



# Manager's Message

Dear Members: \_\_\_\_\_ by Jeff Hohn



## NO RATE INCREASE FOR 2010

At their September meeting, the Board of Directors for Tri-State voted and approved the 2010 Consolidate Budget. Their review of the Consolidated Budget included the separate approval of the O&M and Capital Budgets. The 2009 rate schedule will be applicable in 2010. This means that there will be no changes in the rate schedule that Tri-State charges us. Currently, the Board and Staff do not foresee any additional revenue will be needed by High Plains Power to meet our requirements. Therefore, I hope that you are sitting down; **there will not be a rate increase in 2010.** As a reminder, we are including a listing of our current rates for you. (see page 2)

both the times and months at this time next year. The staff at Tri-State is very aware of the dissatisfaction that all of you have expressed concerning both the on/off peak times and the winter/summer months. They will continually examine their load profile to see if any changes can be made. If they change them without putting the entire Cooperative at risk, they will. But for now, they will remain the same.

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### BOARD OF DIRECTOR IN MIDDLE EAST

As most of you know, Jeff Milton, our Board Member from Dubois has been deployed overseas. He is currently stationed at Camp Arijain, Kuwait. He occasionally contacts us and lets us know how he is doing. When I get any updates, I will send them along to you. There are a lot of brave men and women serving our country. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

If you would like to contact me for any reason, my email address is [jhhpp@wyoming.com](mailto:jhhpp@wyoming.com)

### NO CHANGES IN TIME-OF-USE RATE

Now for the bad news, there will not be any changes in our current time-of-use rate. The on-peak and off-peak times, and the winter and summer months, will all remain the same. There has been talk about moving the month of April out of the summer window, and moving into the winter window. For 2010, at least, April will stay in the summer. Just like they do every year, they will re-evaluate

# 2010 High Plains Power Electric Rates

TYPE OF SERVICE	RATE	TYPE OF SERVICE	RATE
<b>Single Phase Service</b>		<b>Security Light Service</b>	
Facilities Charge, per meter	\$ 15.00	175 Watt Mercury Vapor Light, per month	\$ 7.09
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ .09727	400 Watt Mercury Vapor Light, per month	\$ 13.18
<b>Seasonal Service</b>		100 Watt High Pressure Sodium, per month	\$ 7.78
Facilities Charge, per meter, Annual	\$ 180.00	150 Watt High Pressure Sodium, per month	\$ 11.56
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.09727	<b>Single Phase Time-of-Use</b>	
<b>Three Phase Service</b>		Facilities Charge, per meter per month	\$ 16.34
Facilities Charge, per meter	\$ 25.00	Energy Charge, per On Peak kWh	\$ 0.09802
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.10096	Energy Charge, per Off Peak kWh	\$ 0.04553
<b>Irrigation</b>		<b>Standby and Supplemental Service</b>	
Horsepower Charge, per installed HP per yr	\$ 27.15	<b>Transmission</b>	
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.07733	Customer Charge, per meter	\$ 225.00
<b>Large Power Three Phase</b>		Facilities Charge, per kW of facilities demand	\$ 1.75
Distribution Secondary/Primary Level Service		Wholesale Demand Charge, per kW of	
Facilities Charge, per meter per month	\$ 85.00	MCP billing demand	\$ 21.82
Demand Charge, per billing kW	\$ 5.75	Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.02776
Energy Charge:		<b>Distribution</b>	
First 150 kWh, per kW per month	\$ 0.12880	Customer Charge, per meter	\$ 175.00
Excess kWh	\$ 0.03762	Facilities Charge, per kW of facilities demand	\$ 5.50
<b>Large Power, 500 kW or greater TOU</b>		Wholesale Demand Charge, per kW of	
Facilities Charge, per meter per month	\$ 150.00	MCP billing demand	\$ 22.26
NCP Demand Charge, per NCP billing kW	\$ 5.75	Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.02834
MCP Demand Charge, per MCP billing kW	\$ 24.24	<b>Primary</b>	
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.03084	Customer Charge, per meter	\$ 150.00
<b>Large Power Distribution Substation</b>		Facilities Charge, per kW of facilities demand	\$ 5.75
<b>Less than 500 kW</b>		Wholesale Demand Charge, per kW of	
Facilities Charge, per meter per month	\$ 85.00	MCP billing demand	\$ 24.13
Demand Charge, per billing kW	\$ 18.96	Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.03075
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.02834		
<b>Large Power Distribution Substation</b>			
<b>Greater than 500 kW</b>			
Facilities Charge, per meter per month	\$ 175.00		
NCP Demand Charge, per NCP billing kW	\$ 0.10		
MCP Demand Charge, per MCP billing kW	\$ 22.28		
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.02834		
<b>Large Power Transmission Level Service</b>			
Facilities Charge, per meter per month	\$ 225.00		
NCP Demand Charge, per NCP billing kW	\$ 1.08		
MCP Demand Charge, per MCP billing kW	\$ 20.87		
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.02776		

