

The Kilowatt COURIER

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HEA Homer Electric
Association, Inc.
A Consumer Energy Cooperative



HEA RATES TO DECREASE

Homer Electric has requested to decrease the Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) from 4.997 cents per kilowatt hour to 3.603 cents per kilowatt hour effective July 1, 2012. The COPA reflects the cost of the fuel used to generate electricity purchased by Homer Electric from Chugach Electric.

The reduction in the COPA represents a decrease of \$8.78 in a residential customer's bill with the usage of 630 kWh in one month. This good news is a result of a decrease in Chugach Electric's fuel cost adjustment beginning April 1, 2012.

Billing Description Change Effective August 2012

The Minimum Energy Charge will have a new name very soon: the *System Delivery Charge*. The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) recently approved the new description which has no impact on the rates or cost of service.

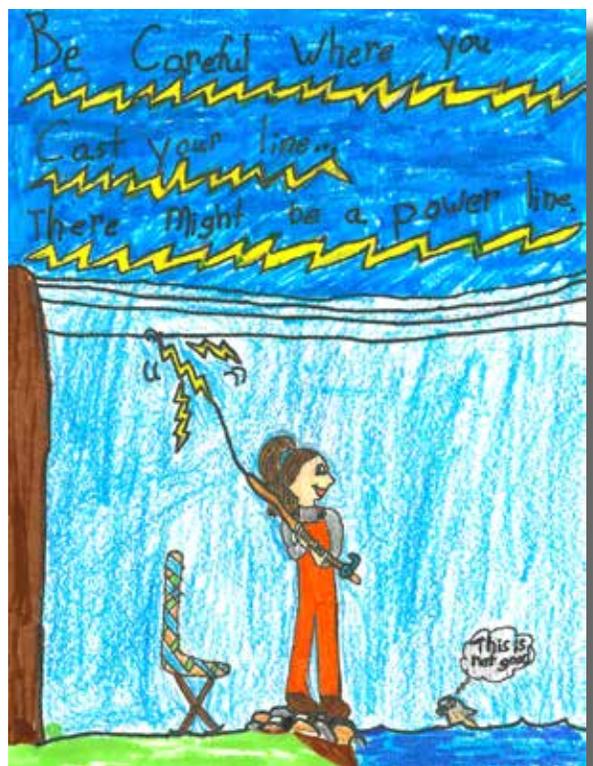
"After launching the minimum energy billing in January 2012, a number of consumers called to say that they thought we could have named it more appropriately," said Brad Janorschke, General Manager 69009002. "So this change is in response to members' feedback and, I believe, is a more accurate description of what the billing represents."

The System Delivery Charge is billed to ensure costs associated with building, operating and maintaining transmission and distribution facilities are recovered equitably from each service location regardless of the amount of energy being used. It applies only to locations that do not meet the monthly minimum requirement within the billing period of 150 kilowatt hours.

PLAY IT SAFE THIS SUMMER

The summer can be a great time of the year, but with added outside activity comes the possibility of accidents. Please keep these electrical safety tips in mind to help ensure a fun-filled and safe summer.

Look up and live! Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal ladders, pruning poles, when installing rooftop antennas and satellite dishes, or doing roof repair work. Take Nia Calvert's advice as depicted in her "Best Safety Message" safety poster at right: Be careful where you cast your line. There might be a power line!



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

If your project includes digging, like building a deck or planting a tree call the Call Before You Dig hotline at 811 before you begin. Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. Call at least three business days ahead of your dig date. This service prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.

HOMER ELECTRIC COMMITTED TO RESPONSIBLE E-RECYCLING



For the sixth year in a row, Homer Electric participated in the Electronics Recycling event held at Spenard Builders Supply in Homer this past April. This year, Homer Electric recycled 1,268 pounds of old computers, laptops, printers and other miscellaneous electronic equipment. The annual recycling event, organized by Cook Inletkeeper, ensures that electronic items that are no longer used or in need are disposed of responsibly and properly instead of being dumped at the 77983002 local landfill. Some electronics can leak toxic chemicals like lead, mercury and cadmium into the air and water when discarded at landfills.

Items accepted include all computers, electronics, batteries, including marine electronics. For a complete list of items that can be recycled, visit Inletkeeper.org/blog/homer-electronics-recycling-event.

HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBERS
Every month three randomly chosen account numbers are hidden in the Kilowatt Courier. If you find yours, call 235-3338 and you'll receive a \$50 credit in your next bill.

CURRENT RESIDENTIAL RATES

As of July 1, 2012

All Residential Customers
Energy charge = 12.759 cents/kWh
System delivery charge = \$19.14
Customer charge = \$15.00

Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA)
3.603 cents per kWh*
(*Subject to change on a quarterly basis.)

See www.homerelectric.com for commercial rates and more details on HEA's rate redesign.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Homer Electric likes to keep its members informed about the financial status of their electric cooperative. Each month in the Kilowatt Courier newsletter there is a brief overview of important financial statistics.

Homer Electric finished the month of April 2012 with a total asset base of \$208 million. Year-to-date operating revenue was \$27.0 million and total cost of electric service (operating expense) was \$25.5 million bringing net operating margins to \$1.5 million through April 30, 2012.

This chart is a breakdown of key financial indicators for 2012 as compared to 2011.

For the Year Ended	April 30, 2012	April 30, 2011
Operating Revenue	\$27.0 million	\$24.3 million
Cost of Purchased Power	\$15.6 million	\$14.1 million
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$25.5 million	\$23.4 million
Operating Margins	\$1.5 million	\$0.9 million
Total Kilowatt Hours Sold	167.5 million kWh	159.1 million kWh
Total Number of Meters	32,284	31,864
Total Miles of Energized Line	2,372	2,362

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WATT'S COOKIN': 4th of July Strawberries

A simple and festive way to celebrate Independence Day from www.itsybitsyfoodie.com.

Strawberries
White chocolate or white chocolate chips
Blue sugar sprinkles

Wash the strawberries and let them dry completely. (If they are still wet, the chocolate will not stick to the berries.) Melt the white chocolate in a double boiler or in the microwave, stirring it occasionally, until it is smooth and runny.

Pour blue sprinkles into another bowl. Dip the strawberries in the white chocolate to cover roughly 2/3 of each berry with white chocolate. Let the excess chocolate drip back into the bowl and wipe away any globs of chocolate at the end of the berry.

Then dip the strawberry into the blue sprinkles to cover roughly the bottom 1/3 of the berry with a blue stripe. Place the dipped strawberries on a baking sheet lined with waxed paper. Place the berries, uncovered, in the refrigerator to harden.

Store leftover berries in the refrigerator in a sealed container. Chocolate-covered strawberries are best when eaten within 1 or 2 days of being made.