

Power Talk

McCone Electric Co-op, Inc. Newsletter

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



McCone Electric Cooperative To Pass-Through Basin Electric Power Cooperative Rate Increase

Beginning November 1, 2011, a rate increase will be in effect for McCone Electric's members. This rate increase is simply a "Wholesale power cost pass-through", brought on by Basin Electric Power Cooperative raising our wholesale power cost.

This increase of approximately 2.7 percent per rate category will be applied to your November usage, which will be reflected on your December bill which you receive around the end of December.

The Board of Directors approved the new rate at the September Board meeting. There is no change in the monthly base charge for any rate class of consumers.

The new single phase residential rate will be \$0.1043 per kwh for the first 2,000 kwh. New rate cards are being printed and will be mailed out with your December bill, which you will receive the first of January. Rate cards are also available on request at the cooperative's office.

Yard lighting and street lighting services will not be increased at this time.

The Electric heat rate has been increased to \$0.0540 per kwh, but will not go into effect until January 1, 2012. The cooperative's heat rate is still a great buy when compared to other fuel alternatives.

Residential

Base Charge:	.....	\$25.00/ Month
Energy Charge:	First 2,000 kwh... @	10.43¢/kwh
	Next 2,000 kwh @	9.03¢/kwh
	Over 4,000 kwh @	7.48¢/kwh

Small Commercial—Single Phase

Base Charge:	.....	\$25.00/Month
Energy Charge:	First 2,000 kwh.... @	10.43¢/kwh
	Next 2,000 kwh @	7.58¢/kwh
	Over 4,000 kwh @	6.78¢/kwh

Three Phase Service

Base Charge:	.....	\$40.00/Month
Demand Charge:	.....	\$17.61 per kw
Energy Charge:	First 15,000 kwh..... @	5.43¢/kwh
	Over 15,000 kwh @	4.48¢/kwh

Annuals

Base Charge:	.....	\$300 per Year
Energy Charge:	First 6,000 kwh.... @	10.78¢/kwh
	Over 6,000 kwh @	7.28¢/kwh

Irrigation

Base Charge:	.....	\$40.00/Month
Demand Charge:	.....	\$14.56 per kw
Seasonal Horse Power Charge	.....	\$16.56per HP
Energy Charge:	First 2,500 kwh..... @	4.93¢/kwh
	Over 2,500 kwh @	3.78¢/kwh

Yard Lighting Service

175 Watt Mercury Vapor	.....	\$8.00/Month
400 Watt Mercury Vapor	.....	\$12.25/Month
100 Watt High Pressure Sodium	.....	\$7.70/Month
250 Watt High Pressure Sodium	.....	\$11.50/Month

Street Lighting Service

175 Watt Mercury Vapor	.....	\$8.00/Month
400 Watt Mercury Vapor	.....	\$12.25/Month
100 Watt High Pressure Sodium	.....	\$5.95/Month
150 Watt High Pressure Sodium	.....	\$7.60/Month
200 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$8.35/Month

Electric Heat Rate

Energy Charge:	All kwh.....	@5.40¢/kwh
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<http://mcconeelectric.coop>

McCone Electric's website

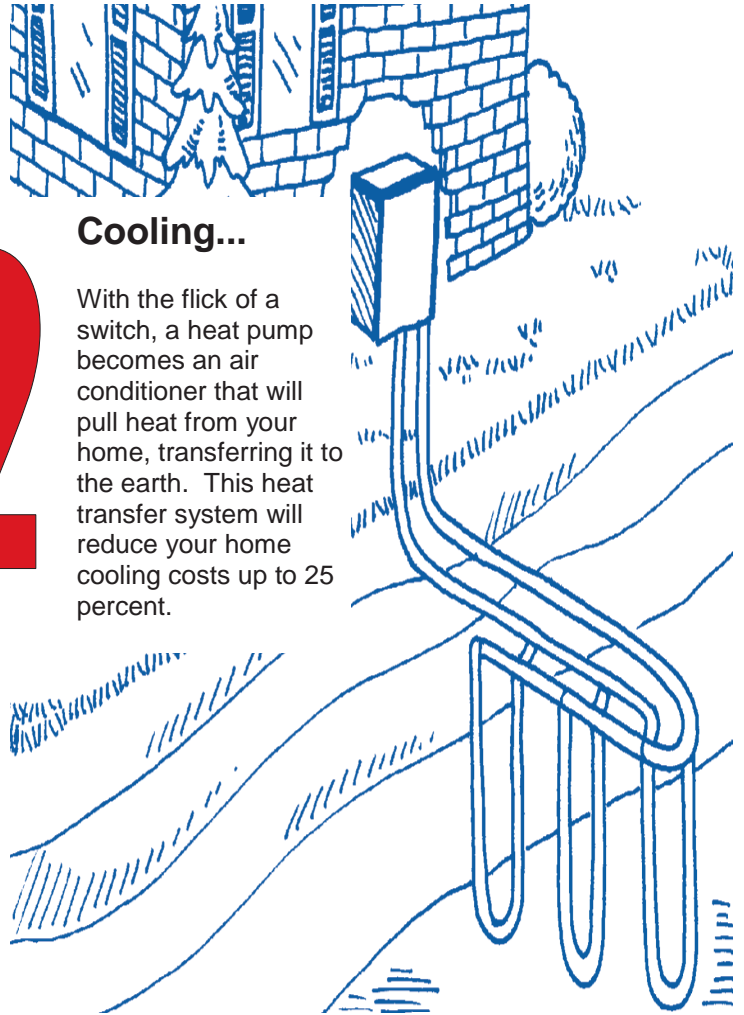
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Five good reasons you should install a Ground Source Heat Pump

Heating...

1

A ground source heat pump is a heating, cooling and hot water system designed to tap the natural energies of the earth. They pull heat from the earth to warm your home in the winter. This natural heating system can cut your costs by as much as 60 percent.



Cooling...

2

With the flick of a switch, a heat pump becomes an air conditioner that will pull heat from your home, transferring it to the earth. This heat transfer system will reduce your home cooling costs up to 25 percent.

Hot water...

3

A ground source heat pump is so efficient it can use excess heat from its heating and cooling operation to heat water for household use. Depending on the season, a heat pump can provide your home with hot water free or at a very low cost.

Money...

4

With your ground source heat pump, you will receive up to \$3 worth of heating or cooling for every dollar spent on electricity. Savings will continue year after year.

No gas, flame or fumes...

5

Safe, clean electricity powers a heat pump. You'll never have to worry about fumes, gas leaks, or flames again. Ground source heat pumps are the clean alternative for year-round comfort and convenience.

Stockwells / Cabins

All stockwell/cabin meter readings must be in McCone Electric's office by November 15, 2011.



A \$50.00 charge will be added to each meter that the co-op has to read. Please double check your meter reading after recording it on the meter reading request card.

Thank You

County Fair Happenings

Recently at the McCone County Fair, McCone Electric's fair booth was visited by a two-headed girl..

She was friendly and chatty. Although she didn't stay long, we managed to get a picture of her.

Rumor has it that she was seen roaming throughout the fair grounds.

Oddly enough, Nicole Sikveland in the background is holding a three eared cat. Talk about a strange set of events.

(left to right) Julie Kerr and Laney Guldborg



McCone Electric has a variety of Compact Fluorescents on hand, and we have low prices for them

We are stocking 40, 60, 75, 100, 150, 200, 250, and 450 watt equivalent compact fluorescents mini-spiral bulbs for sell to our cooperative members. We also have 40 watt equivalent vanity globe bulbs for bathroom fixtures, and outdoor flood lamps.

An easy way to save on your energy bill is to buy compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs to replace standard incandescent bulbs.

Take advantage of the new lower pricing we are now offering. We have been able to lower prices considerably since we found a cheaper source of supply.



Watts	CFL Incandescent	
	Equiv. watts	Price
9	40	\$2.65
13	60	\$2.65
18	75	\$3.00
23	100	\$3.00
36	150	\$6.25
40	200	\$7.50
55	250	\$11.70
105	450	\$16.50
11 globe	40	\$4.25

What happens when you dial the —Call Before You Dig—number?

There seems to be some confusion amongst the membership concerning the **Call Before You Dig or One Call** (Same number) service. This is the number you call when you want your underground facilities located.

When the cooperative receives a notice from One Call it is given to our operations department. They check our maps to see if we have any underground primary power lines in the vicinity of the request. Primary power relates to our high voltage power lines, either at 7200 volts or 14400 volts. If there is no underground primary power in the area of the request it is tagged "No Action Required" and then is filed away.

On numerous occasions members have called this service to have a locate done for their personal buried wires and have not had McCone Electric respond. The One Call service request only addresses the cooperative's primary power lines. Any buried lines beyond the meter are owned by the consumer and therefore are not the responsibility of McCone Electric. These lines are secondary power lines. Secondary power lines usually run from the meter to the house, barn, stock well, or out buildings.

McCone Electric does locate secondary lines as a free service for our members. But, in order to have a secondary line located you need to personally call the cooperative to make such a request. We ask that you give us at least one week advance notice so it can be fit into our work schedule.

If a locate needs to be done immediately, a fee will be accessed. The hourly rate for locating is \$45.67 per hour and \$.55 per mile. Time is accumulated from the time the person doing the locate leaves the shop until then returns to the shop. It is easy to see that it is in your best interest to give us ample time to locate your underground lines.

McCone Electric assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of located secondary power lines. We are locating a line that we cannot actually see. There are many interferences that may make locating a line difficult. We believe our location markings to be very accurate but, since this is normally a free service and also we have no control of the digging work performed, we do not accept any liability for our service.

Call Before You Dig 1-800-424-5555



To protect property, prevent personal injuries, and avoid lawsuits, call toll free.

Be prepared to pinpoint the location of your dig site with the exact street address, township, range, section and quarter section.

You'll need to describe the type of work to be done and some detail as to where you are working on the site.

Call at least 48 hours before your digging project.

Remember, the number is:

**1-800-424-5555
or 811**

McCone Electric Co-op., Inc.
Office Hours
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays
Telephone 406-485-3430
or toll-free 1-800-684-3605

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Patti Murphy, Pres. Circle, MT
Arne Sutton, V.P. Circle, MT
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Conrad Moline, Treas. Brockway, MT
Dean McCabe Circle, MT
Henry Green Circle, MT
Brent McRae Jordan, MT
Don Bogar Vida, MT
Brent Kluth Vida, MT

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Mike Kays General Manager
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Nichole Sikveland ... Consumer Accts. Supv.
Jennifer Hogan Plant Accountant
Sonja Arnston Payroll/Accts. Payable
Kelsy Solberg Billing Clerk
Donna Lala Cashier / Receptionist
Jack Miles Member Services Director
CJ Reid Member Services Director



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OPERATING REPORT

McCone Electric Co-op., Inc.
Year-To-Date
For Period Ending: July 31, 2011

Total Income	\$4,739,141
G&T Capital Credits.....	\$62,754
Cost of purchased Power	\$1,771,182
Total Operating Cost	\$2,462,969
Total Margins	\$567,744
KWH Purchased	47,149,278
KWH Sold	39,371,479
Meters Billed	5,074
Miles of Line in Service	3,814

The Trouble Reporting Number is
406-485-3430 or 1-800-684-3605
A dispatcher is available to
answer your call at all times

LINE PERSONNEL

CIRCLE / RICHEY AREA

Larry Schmidt Plant Superintendent
Jere Loudon Line Foreman
Dwane Mury Sub Foreman
Ed Crockett Sub Foreman
Dennis Murphy Sub Foreman
Rex Sikveland Sub Foreman
Bryan Becker Lineman
Dane Hanson Apprentice Lineman
Clay Nagle Apprentice Lineman
Scott Becker Meter Technician

JORDAN AREA

Jim Gibson Sub Foreman
Jordan Dasinger Lineman
Jesse Obergfell Apprentice Lineman
Adam Stanton Apprentice Lineman

WINNETT AREA

Ron Heitz Sub Foreman