The Benefits of Public Power

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Public Power benefits the communities they serve. Not only do we provide utility service on a not-for-profit basis, customers elect local commissioners who set rates and hire a manager to direct the operations of the utility. This provides local control over the utility and responsiveness to community needs.

Collecting fair and reasonable rates allows the District to provide a reliable and safe power system. For decades, PUD customers have invested in utility assets like Wells Dam, power lines, switchyards and substations that serve our local residents and small businesses. The rates you pay help build and maintain the infrastructure necessary to make the PUD's electric system work.

Douglas PUD is fortunate to own and operate the Wells Hydroelectric Project, which allows the PUD to sell excess generation outside of Douglas County. The revenues generated from sales outside Douglas County are used to keep our retail rates lower for our customer owners.

Rates are adjusted for inflationary pressure on goods and services, electrical infrastructure maintenance, new construction projects, operational risks, regulatory changes and many other factors. Ensuring a reasonable balance between retail and wholesale sales is critical to the long-term health of the PUD. - Continued on page 2.

October 5-11 is Public Power Week... and we have reason to celebrate!

Like approximately 2,000 other communities across the country, we are powered by a community-owned, not-for-profit public power utility. During Public Power Week, we celebrate the benefits of living in a public power community including:

- **Low rates**
- **High reliability**
- **Dedicated, local service**
- **Community focus**
- **Economic development**
- **Local decision-making**

Benefits of Public Power - Continued

PUD Commissioners approved rate setting guidelines for staff. Prior to setting rates, the Commission wanted to memorialize the principles used to set rates into the future. "PUDs were created to serve our local rural residents and businesses," said Ron Skagen, PUD Commissioner. "As our communities grow, the commission wanted to protect the standards used to determine rates." Those principles include:

- Rate schedules shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations
- Rate Schedules shall be established at least one year before becoming effective
- Rate Schedules shall capture all costs necessary to provide reliable service to its customers
- Rate schedules shall provide adequate reserves and rate stabilization funds
- Rate schedules shall be guided by cost-of-service analysis but prioritize the wholesale power sales benefits from the Wells Hydroelectric Project to residential and commercial services
- Large loads, present higher risk profiles than foundational customers and shall generally be served from the District's Rate Schedule 4 – Energy Delivery Service to preserve the Wells Project electricity for future generations of Douglas County

Current Rates

Schedule 1, General Service

A) Residential and Commercial Services:

Basic charge:	$15.07 per month
Energy charge:	$0.0233 - first 25,000 KWH
	$0.0278 -25,001 to 49,999 KWH
	$0.0283 -50,000 KWH and over
Demand charge:	$2.32 per kilowatt of demand in excess of 50 kilowatts.

B) Wind Machine Services: Between the months of April and July the following rates will apply.

Basic charge:	$15.07 per month
Energy charge:	$0.0233 per KWH
Demand charge:	$4.41 per kilowatt of demand in excess of 30 kilowatts.

C) Domestic Pump Services: Between the months of May and October the following rates will apply.

Basic charge:	$15.07 per month
Energy charge:	$0.0233 per KWH

Schedule 1 D&E effective date July 1, 2024

D-A) Blockchain & Low Tier Data Services: For customers with service less than 500KW measured demand

Basic charge:	$33.72 per month
Energy charge:	$0.0604 - first 25,000 KWH
	$0.0622 -25,001 to 49,999 KWH
	$0.0633 -50,000 KWH and over
Demand charge:	$5.19 per kilowatt of demand in excess of 50 kilowatts.

D-B) Blockchain & Low Tier Data Services: For customers with service 500KW or greater measured demand

Basic charge:	$1,210 per month
Energy charge:	$0.0048 per KWH
Demand charge:	$43.56 per kilowatt of demand in excess of 50 kilowatts.

Minimum Charge: shall be computed as Demand Charge times 80% of the customer's maximum metered demand during the most recent 12-month period.

E) Data Center Services:

Basic charge:	$21.18 per month
Energy charge:	$0.0380 - first 25,000 KWH
	$0.0391 -25,001 to 49,999 KWH
	$0.0397 -50,000 KWH and over
Demand charge:	$3.26 per kilowatt of demand in excess of 50 kilowatts.

Schedule 2, Irrigation Service

A) Seasonal Rate: Between the months of March and October the following rates will apply.

Basic charge:	$9.27 per month
Energy charge:	$0.0145 per KWH
Demand charge	$24.92 per kW per season

B) Interseasonal Rate: November to February

Energy Charge:	$0.0270 per KWH

Schedule 3, Street Lighting And Area Lighting Service

Non-Metered District Maintained Street Light Monthly Rate:

Lamp Rating 200 watt or less	$10.23
400 watt or more	$17.79
LED	$5.55

Non-Metered Customer Owned and Maintained Street Light Monthly Rate:

Lamp Rating 200 watt or less	$2.42
400 watt or more	$3.84
LED	$1.71

Customer Choice Options:

Schedule 4, Power Delivery Service

(This schedule is for larger customers that will be using District power lines for delivery of purchased power.)

Delivery Variable Charge:	$0.006 per kWh
Delivery Fixed Charge:	$7.61 per kW of demand
Integration Charge:	$16.00 per kWx3% avg. load

$16.00 per kW x difference between avg. load and peak load

Schedule 5, Alternate Renewable Resource Service

(To encourage new renewable resources, available to general service customers)

Charge:	$7.50 per 100 kWh increment

Schedule 6, Wholesale Communication Service

Schedule 8, Electric Vehicle and Other Charging Service

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