## High Plains Power Warns Against Utility Payment Fraud

“You will be disconnected if you don’t provide your credit card information,” said the insistent caller, demanding the account number from a cooperative member early this summer in Wisconsin.

Unfortunately, the elderly woman who gave in to the demand didn’t find out until later that the aggressive caller did not represent her electric cooperative.

“She gave the caller her Social Security number, her maiden name and her credit card information,” said the cooperative’s communication specialist.

Fraud can happen  
to anyone.

Please do not  
give out any  
information to  
callers.

Similar reports are coming in from other cooperatives across the country.

Another type of scam is a caller encouraging members to apply for grants of up to \$350 to help senior citizens and low income members pay their utility bills. To our knowledge there is no such program.

**Please do not give out any information to callers.** If you have questions or concerns about a call you receive please contact High Plains Power. Also, these calls need to be reported to the local authorities.

## High Plains Power’s Radio System Update

**H**igh Plains Power recently completed efforts to upgrade its radio system to digital mode. Because of demand for radio frequency bandwidth all companies will soon be forced to move from analog to digital mode just as television has been shifted from analog to digital.

The radio upgrade allows communication in our large service area to a greater distance than ever before. Additionally, the main office has the ability to track vehicles with radios. The tracking feature helps to expedite response times to outages and at the same time brings added safety to crews in the field. Examination of the vehicle tracking map allows office personnel to quickly determine which crews are nearest to respond to outages. In the event of an emergency, trucks can be located even when linemen are away from the radios.



Contract communication technicians are attaching an additional antenna to a tower on Windy Mountain serving the Dubois area.

## Low Income Energy Assistance and Weatherization Programs

The Low Income Energy Assistance and Weatherization Programs (LIEAP) offer help for the following:

### Heating Assistance:

Heating Bill Assistance or LIEAP is paid for the months of October through May. Applications are accepted beginning the first working day in October through the last working day of February. LIEAP Credits are based on household size, household income and the type of fuel used as the primary heating source. Payments are made directly to the fuel provider.

### Crisis Assistance:

Help is available to eligible clients facing an emergency: A life or health threatening situation, deposit funds for a fuel hook-up or to avoid a shut-off, or a heating system failure during winter months.

The benefit is based on the amount needed to resolve the crisis up to a maximum of \$600. Payments are made directly to the fuel provider. For more information on Crisis, please call the LIEAP office, 1-800-246-4221.

### Weatherization Assistance:

The Weatherization program is funded by the Department of Energy, Department of Family Services, Wyoming State General funds, and Petroleum Violation Escrow funds (when available). Applications for Weatherization are accepted throughout the program year. This program provides Weatherization services free of charge.

Typical measures addressed by the Weatherization program are: Monitoring for unsafe conditions such as carbon monoxide leaks, poor ventilation and wiring, tuning

and adjusting the heating system, wrapping pipes and water heaters, sealing major air leaks and caulking, insulating attics, floors, walls, ceilings and bellies of mobile homes.

A 2009-2010 LIEAP application is available on the Department of Family Services Web Site:

<http://dfsweb.state.wy.us/lieap/lieap.html> or you may pick up an application at the High Plains Power offices in Riverton, Dubois or Thermopolis. You may also call 1-800-246-4221.

## Have a Safe, Happy Halloween

*When most parents think of Halloween safety, they typically just remind their kids to not eat unwrapped treats...*

*But since many injuries are actually from falls and kids who get hit by cars, your plans for Halloween safety have to go way beyond Halloween candy if you want to really keep your kids safe.*

*So please take some time to make sure your kids have a safe, healthy and fun Halloween.*

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