



DECEMBER 2020

THE WHEAT BELT CONNECTION

DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to Manuel Ramirez, our October "Lucky Winner"! For his prompt payment, Mr. Ramirez has received a \$50 credit on his account.

If you would like to be included in our next drawing, and avoid the \$5 delinquent fee, please send your payment before the 15th of the month.

For your convenience, we offer several payment options. Please give us a call or visit wheatbelt.com.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ELIZABETH HIGGINS - 5TH GRADE STUDENT AT LEYTON SCHOOL
GRAND CHAMPION OF THE 2020 WHEAT BELT DRAWING CONTEST**



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2020 RESERVE CHAMPION: AVERY SICKLER - 2ND GRADE STUDENT AT GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOL



**THANK YOU to everyone who participated, ALL the drawings were awesome!
A special shout-out to Cindi Egging for judging our contest. KEEP DRAWING!**



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Tip of the Month

Energy bills can increase during winter for a variety of reasons, like houseguests, more time spent at home, and shorter days and longer nights. Small actions, like turning down your thermostat, replacing old bulbs with LEDs and washing clothes in cold water can help you save.

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RATES

Wheat Belt operates as an at cost, not-for-profit organization. Rates are set to recover cost and anything over that cost is invested back into the system, refunded directly, or through lower rates. We work hard to collect only what is needed to keep the lights on and the system in good order. When unexpected events occur, we do not have a profit margin built into the rates to absorb these events, as we saw with the storms earlier this year. We had to add a storm adder, starting in August. The reason for the adder was that our margin for events was nearly depleted, and if we would have had another storm between August and December, it would have caused us to be out of compliance with our debt obligations. We took several actions to further reduce costs to keep the storm adder as low as we could. Waiting until December to collect an adder could have meant having to do a 15% rate increase to stay compliant. The goal was always to consider refunding this adder at the end of the year if there were no more storms or other unexpected events by the end of the year and we were able to maintain our obligations. We are on track to do just that. The alternative way to operate would be to raise rates higher than they need to be

so that we have a substantial cushion to absorb these events. We believe that your money is best left in your pocket until it is absolutely necessary, so we keep the rates lower, with the trade off that occasionally we will have a mid year rate increase like this year. We hope to provide a credit for this on the bills that you will receive either in January or February.

We have included the 2021 rates in this magazine. Your board of directors look at several factors in developing and approving the rates that we charge. The rates are currently on a five year adjustment plan to properly align the cost to serve your electrical needs with the rate you pay. This plan was developed by an outside engineering firm that specializes in this work. We will be implementing year four of this plan for 2021. Wheat Belt will be seventy-five years old in 2021 and as you are aware, much of our infrastructure is approaching that age as well. This results in a need to continue increasing the amount of replacement each year to keep our reliability up. In order to increase our replacement, your board has chosen to increase the revenue for the district by 1%, which equates to a 1% rate increase on average. We are utilizing many tools to get the most from the least, attempting to keep our rates as low as possible, while keeping the system up and making it more resilient to storms. We will have more to come on these projects. Though rate changes are never easy, it is necessary with the proper balance, and our goal is always to minimize the increase and keep them well below inflation. We are involved in many projects that are helping to keep rates stable, or with minimal increases. More to come here as well.

Thank you for your dedication to Western Nebraska and your support throughout the year.



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Board of Directors

RATE SCHEDULE

Rate Schedule: A-1		
GENERAL PURPOSE - SMALL		
Original Issue Date: Unknown	Revision/Effective Date: 1-1-2021	Page 1 of 1

Qualifying Service

Any single-phase service, 25 kVA or less connected transformer capacity located outside of a city or village limits. Services classified as Irrigation do not qualify for this rate schedule.

Rates

Basic Charge:	\$46.14 per month	Rates
Energy Charge:	0 - 50 kWh	\$0.0000
	51 - 1600 kWh	\$0.0962
	1601 kWh and above	\$0.0937


Power Factor Charge

None

Cost Adjustments

In the event that adjustments are made to the District's wholesale cost of power, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Production Cost Adjustments." If changes are made to the wholesale supplier's power rate for the District, the District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect the wholesale supplier changes.

In the event that restoration costs exceed thresholds to meet financial requirements, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Storm Recovery Adder." The District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect restoration cost recovery.

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RATE SCHEDULE

Rate Schedule: A-1a		
GENERAL PURPOSE - SMALL INSIDE VILLAGE/CITY		
Original Issue Date: 1-1-2020	Revision/Effective Date: 1-1-2021	Page 1 of 1

Qualifying Service

Any single-phase service, 25 kVA or less connected transformer capacity located within a city or village limit. Services classified as Irrigation do not qualify for this rate schedule.

Rates

Basic Charge:	\$44.70 per month	Rates
Energy Charge:	0 - 50 kWh	\$0.0000
	51 - 1600 kWh	\$0.0931
	1601 kWh and above	\$0.0907

Power Factor Charge

None


Cost Adjustments

In the event that adjustments are made to the District's wholesale cost of power, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Production Cost Adjustments." If changes are made to the wholesale supplier's power rate for the District, the District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect the wholesale supplier changes.

In the event that restoration costs exceed thresholds to meet financial requirements, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Storm Recovery Adder." The District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect restoration cost recovery.

