Levelized billing
Budget friendly option helps smooth out seasonal usage highs and lows

Most people use more electricity to cool or heat their homes during summer or winter than they do at other times of the year. Higher electric consumption and the associated higher bills can sometimes throw a family budget out of whack. Members can more easily manage their budget by signing up for Northwestern Electric’s levelized billing plan.

Here’s how the plan works:

The monthly payment is based on the average of the current month’s bill plus the previous 11 months. Each month, the oldest bill is dropped and the new current bill is included in the average. Since the average is based on the most recent 12 months, any significant change in your usage would be reflected on your bill. Although the plan levels out the highs and lows of your seasonal usage, it is important to remember your bill will not be exactly the same every month. During the winter and summer, your bill may be higher or lower depending on the type of heating and cooling system you have installed in your home.

Also, because the levelized billing amount is recalculated each month based on a rolling average, the need to settle up balances annually is eliminated. Reconciliation of the account is only necessary if you move or decide to cancel participation in the program.

According to Jamie Ruble, director of administrative services, signing up for levelized billing is one of the best ways members can manage their electric bills. “Levelized billing is one of the most effective tools we have available to help members organize their budgets.”

The plan is available to residential consumers and small commercial accounts who received service for at least 12 months and are in current status, meaning no unpaid balance.

For further details on the plan, contact one of our customer service representatives at 580.256.7425.

NWEC’s levelized billing plan helps smooth out the highs and lows of seasonal usage giving members a budget friendly option. The average payment is based on the most recent 12 months and reflects any significant changes in usage. In the example above, the levelized payment averaged between $180 to $240. Notice in February the amount owed was $260 dollars less than the actual bill.
Low interest loan available for energy efficient improvements

Need to replace your heating and cooling system, install energy efficient windows or add more insulation to your attic? Northwestern Electric can help you make those improvements by offering our low interest loan.

The Energy Resources Conservation (ERC) Loan can be used to finance the following energy saving measures:

- caulking & weatherstripping
- water heaters
- insulation
- storm windows & doors
- attic ventilation fans
- heat pumps

Northwestern Electric will finance 80% of the total cost up to $10,000 for an energy efficient air source heat pump or geothermal system and 80% of the total cost up to $3,000 for other energy efficient measures on a single family dwelling. You can take up to 84 months to pay on loans over $5,000 and up to 60 months on loans totalling $5,000 or less. The interest rate is based on the current prime rate at the time the loan is made and will not exceed five percent.

Loan requests must be made in advance and approved before the work is started. In order to qualify for the loan, members must have good credit with the Cooperative and an energy audit must be performed to support the energy conservation measures. For more information, call Jonna Hensley at 580.256.7425 or 800.375-7423.

Closed for holiday

Northwestern Electric will close on Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. If you have an emergency, call: 1-877-9NOPOWER 877.966.7693

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Co-ops Vote encourages voter registration and participation

Co-ops Vote is a non-partisan effort developed by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) designed to boost voter turnout in areas served by cooperatives across the country. The campaign facilitates voter registration and provides online links to general voting information. Most importantly, it encourages all registered voters to go the polls on November 7. Whether you are already a registered voter or still need to register, Northwestern Electric encourages all our members to visit www.vote.coop. Not only does it outline the voter registration process, it provides information regarding election deadlines, dates, voting locations and candidate information.

The website is also where members pledge to become a “Co-op Voter” in support of your electric cooperative and the communities we serve.

Visit www.vote.coop today to ensure your voice will be heard in the general election this November.

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Hidden account number contest

Last month’s numbers went unclaimed. They belonged to David Garrett and Crystal Burton.

We have hidden two account numbers somewhere in the articles in this newsletter. The numbers will always be enclosed in parentheses and will look similar to this example (XXXXXX).

If you recognize your account number, all you have to do is give us a call on or before the 8th of the current month and we’ll give you a credit on your bill for the amount stated.

This month’s numbers are worth $50 each. Happy hunting!

Hot dog time at the county fair

County fair time is just around the corner. Thoughts of a county fair bring back memories to many people of fun times—sack races, showing a calf, winning a blue ribbon, visiting with friends, carnivals and the best tasting hot dogs in the world. (7895001)

Northwestern Electric will help fair-goers recapture that feeling as we feed free hot dogs to those attending the Dewey, Ellis, and Harper County fairs.

Friday, September 7
Dewey Co. ............. 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, September 8
Ellis Co. ........ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Harper Co. .... 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Come join us at your local county fair and enjoy a free hot dog on us. We look forward to seeing you there!
Watts Up Kids Camp teaches young children about electricity

A group of 13 excited youngsters attended Northwestern Electric’s 7th annual Watts Up Kids Camp on July 26. The camp provides fun activities and facts about the basics—what is electricity, the need to respect its power and how to avoid electrical accidents.

Mario Alvarado started the morning off by demonstrating the various tools he uses on the job and answering some interesting questions from the campers. After a brief tour of the warehouse, the campers watched a safety video and demonstration covering potential hazards like climbing trees or flying kites near power lines and playing hide-and-seek near the big metal electrical boxes. (15088001)

The children also learned about the different ways to generate electricity and finished up the morning by making a mason jar solar light.

Teaching children about electricity and safety is important. Watts Up Kids Camp provides a fun environment in which they can have a great time learning about electricity.