

# RATE ADJUSTMENT DELAYED UNTIL MARCH 1, 2010

As you have heard or read in the Illinois Country Living Magazine or read in the letter that was sent in February, an adjustment of rates was scheduled to take effect the first of 2010 because of the increase in wholesale power costs. Due to the extreme cold weather that came in the beginning of the year, the Board of Trustees at the January Board meeting, decided to **DELAY** the implementation of the rate adjustment until **MARCH 1, 2010**. This has been done in an effort to help reduce the expected higher electric bills caused by the increased electrical usage during this cold weather.

The Board of Trustees has made every effort to gradually increase the rates that you pay to cover the increase in wholesale power cost over the past three years. The rate increase effective **March 1** will increase revenue approximately \$410,000 which will be used to pay the increase in the cost of wholesale power during 2010.

The changes that will be made to the rates are based on a Cost of Service (COS) study that has been conducted by the engineering department at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. As a result of the change in the Residential Rate 1, Rates 11 and 12 (grain drying) and Rates 21 and 31 (electric heat) will all be affected. All other rate classes will also be affected.

The old and new rates are shown below for Rate 1 and a few examples are listed to give an idea as to how your bill might be affected. If you need help in determining what the effect will be on your bill, please contact the office.

If you rent a security light where the co-operative provides the electricity for the light, the monthly rates of \$9.65 and \$13.50 will be increased to \$10 and \$14 respectively.

Old Rate 1		New Rate 1	
Facilities charge	\$30.00	Facilities charge	\$30.00
First 1000 kWh	.10481 per kWh	First 1000 kWh	.11452 per kWh
All kWh over 1000	.07475 per kWh	All kWh over 1000	.08167 per kWh

Table of Usage and Costs (Rate 1)

Monthly kWh usage	Old Rate \$	New Rate \$	Difference \$
0 kWh	30.00	30.00	0.00
250 kWh	56.20	58.63	2.43
500 kWh	82.41	87.26	4.85
750 kWh	108.61	115.89	7.28
1000 kWh	134.81	144.52	9.71
1500 kWh	172.19	185.36	13.17
2000 kWh	209.56	226.19	16.63
3000 kWh	284.31	307.86	23.55

The new rates will take effect **MARCH 1, 2010** and will be reflected in the **APRIL 2010** bill.



Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc.