

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE



Dear Member-Consumer,

On November 20, 2024, Clarke Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors approved an increase in the monthly service fee and kWh/energy rate affecting the price of the electric service you receive. The increase will take effect on May 1, 2025.

The increase in annual revenue will be approximately \$1,336,444 or 9.16%.

Although the effect of the adjustment on your bill may vary depending upon the type and extent of usage, the average monthly increase per customer for the primary customer classes will be:

Rate Class	Current Average Monthly Rate	+ Increase	New Average Monthly Rate	Percent Increase
Single Phase: Non-commercial	\$150.51	\$13.87	\$164.38	9.22%
Single Phase: Multi-Dwelling Unit (MDU)	\$106.90	\$9.71	\$116.61	9.08%
Commercial Service 0 - 75 kVA	\$277.82	\$25.23	\$303.05	9.08%
Large Commercial Over 75 - 999 kVA	\$4,339.37	\$392.04	\$4,731.41	9.03%
Large Power >= 1,000 kVA	\$17,656.08	\$1,595.43	\$19,251.51	9.04%
Rate Class	Current Rate	+ Increase	New Rate	Percent Increase
Electric Space Heating: (per kilowatt hour)	\$0.058	\$0.005	\$0.063	8.62%

A written explanation of all the current schedules is available from our local business office. If you have any questions, contact the cooperative at 1-800-362-2154.

Sincerely,

Edward White  
Board President

Dave A. Opie  
General Manager

March 24, 2025

Dear Clarke Electric Cooperative Member-Consumer:

Financial soundness is important to every business. Clarke Electric Cooperative is no exception. We recently completed our budget and financial forecast for 2025 and beyond.

The results of the studies conclude that we need to implement a rate increase. Since the pandemic, the cost of services, equipment and materials has increased and remained high. We have absorbed many of those increased costs, but we find it necessary to pass the increases on to our member-consumers to meet our financial requirements and ensure safe and reliable energy.

The cooperative has three main avenues for collecting revenues to meet its operational expenses and our financial institution's requirements:

1. **Energy rate (Price per Kilowatt-hour (kWh))** – Measured in kWh, this is the energy we buy from our energy provider and re-sell to you.
2. **Monthly service charge** – This is a flat monthly charge representing fixed costs such as substations, poles, wires, equipment, maintenance and upgrading, right of way clearing, administrative fees and other factors.
3. **Demand charge** – The cost associated with meeting the highest demand each member requires. This is generally charged to commercial accounts due to the need for a large amount of electricity in a short period.

The results of our budget and forecasting indicate that we need to increase the monthly service charge and the energy/kWh rate.

As always, Clarke Electric Cooperative works hard to be your trusted energy source. We will continue to make system and service improvements to ensure safe and reliable power. Continue to follow us on Facebook, read our monthly newsletter, "*Clarke REC Headlines*" and check out our website at [www.cecnet.net](http://www.cecnet.net).

