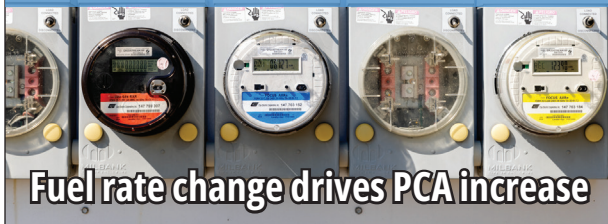


Power Line

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Fuel rate change drives PCA increase

Seminole Electric Cooperative, Clay Electric's wholesale power provider, has announced an increase to its fuel rate. As a result, Clay Electric must implement a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) beginning with February billing statements.

Starting in February, the PCA will increase by **\$2 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh)**. For a residential member using the industry average of 1,000 kWh per month, this change brings the average monthly electric bill's total to approximately \$150. The impact for each member will vary depending on electricity use.

The Power Cost Adjustment appears as a separate line item on Clay Electric billing statements and reflects changes in the cooperative's wholesale cost of power. When wholesale power costs exceed the amount built into base rates, the PCA appears as a charge; when costs are lower, the PCA appears as a credit.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, Clay Electric provides power at cost. The PCA ensures members pay only the actual wholesale cost of electricity on a month-by-month basis. **FAQ section on back.**

BOARD MEETINGS

Clay Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees will meet at the headquarters building in Keystone Heights at 11 a.m. (or shortly thereafter) on Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and March 26.

FAQ: Power cost adjustment (*cont. from front*)

Q: Is Clay Electric profiting from this increase?

A: No. Clay Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative. The PCA passes through the actual cost of wholesale power.

Q: Is this a permanent increase?

A: No. The PCA adjusts monthly and can go up or down based on wholesale power costs.

Q: Where can I see the PCA on my bill?

A: The PCA appears as a separate line item on your monthly billing statement.

Winter energy myths: Busted

Myth: Turning the thermostat way up heats your home faster.

Fact: Your system heats at the same speed no matter the setting. Turning it up higher only makes it run longer — and cost more.



Myth: Space heaters are cheaper than central heating.

Fact: Space heaters can be one of the most expensive ways to heat a space, especially if used daily.

Myth: Leaving the thermostat alone doesn't matter.

Fact: Consistent settings help avoid unnecessary energy spikes and keep usage more predictable.

Keep warm affordably with these tips:

1. Set it and forget it. Pick a comfortable thermostat setting and stick with it (we recommend 68 degrees).

2. Use space heaters sparingly. Heat only the room you're in and turn heaters off when you leave.

3. Let the sunshine in. Open curtains and blinds during the day for natural warmth, then close them at night.

ABOUT POWER LINE

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