

About Your Rates

January - February 2011

Douglas County PUD electric rates are determined by comparing the expected electricity need in Douglas County to expected operating and capital costs.

Your clean, renewable power supply comes primarily from the Wells and Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Projects on the Columbia River. Your District's share of the output provides more than enough electricity to meet Douglas County's needs. Any excess power is sold to other utilities. The proceeds of those sales pay for a portion of the District's operating and construction costs to hold down the amount Douglas County electric consumers have to pay. We put the balance in a savings account to use in those years when there isn't so much water available for generation ("dry years"). 2009 and 2010 were dry years. On top of that, wholesale power prices have been depressed as a result of the recessionary economy and oversupply of energy. The result is a heavy draw on the Douglas PUD savings account.

In late 2009, the Commission approved a six percent rate increase for all rate schedules effective January 1, 2011. Many spending cuts and deferrals have been implemented. However, the combination of prior years inflationary pressure, low wholesale power prices, savings account decline, low interest earnings, and the need to maintain your District's bond rating results in a continued need for rate adjustments. The average monthly impact of a 6% increase for a residential customer is about \$3.00. Rates will be evaluated again early in 2011 and during preparation of the 2012 budget.

Douglas PUD still offers some of the lowest retail electric prices in the United States. Your PUD remains committed to providing you safe and reliable utility services at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business principles.

A copy of the rates currently in effect is provided for your use. If you have any questions or comments please let us know.

We always like to hear what you have to say. Please, if you have any comments or questions write them down and send this back with your payment. Thanks~

Power Rates

From District Resources including Hydroelectric, Wind and Solar Power:

Schedule 1, General Service

Daily Charge	\$0.296
KWH Charge	\$0.0208
Demand Charge (Monthly)	\$1.20/KW greater than 50 KW
Minimum Charge	\$7.80/mo. Plus \$3.40/KW>30

Schedule 2, Irrigation Service

Demand Charge (Seasonally)	\$16.10/KW
Demand Charge (Monthly)	\$2.00/KW
Energy Charge	\$0.0111/KWH
Minimum Seasonal Charge	\$49.40
Minimum Monthly Charge	\$2.00/KW connected load

Schedule 3, Street Lighting And Area Lighting Service (Daily Rate)

150/200 watt high pressure sodium	\$0.304
400 watt high pressure sodium	\$0.527

Customer Choice Options:

Schedule 4, Energy Delivery Service (For alternate energy supplier)

Daily Charge	\$0.296
Energy Delivery Charge	\$0.0152/KWH
Ancillary Services	\$0.0008/KWH

Schedule 5, Alternate Renewable Resource Service

(To encourage new renewable resources, available to general service customers)
Charge \$6.72 per 100 kWh increment

Schedule 6, Douglas County Community Network Prices (DCCN)

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