

SAFE USE OF ELECTRIC HEATING PRODUCTS ADD WINTER WARMTH

When used properly and safely, electric blankets and other heating devices can help keep you toasty during cold winter months.

Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind for electric blankets and heating pads:

- Purchase items only if they have been approved by an independent testing facility, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Inspect all cords and connections for cracks and frayed edges which are a huge fire and injury hazard. Replace blankets or heating pads with faulty cords and discard your blanket or heating pad if you see dark or charred spots on the surface.
- Do not put another cover on top of an electric blanket unless the safety instructions included in the packaging specifically state it's safe to do so. Some newer models protect against overheating.
- Once your electric blanket or heating pad is switched on, keep it laid flat—a folded device can cause a fire, as can a blanket that's been tucked in (which can bend wires).
- Never use heated bedding while asleep—look for a model with a timer that switches off automatically.

If you choose to use a space heater to supplement your home's heating system, some of the same rules of thumb apply, including purchasing a safety-certified model and reading the included safety instructions. More tips for using space heaters:

- Keep units 3 ft. away from combustible materials—such as bedding, drapes, clothes, and rugs. Space heaters also have parts that can spark, so avoid using them in areas where you store flammable liquids like kerosene and gasoline.
- In general, plugging space heaters directly into a wall outlet is best. If you must use an extension cord, make sure it's the correct type and boasts the right wire gauge size for your particular space heater. Otherwise, use a wall socket that can handle the load.
- Finally, unplug and store the space heater in a safe place when you're not using it.



HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBERS
Every month three randomly chosen italicized account numbers are hidden in the Kilowatt Courier. If you find your account number, call 235-3338 and you'll receive a \$50 credit which will be reflected on your next bill. Thanks for reading!

CURRENT RESIDENTIAL RATES

As of January 1, 2017

All Residential Customers
Energy charge = 14.866 cents/kWh
Customer charge = \$20.00
System delivery charge = \$22.30*
(*if usage is less than 150 kWh)

Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA)
7.373 cents per kWh*
(*Subject to change on a quarterly basis and upon RCA approval.)

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BOARD EXPENSES FOR THIRD QUARTER 2016

The following are board expenses submitted during July through September 2016. However, expenses may have occurred earlier in the year. If you have specific questions about an expense, please contact the board member directly. Contact information for your Board of Directors is listed on the side of the *Kilowatt Courier* and on the HEA website at www.homerelectric.com.

DIRECTOR	AIRFARE	MISC EXPENSE	DIRECTOR FEE	LODGING	MEALS	TRANSP	TRAINING	TOTAL
Kelly Bookey	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dave Carey	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$174	\$0	\$1,174
Dan Chay	\$0	\$19	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19
Bill Fry	\$360	\$0	\$1,750	\$140	\$31	\$246	\$0	\$2,527
Ed Oberts	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$245	\$0	\$1,245
Don Seelinger	\$0	\$6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6
Don Stead	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$347	\$0	\$1,347
David B. Thomas	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dick Waisanen	\$0	\$879	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$175	\$0	\$1,754
TOTAL	\$360	\$904	\$5,450	\$140	\$31	\$1,187	\$0	\$8,072

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Homer Electric finished the month of October 2016 with a total asset base of \$236.9 million. Year-to-date operating revenue was \$76.9 million and total costs were \$73.6 million bringing net operating margins to \$3.3 million through October 31, 2016. This chart is a breakdown of key financial indicators for 2016 as compared to 2015.

Year to Date	October 31, 2016	October 31, 2015
Operating Revenue	\$76.9 million	\$79.9 million
Cost of Purchased Power	\$49.4 million	\$53.7 million
Cost of Electric Service	\$24.2 million	\$24.4 million
Operating Margins	\$3.3 million	\$1.8 million
Total Kilowatt Hours Sold	370.8 million	387.7 million
Total Number of Meters	33,626	33,476

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