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HEA Homer Electric
Association, Inc.
Member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Happy
Thanksgiving
from
our family
to yours!

BE PROACTIVE: PREPARE FOR WINTER

Every electric co-op in the country strives to deliver reliable, consistent service to its members-owners. Unfortunately, Mother Nature can be an electric utility's worst nightmare, especially during the winter months. Take the time to be proactive now, so you are prepared if a prolonged outage strikes.

If your lights go out, here are a few basic steps you can follow:

- Check your electrical panel and main circuit breaker located near your meter. If it has tripped, turn it off and then back on again.
- Check to see if your neighbors have power.
- Call Homer Electric's 24-hour Outage Hotline at 1-888OUTAGE (1-888-868-8243). This will directly forward you to HEA's outage reporting system. It will provide information on known outages and ask you for information on your outage. Please follow all instructions carefully.
- Report the outage location and any bright flashes, explosive noises or trees on the line. These are clues that can help our linemen restore your service.
- Report if there is anyone at the location who is on a life support system.
- For additional information on outages, you can also like us on Facebook for real-time outage and restoration notifications, check 52616002 the HEA website, or listen to local radio stations on a battery-operated radio.
- Have a charged cell phone or a standard phone in the home. A cordless phone won't work during an outage.
- Be sure your computer and sensitive electronic equipment are plugged into a good quality surge protector.

In the event of a prolonged outage or natural disaster, it's always a good idea to have a disaster supply kit prepared. What would you do if basic services such as water, gas, electricity or telephones were cut off?

According to the American Red Cross, there are six basics you should stock for your home: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies, and special items.

For a complete list of how to prepare for emergencies, go to <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies>. The Redcross provides comprehensive information on how to prepare for emergencies such as earthquakes, chemical emergencies, fire, tsunami, wildfires, winter storms and more. 🌱

Be Prepared Before the Storm

Here are some basic items you should store in your home in case of emergency:

- 🌊 **Water:** Three day supply, one gallon per person per day
- 🍌 **Food:** Three day supply, non-perishable, high-energy
- 👕 **Clothing, bedding, and sanitation supplies**
- 🔧 **Tools:** Can opener, plates, utensils, flashlight, batteries, cash, bleach, hand sanitizer
- 🩹 **First aid supplies, medicine**
- 📄 **Important documents**



Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

If you're feeling the pinch of fall and preparing for winter, keep in mind that there are energy assistance programs to help qualified applicants with their energy bills. HEA has applications to the following programs in the Homer and Kenai offices:

Alaska Heating Assistance Program: The State of Alaska program helps households pay a portion of home heating expenses. The program runs from October 1 through April 30. It is easy to apply. Pick up an application at HEA or any Department of Public Assistance office or call 1 (888) 804-6330 to request an application by mail. Applications can be downloaded at www.heatinghelp.alaska.gov.

Alaska Weatherization Assistance: The Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program is funded by the Department of Energy and administered by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). Its mission is to insulate the dwellings of low-income persons, particularly the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with a high energy burden. For more information, contact the 53112004 AHFC at (907) 338-6100 or go to www.alaskacdc.org.

Kenaitze Energy Assistance: The Kenaitze Indian Tribe offers an Energy Assistance Program to provide for the payment of home energy costs on behalf of eligible low income households. For more information on the Kenaitze Indian Tribe Energy Assistance Program, call (907) 335-7200 or visit <http://www.kenaitze.org/index.php/social-services>.

Homer Electric realizes that there are times when bills get overwhelming and we are here to help you with your electric account. If you are having difficulty paying your electric bill, please contact our member services department and we may be able to work out a payment arrangement that suits your needs. 



HEA WINS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Homer Electric received awards in the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) Excellence in Communications contest. In its 24th year, the NWPPA Excellence in Communications contest recognizes the top communication efforts from NWPPA member utilities and associations. NWPPA received a record-breaking 206 entries from 36 different utility and association members. Utilities are broken into categories based on size of customers.

Homer Electric won first place, and achieved a perfect score, in the Special Publications category for its 2017 calendar featuring HEA's Safety Poster Contest and third place in the Photography category.

NWPPA is an international not-for-profit trade association representing and serving nearly 150 customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. 



MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Homer Electric finished the month of August 2017 with a total asset base of \$240.3 million. Operating revenue for the year was \$66.0 million and total costs were \$62.6 million, bringing 79024001 net operating margins to \$3.8 million through August 31, 2017. This chart is a breakdown of key financial indicators for 2017 as compared to 2016. 

Year to Date	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Operating Revenue	\$66.0 million	\$62.6 million
Cost of Purchased Power	\$41.8 million	\$40.4 million
Cost of Electric Service	\$20.4 million	\$19.4 million
Operating Margins	\$3.8 million	\$2.8 million
Total Kilowatt Hours Sold	316.6 million	296.6 million
Total Number of Meters	33,989	33,588

HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBERS
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 October 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)
6.805 cents per kWh*
(*Subject to change on a quarterly basis and upon RCA approval.)

See www.homerelectric.com for the latest residential and commercial rates. 47840002

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