

# Notice to Ratepayers

JEMEZ MOUNTAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (JMEC) will file a proposed rate and rider, under Advice Notice No. 59, on January 5, 2012 with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (Commission) which will result in an increase to all consumers located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo (Local Consumers). The rate will be Original Rate No. 19 – Access Cost Recovery and the rider will be Original Rate Ride No. 2 – 2011 – 2012 Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo Rate Rider.

Pursuant to Rule 17.9.540 NMAC of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, JMEC's consumers are notified that:

- (a) Advice Notice No. 59 will establish a mechanism for JMEC to recover costs incurred due to a requirement that JMEC make payments to local governments for access expenses. Access expenses are defined as expenses for rights-of-way, easements, leasehold agreements or franchises, except franchises for which charges are recovered pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 62-6-4.5. Local governments are defined as any county, municipality, Native American tribe or pueblo, land grant, or other political subdivision within the Cooperative's service territory. The rider will charge all consumers within the jurisdictional boundaries of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo that receive the benefits of the facilities built and maintained by JMEC.

The objective of the rate and rider are to recover access expenses from consumers whose service requires JMEC to incur the expenses and to avoid charging such expenses to consumers whose service does not require payment for access.

- (b) The rate rider is applicable to all consumers within the jurisdictional boundaries of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo that are provided regular utility service under Rate Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 16, 17 and 18, on file with the Commission and is in addition to the regular charges under the applicable rate schedule. The proposed changes affect an average of 2,510 consumers in the residential classification, an average of 16 residential – time of use consumers, 122 small consumers, 1 small commercial – time of use consumers, 31 large power consumers, 4 municipal and small school consumers, and 13 street and highway lighting consumers.

- (c) The proposed rate rider kWh monthly charge is as follows:

All Applicable kWh sales @ \$.009792/kWh sold

- (d) A comparison of the present rate and proposed rate with rate rider adjustment at various kWh consumption levels is as follows: General Service – Time of Use rate comparison is not included due to the variations in the consumption characteristics of an individual consumer.

## GENERAL SERVICE - RATE 1 (BILLING RATE 1) AND RATE RIDER 2

MONTHLY PRESENT KWH	PROPOSED RATE*	MONTHLY RATE ‡	MONTHLY INCREASE%	MONTHLY INCREASE
0	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 0.00	0.00 %
250	36.64	39.09	2.45	6.69 %
500	60.29	65.19	4.90	8.13 %
750	83.93	91.27	7.34	8.75 %
1000	107.57	117.36	9.79	9.104 %
2000	202.14	221.72	19.58	9.69 %

\*Present and proposed rates are adjusted by \$.013191/kWh due to increases in the cost of purchased power and interest on long term debt above the base costs built into the base rates.

- (e) The Cooperative will promptly notify a member, who so requests, of the date on which the schedule proposing the new rates will be filed with the Commission.
- (f) The proposed new rates will go into effect automatically and without hearing by the Commission unless one percent or twenty five (25) members of any rate class, whichever is less, of JMEC file a protest with the Commission no later than twenty (20) days after JMEC has filed the schedule proposing the new rates and the Commission determines there is just cause for reviewing the proposed rates on one or more of the grounds of the protest.

IF A HEARING IS HELD BY THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION, ANY COSTS INCURRED BY THE UTILITY MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE UTILITY'S FUTURE RATES, FOLLOWING THE UTILITY'S NEXT RATE CASE.

- (g) Procedures for protesting a proposed rate or rates is set forth in NMPRC Rule 17.9.540 NMAC, a copy of which can be obtained upon request from or inspected at either Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., Chama Highway, P.O. Box 128, Espanola, New Mexico 87532 (telephone 505-753-2105 or 1-888-755-2105) or the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, 1120 Paseo De Peralta, PO Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (telephone 505-827 6940 or 1-888-427-5772).
- (h) Prior to filing a protest with the Commission a Cooperative member should attempt to resolve any grievance by presenting your objections to the new rates, in writing, and allow JMEC seven (7) days in which to attempt a resolution of your objections or otherwise respond.
- (i) Any interested person may examine the rate filing together with any exhibits and related papers that may be filed at any time at the main office of the Cooperative or on or after the date of filing at the offices of the Commission.
- (j) Further information concerning this filing or the protest procedure may be obtained by contacting Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., or the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.
- (k) **If you are located within the boundaries of the local government and are a private land owner not subject to the jurisdiction of the local government, please contact the Cooperative to apply for an exemption from the access charges.**