

■ It's Co-op Month

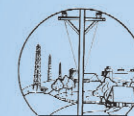
Commitment to community is reason to celebrate.. **PAGE 2**

■ Hurricane Help

ECE crews head to Georgia to help victims of Hurricane Irma. **PAGE 3**

■ Sauteed Apples

Enjoy a cinnamon-inspired recipe featuring fall apples. **PAGE 4**



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Know *the Flow*

How transmission costs play a role in January PCA increase.

Following an increase in wholesale power rates from East Central Electric's Vinita-based power supplier KAMO, co-op rates will increase by 5.5 percent in January. This increase is due, in part, to rising transmission expenses.

“The increase in KAMO’s rates has already taken effect, but the cooperative board of trustees voted to absorb the increase for as long as possible,” explains Tim Smith, general manager of East Central Electric (ECE).



With system growth, comes the need for improvements. Over the previous 15 years, KAMO invested over a half billion dollars in new transmission infrastructure and improvements. They also use other utility companies’ transmission systems to deliver electricity and those costs have escalated substantially and now must be recouped.

Smith explained that transmission costs make up 3.5 percent of the 5.5 percent rate increase that members will see in the power cost adjustment (PCA) on their bill. That increase will amount to an average of four dollars every month.

To aid with the bill increase, Smith suggests members take advantage of the cooperative’s free home energy audits and rebate programs as well as visiting the ECE webpage at www.ecoec.com for energy saving information and links.

Even with the increase, ECE members enjoy some of the lowest electric rates in the state and nation.

POWER COST FACTS

- Wholesale power costs appear as the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) on your electric bill.
- The PCA varies because of fluctuations in demand and the price of fuels such as natural gas and coal used to generate electricity.
- Revenue collected through the PCA is paid in full to ECE’s power supplier.
- The PCA will increase 5.5 percent in January due to the rise in generation and transmissions expenses.

operation roundup **update**

Operation Roundup funds support local charitable organizations, civic groups, youth programs, community services, and needy families and individuals. For more information on this voluntary bill roundup program, please visit www.ecoec.com.

Figures to date:

Applications reviewed.....	920
Applications granted.....	633
Applications denied.....	272
Applications tabled.....	19
Scholarships awarded.....	\$190,000

Total Disbursements.....\$1,493,171.78

Average member contribution.....44¢



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