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What's behind your electric bill

A message from Shaun Lamp, President & CEO



There's more behind your electric bill than the amount you see at the bottom of the page. Different parts of your bill reflect different costs of providing service, and those costs can change for different reasons.

I would like to take a moment to help explain two changes members will soon see on their bills: an adjustment to the power supply cost recovery factor, or PSCR, and a recently approved monthly rate increase.

Although these changes are occurring around the same time, they are separate and are driven by different costs.

The PSCR reflects the cost of the electricity we purchase on behalf of our members. Those costs can change over time, so we regularly review the PSCR and adjust it as conditions dictate. Based on current power supply costs and projections, qualifying members will soon see a reduction in the PSCR portion of their bill. It's important to remember that the PSCR can move in either direction in the future as power supply costs change.

The monthly charge increase detailed in the November/December issue of Country Lines magazine is separate from the PSCR. It roughly translates to a 1% increase in the average GLE member's bill. It covers the costs associated with operating the local electrical distribution system and the infrastructure that brings electricity to your home, farm, or business. Like nearly everything else, the costs of materials, equipment, labor, and technology continue to rise. This adjustment helps us keep up with those costs while continuing to maintain and improve the system our members depend on every day. For residential and seasonal members, the increase will add $1.58 per month to the monthly charge.

You'll also find an infographic in Country Lines that provides a closer look at how electricity reaches our members. Transmission lines move electricity across the regional grid. GLE's distribution system then delivers that electricity locally to homes, farms, and businesses throughout our service area

That distinction also helps explain how these costs are reflected on your bill. Changes in our cost of purchased power, including transmission, affect the PSCR, while our rates help support GLE's local distribution system and the people, equipment, and technology necessary to provide the reliable service our members expect.

Reliable electricity doesn't happen by accident. It requires ongoing maintenance, thoughtful investment, and long-term planning. Every decision we make is focused on keeping your service reliable both today and well into the future. That's a responsibility we take seriously every day.

Thank you for your membership and for the opportunity to serve you.

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The people behind your power: Meet Dan King





When it comes to keeping Great Lakes Energy employees safe, Dan King is a familiar and trusted leader. As safety director, Dan works behind the scenes to ensure employees have the training, tools, and resources they need to perform their jobs safely every day.

Dan's responsibilities include overseeing safety programs, coordinating employee training, identifying workplace hazards, investigating incidents, and ensuring compliance with industry safety standards. His work provides employees with safety training and resources while supporting safe and reliable service for members.

What many people may not know is that Dan's journey at Great Lakes Energy began in the field. He started his career as a lineworker, giving him firsthand knowledge of the challenges crews face every day. That experience, as well as his time working in safety for the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association, has shaped his leadership journey at GLE and given him the expertise needed in his role.

Dan is also a proud U.S. Navy veteran. Following the tragic space shuttle Challenger disaster in 1986, he was assigned to a Navy recovery team that helped locate and recover debris from the Atlantic Ocean. The experience reinforced the importance of teamwork, preparation, and attention to detail, qualities that continue to guide his work today.

This Veterans Day, we're proud to recognize Dan not only for his leadership at Great Lakes Energy, but also for his service to our country. His commitment to safety, service, and teamwork continues to make a lasting impact on the cooperative and the communities we serve.





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