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RATE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST

Excelsior EMC will implement new rate design changes based on a just-completed cost of service and retail rate study. These studies were completed by our rate consultant and approved by the Board of Directors. The new rates represent a 0.11% increase in annual revenues so that allocated costs from each consumer rate class are met.

	Current Rates	New Rates
Projected Annual Revenues	\$58,564,024	\$58,626,968
Annual Sales (kWh)	419,439,269	419,439,269
Average Cost/kWh	\$0.1396	\$0.1398

Our new rate schedules are printed in this newsletter. Listed to the right you will find rate comparisons with Georgia Power for our most common rates and usage levels. These changes will appear on your January electric statement. Please call or visit either office if you would like additional information.

Rate Comparison Summaries

Residential Service (Winter)

	New Rate	Georgia Power
1,000 kWh	\$134.30	\$135.87
1,500 kWh	\$186.30	\$195.38

Residential Service (Summer)

	New Rate	Georgia Power
1,000 kWh	\$134.30	\$159.91
1,500 kWh	\$202.80	\$251.28

General Service - Single Phase (25kW)

	New Rate	Georgia Power
4,500 kWh	\$646.00	\$918.18
9,000 kWh	\$1,139.00	\$1,246.29

General Service - Multi-Phase (25kW)

	New Rate	Georgia Power
4,500 kWh	\$666.00	\$918.18
9,000 kWh	\$1,159.00	\$1,246.29

Irrigation - Load Controlled

	New Rate	Georgia Power
4,500 kWh	\$632.50	\$ 929.08
9,000 kWh	\$1,195.00	\$1,198.39

Large Power (75kW)

	New Rate	Georgia Power
10,000 kWh	\$1,523.75	\$ 2,104.48
20,000 kWh	\$2,633.75	\$3,274.26

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Between the Lines

by
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New Retail Rates to Take Effect in January

We recently completed a cost-of-service and retail rate study where the Cooperative's expenses were examined and allocated to groups of consumers that have similar electric usage characteristics. After the cost of service was completed, rates were designed to recover the cost of serving the groups. This study was necessary since a detailed study of this kind was last performed five years ago.

Increases in our wholesale power cost and operating costs during this five-year period were added to retail rates through the wholesale power cost adjustment clause. After including the historic wholesale power cost adjustment charges, the Cooperative's new retail rate schedules, which will go into effect January 1, 2024, provide for an overall additional revenue increase of only 0.11% above current rates. The new retail rates resulting from this study should enable us to meet our costs for the next few years.

Most rate classes will see a base charge increase. For residential consumers, the base charge will increase from \$20 to \$25 per month. This moves the charge closer to the true cost of service for residential customers which the study measured today at \$37 per month per consumer. The base charge is the fixed amount charged each billing period to cover Excelsior EMC's cost of a meter, reading the meter, billing the account, and collecting and crediting payments. It also includes the Co-op's cost to maintain more than 3,300 miles of electric lines and 12 substations, while providing 24/7 service and an outage management system. Other rate classes will see similar base charge increases.

With the increase in base charges comes a reduction in most energy blocks. This reduction is targeted to offset the base charge increase so that the annual bill for the average residential consumer (who uses 1,227 kWh per month) is projected to be a slight decrease.

Where possible, the rates were simplified by reducing the number of blocks in the rate. For example, the winter residential rate was reduced from three energy blocks to two energy blocks. This makes the rates easier to understand and calculate.

The cost-of-service study and rate changes are essential to ensure that rates are sufficient to recover the cooperative's power costs and operating expenses so that Excelsior EMC remains financially healthy. Your Board of Directors and management team will continue to closely monitor all of our controllable expenses to be responsible fiscal stewards of your cooperative.



Every Member Counts

New Rate Schedules

Effective January 1, 2024

Schedule RS-9 Residential Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge	\$25.00 per month
<u>Winter (Billing Months of November through May)</u>	
First 100 kWh per month @	16.30¢ per kWh
Over 100 kWh per month @	11.00¢ per kWh
<u>Summer (Billing Months of June through October)</u>	
First 100 kWh per month @	16.30¢ per kWh
Next 900 kWh per month @	11.00¢ per kWh
Next 1,000 kWh per month @	14.30¢ per kWh
Over 2,000 kWh per month @	15.40¢ per kWh
Minimum monthly charge shall be \$28.00 for permanently occupied residences and the greater of \$28.00 or \$1.25 per kVA of installed transformer capacity for all other services.	

