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News

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Sac Osage Directors Pass 2020 Budget With No Rate Increases

Year after year it seems the cost of everything goes up and up. Any respite from rising prices is good news and the Sac Osage Board is glad to deliver.

With the new rate structure put into place in 2019, Sac Osage has reduced the overall base and peak demand it will pay to its power provider. There are always many factors with electrical usage, weather being number one, but there is every indication that the new rate structure is providing the proper incentive for members to level demand.

Each new year brings new and recurring challenges to build and maintain a reliable electric system. Poles have to be replaced on an ongoing basis. Outdated equipment and service vehicles must be renewed, retired, or replaced. Communications systems have to be maintained. The entire system has to be kept up, so the member on the last mile of line can expect the garage door to go up as they pull into their driveway.

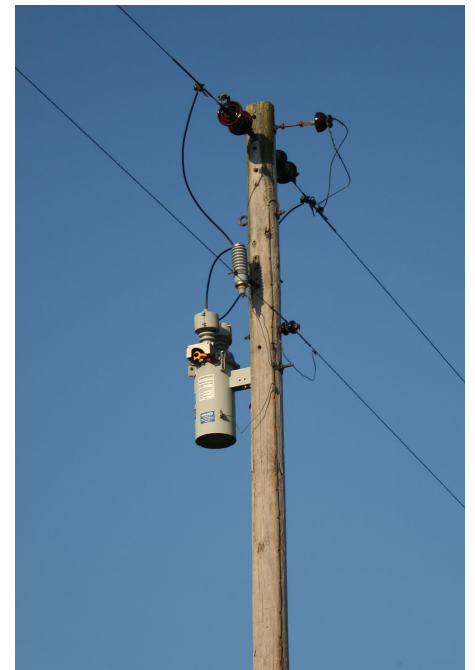
The 2020 budget will continue the cooperative's aggressive fight against brush. An extra contractor crew will be added in 2020 to help clear service line right-of-way from trees that can lead to extended outages. The spraying program will also continue in 2020, moving into the Damascus and Mt. Zion area. Affected members will

be notified by mail prior to contractors spraying in their area.

The budget approved by the Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Board of Directors will balance all these responsibilities and keep the cooperative on solid financial footing with an expected minor reduction in margins from 2019. Service will be reliable. Experienced employees will be available when a member needs assistance. And rates will stay at the same level as last year.



A properly maintained right of way as pictured above will reduce costly and inconvenient outages.





Catch-up Month is Coming for Members on Budget Billing

Account #	Map #	Rate	Bill Type	Board District	Reference	
462400	58 33 007	60	BUDGET	8	RESIDENTIAL/SM CMRCL	
Date Meter Read	Present Reading	Previous Reading	KWH Used	Mult	Meter #	
1/1/2020	2516	2492	960	40.0000	00669	
Activity Since Last Bill		\$ Amount	Current Bill Information		\$ Amount	
Previous Balance		101.28	BALANCE FORWARD		-64.72	
Payment		-166.00	SERVICE AVAILABILITY		30.00	
Other Adjustments		0.00	ENERGY CHARGES 960 KWH @ 0.062000 /KWH		59.52	
Balance Prior to this Billing		-64.72	PEAK DEMAND 5.120 KW @ 6.36 /KW		32.56	
			OFF-PEAK DEMAND 4.480 KW @ 1.50 /KW		6.72	
			CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT		-182.21	
			TAXES		0.64	
			ACTUAL AR BALANCE		-117.49	
<p>Bill is due upon receipt.</p> <p>To avoid a penalty, PAYMENT MUST BE IN THE OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE 25TH DAY OF EACH MONTH. If you are mailing your payment, please allow sufficient mail delivery time.</p> <p>If payment is not received by the 5th of the following month, your account will be subject for disconnection. YOU WILL RECEIVE NO FURTHER NOTICE.</p> <p>Please see the back of this bill for further information about our delinquent account disconnect policy.</p>			<p>PEAK HOURS ARE 6-9 AM AND 4-7 PM. ALL OTHER TIMES ARE OFF PEAK HOURS.</p> <p>Budget Bill</p>			
			Drafted On	01/21/2020	Total Due	166.00
Please add 10% to current month's charges if paying after the 25th.						

Members who are on the budget billing plan are coming up on a milestone month. The April bill that they will receive in May is the catch-up month. This means that in the event there was more usage than expected in the last year, they will have to “catch-up” to that amount.

Each month members on budget billing pay a levelized amount based on their prior usage history. Those who use more energy in the summer to cool their house will see those bills lowered while the other seasons may be a little higher than normal to compensate. By doing this the member has a budgeted amount that keeps their electricity bill steady.

Members on the budget billing program do not pay a different rate than other members. If their actual bill amount fluctuates from their prior year, they will either have a credit on the April bill, or they will have to pay extra to get to the true amount based on their electric rates.

Each month members on budget

billing receive a bill that shows the budgeted amount due. The Total Due box in the example above shows this amount. The bill also includes how much the member is ahead or behind for the year compared to the real billing amount for electricity used. This line is circled in the example above. A negative ACTUAL AR BALANCE line means the member has paid ahead and can expect a reduced April bill. A positive ACTUAL AR BALANCE line means the budgeted monthly amount was less than what was actually used for the year, and the member will have to make up that difference. Budget billing members seeing a positive ACTUAL AR BALANCE this month, may want to pay a little more than their budgeted amount due to avoid having to pay it all at once during the catch-up month.

Of course most members on budget billing should see a number close to \$0.00 as we approach the catch-up month. Any member interested in signing up for budget billing can con-

tact the Cooperative offices to fill out a simple form. More information is available at www.sacosage.com/content/budget-billing.



Don't forget to “bee” taking pictures in all seasons for our 2021 Calendar Contest. Winners will appear in next year's calendar and receive a credit on their electricity. Submission details can be found at www.sacosage.com.