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Glenwood Springs Electric System Revises Rate Schedules

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The Glenwood Springs Electric System (GSES) will no longer include customers' first 100 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity as part of the monthly service charge and will also no longer charge a declining rate for customers consuming over 45,000 kWh. The increase in these rate schedules is necessary due to increased purchased power costs, increased operating costs, and to maintain electric infrastructure. The revised rate schedules were approved by the Glenwood Springs City Council on September 7 and will become effective for the October 2017 billing cycle.

The energy rate will remain unchanged at \$0.1066/kWh. Customers will see an increase in their electric utility bill of \$10.66, due to the first 100 kWh no longer being included as part of the service charge. Those affected by the removal of the declining block after consuming 45,000 kWh will see variable rate increases based on consumption. The old rate provided for a per kWh charge of \$0.0898 after consuming over 45,000 kWh.

A public hearing to consider the proposed rate schedules was held at the regular City Council meeting on September 7, 2017. The last time rate schedules were adjusted was in April 2015.

Our employees work hard every day to deliver on our promise of reliable energy and quality service. We genuinely care for our community and regret any affordability issues these changes may cause.

Both residential and commercial customers may be able to offset much of the cost increase through the City's sustainability program that promotes energy efficiency and conservation. Glenwood Springs Electric System offers direct rebates for the purchase of energy-efficient refrigerators, dishwashers and clothes washers, while Clean Energy Economy for the Region's (CLEER) trained energy coaches provide free assistance to both residential and commercial properties. Households in Garfield County with income below certain levels may also qualify for additional free home energy efficiency programs. Visit GarfieldCleanEnergy.org or call CLEER at (970) 704-9200 for more information.

Below are a few tips to save energy and reduce your electric bill:

- Contact CLEER for an energy assessment
- Unplug electronics and turn off lights, when not in use
- Use LED light bulbs
- Raise the thermostat when you leave the house and overnight
- Wash laundry with cold water and only wash full loads
- Air-dry clothing and dishes

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new rate schedule, please contact the Glenwood Springs Electric System at (970) 384-6455.

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