Schedule SAS-9 Seasonal Agricultural Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge:	
Single-Phase Service @	\$25.00 per month
Multi-Phase Service @	\$45.00 per month
<u>Winter (Billing Months of November through May)</u>	
All kWh per month @	11.30¢ per kWh
<u>Summer (Billing Months of June through October)</u>	
First 1,000 kWh per month @	11.30¢ per kWh
Over 1,000 kWh per month @	14.40¢ per kWh
Minimum monthly charge shall be the higher of the following charges:	
1. \$28.00 for single phase service or \$50.00 for multi-phase service	
2. The minimum monthly charge specified in the contract for service	
3. First 500 kVA or less @ \$1.25 per kVA and all additional kVA @ \$0.15 per kVA of installed transformer capacity	

Schedule LP-9 Large Power Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge	\$75.00 per month
Demand Charge:	
All kW of Billing Demand per month @	\$4.25 per kW
Energy Charge:	
First 200 kWh per kW of Billing Demand @	11.90¢ per kWh
Next 200 kWh per kW of Billing Demand @	11.50¢ per kWh
Over 400 kWh per kW of Billing Demand @	10.90¢ per kWh

Schedule AF-9 Athletic Field Lighting Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge	\$26.00 per month
Energy Charge @	17.10¢ per kWh
Minimum monthly charge shall be the highest of the minimum monthly charge specified in the contract for service or \$50.00 per month.	

Schedule LS-9 Large School Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge	\$1,300.00 per month
Energy Charges:	
First 150 kWh per kW of Billing Demand @	14.00¢ per kWh
Excess kWh @	11.20¢ per kWh

Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA)

The listed rate schedules shall be increased or decreased subject to the provisions of the Cooperative's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Schedule LI-9 Outdoor Lighting Service	
Rates will remain the same.	

Schedule IP-9 Irrigation Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge	\$25.00 per month
Capacity Charge	\$1.00 per installed kVA
<u>Winter (Billing Months of November through May)</u>	
All kWh (Load Controlled) @	13.10¢ per kWh
All kWh (Non-Controlled) @	13.10¢ per kWh
<u>Summer (Billing Months of June through October)</u>	
All kWh (Load Controlled) @	13.10¢ per kWh
All kWh (Non-Controlled) @	18.00¢ per kWh
<u>MINIMUM ANNUAL CHARGE</u>	
The minimum annual charge shall be \$21.00 per kVA of installed transformer capacity.	

Schedule S-9 School Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge	\$75.00 per month
Demand Charge:	
All kW of Billing Demand per month @	\$4.00 per kW
Energy Charge:	
All kWh @	12.10¢ per kWh

Schedule GS-9 General Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge	
Single-Phase Service @	\$25.00 per month
Multi-Phase Service @	\$45.00 per month
First 200 kWh per kW of Billing Demand*:	
First 1,000 kWh per month @	14.40¢ per kWh
Over 1,000 kWh per month @	12.80¢ per kWh
Next 200 kWh per kW of Billing Demand* @	11.20¢ per kWh
Over 400 kWh per kW of Billing Demand* @	10.80¢ per kWh
*In no case shall the billing demand be less than 15kW.	
Minimum monthly charge shall be \$1.25 per kVA of installed transformer capacity but not less than \$28.00 for single phase service and \$50.00 for multi-phase service.	

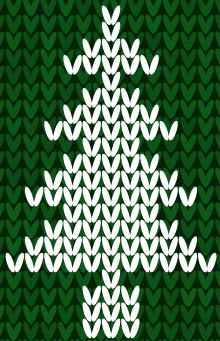
Schedule LI-9 Large Industrial Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge	\$3,000.00 per month
Demand Charge:	
All kW of Coincident Billing Demand per month @	\$5.00 per kW
All kW of Billing Demand per month @	\$3.00 per kW
Energy Charge:	
All kWh @	9.50¢ per kWh

Schedule PRS-9 Pre-Pay Residential Service	
<u>RATE</u>	
Base Charge	\$1.30 per day
<u>Winter (Billing Months of November through May)</u>	
First 100 kWh per month @	16.30¢ per kWh
Over 100 kWh per month @	11.00¢ per kWh
<u>Summer (Billing Months of June through October)</u>	
First 100 kWh per month @	16.30¢ per kWh
Next 900 kWh per month @	11.00¢ per kWh
Next 1,000 kWh per month @	14.30¢ per kWh
Over 2,000 kWh per month @	15.40¢ per kWh
Minimum monthly charge shall be \$42.00 for permanently occupied residences and the greater of \$42.00 or \$1.25 per kVA, or fraction thereof, of installed transformer capacity.	

**Complete copies of all Rate Schedules are available at Cooperative offices.
Please contact or visit our Metter or Statesboro office if you would like additional information.**



In observance of the Holidays, Excelsior EMC offices will be closed:



MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

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