, you will never pay for more electricity than you use.

We welcome you to join the program and can calculate your anticipated budget payment upon your request. Please contact WREA at 970-878-5041 or email customerservice@wrea.org for more information or to sign up.

› WIN TRI-STATE'S PHOTO CAPTION CONTEST

In the spirit of budgeting, how does FREE sound? Beginning March 7th, and continuing for four weeks, Tri-State G&T will be hosting a photo caption contest on Facebook. Winning entries will be awarded an outdoor electric power tool (snow blower, weed trimmer, leaf blower, lawn mower) and WREA members are eligible to participate- and WIN. Winners will be selected based upon creativity of the caption. Be sure to like and follow WREA's Facebook page (@wreaco) for more details in the coming weeks.



› LET'S GO, COWBOYS!

Best of luck to the Meeker wrestling team as they head to the State Championship this weekend in Denver. This community is inspired by the team's hard work and dedication, and we are excited to see you each light up on the big stage. Good Luck and go get 'em!