In Lieu of Tax Charge

If the service is within the corporate limits of an incorporated town or village, the customer will be charged an additional five percent (5%) of the customer's monthly charge plus or minus any fuel and cost adjustment, since the District is required to remit this amount to the county in which the service is located.

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RATE SCHEDULE

Rate Schedule: A-2		
GENERAL PURPOSE - LARGE		
Original Issue Date: 1-1-2003	Revision/Effective Date: 1-1-2021	Page 1 of 1

Qualifying Service

Any single-phase service, 26 - 50 kVA connected transformer capacity.

or

Any multi-phase service, 0 - 50 kVA connected transformer capacity.

Services classified as Irrigation do not qualify for this rate schedule.

Rates

Basic Charge:	\$77.27 per month	Rates
Energy Charge:	0 - 750 kWh	\$0.0912
	751 kWh and above	\$0.0891

Power Factor Charge

None


Cost Adjustments

In the event that adjustments are made to the District's wholesale cost of power, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Production Cost Adjustments." If changes are made to the wholesale supplier's power rate for the District, the District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect the wholesale supplier changes.

In the event that restoration costs exceed thresholds to meet financial requirements, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Storm Recovery Adder." The District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect restoration cost recovery.

In Lieu of Tax Charge

If the service is within the corporate limits of an incorporated town or village, the customer will be charged an additional five percent (5%) of the customer's monthly charge plus or minus any fuel and cost adjustment, since the District is required to remit this amount to the county in which the service is located.

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RATE SCHEDULE

Rate Schedule: F-1		
STREET AND SECURITY LIGHTS		
Original Issue Date: Unknown	Revision/Effective Date: 1-1-2021	Page 1 of 2

Qualifying Service

Municipalities: For lighting service to public, town and/or city facilities, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Franchise Agreement.

Customers: For lighting service to customer facilities where such services can be provided directly from the 12.5/7.2 or 24.9/14.4 kV distribution system.

Rates

Residential/Small Business

175 watt or up to and including 60 watt LED:	\$20.03 per lamp, per month
400 watt or greater than 60 watt LED:	\$25.49 per lamp, per month

Public or Private Street Lighting

175 watt or up to and including 60 watt LED:	\$14.30 per lamp, per month
400 watt or greater than 60 watt LED:	\$18.99 per lamp, per month


Cost Adjustments

In the event that adjustments are made to the District's wholesale cost of power, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Production Cost Adjustments." If changes are made to the wholesale supplier's power rate for the District, the District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect the wholesale supplier changes.

In the event that restoration costs exceed thresholds to meet financial requirements, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Storm Recovery Adder." The District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect restoration cost recovery.

In Lieu of Tax Charge

If the service is within the corporate limits of an incorporated town or village, the customer will be charged an additional five percent (5%) of the customer's monthly charge plus or minus any fuel and cost adjustment, since the District is required to remit this amount to the county in which the service is located.

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RATE SCHEDULE

Rate Schedule: C-1 LARGE POWER		
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Qualifying Service

Any single-phase or multi-phase service, greater than 50 kVA and less than 1000 kVA connected transformer capacity, delivered from the 12.5/7.2 or 24.9/14.4 kV distribution system.

Services classified as Irrigation do not qualify for this rate schedule.

Rates

Basic Charge: \$77.50 per month
Retail Demand Charge: \$3.47 per kW, per month

Energy Demand Charge: \$11.85 per kW, per month

Rate
Energy Charge: (per kWh) \$0.0528

Determination of Billing Demand

The energy billing demand shall be the maximum kilowatt (kW) demand established by the customer for any fifteen (15) consecutive minute period during the month for which the bill is rendered, as indicated or recorded by the District's metering equipment.

The Retail Demand shall be based on the maximum kilowatt (kW) demand established by the location for any fifteen (15) consecutive minute period recorded during the current month or previous eleven (11) months, as indicated or recorded by the District's metering equipment.

Power Factor Charge

A power factor charge will be assessed to compensate for average power factor lower than eighty-five (85%) lagging. The power factor charge will be calculated by increasing the demand charge by one percent (1%) for each one percent (1%) by which the average power factor is less than eighty-five (85%) lagging.

The District will consult with the customer regarding power factor correction and applicable charges before applying the provisions of this clause.

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Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be the highest of the following, as determined by the District:

- The monthly minimum billing amount as specified by contract between the District and the customer or,
- The Basic Charge plus the Retail Demand Charge, as listed in this rate.

Cost Adjustments

In the event that adjustments are made to the District's wholesale cost of power, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Production Cost Adjustments." If changes are made to the wholesale supplier's power rate for the District, the District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect the wholesale supplier changes.

In the event that restoration costs exceed thresholds to meet financial requirements, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Storm Recovery Adder." The District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect restoration cost recovery.

In Lieu of Tax Charge

If the service is within the corporate limits of an incorporated town or village, the customer will be charged an additional five percent (5%) of the customer's monthly charge plus or minus any fuel and cost adjustment, since the District is required to remit this amount to the county in which the service is located.

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RATE SCHEDULE

Rate Schedule: I-1 IRRIGATION		
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Qualifying Service

Applicable to electric service used for water pumping loads for agricultural irrigation purposes.

Rates

Basic Charge: **January - December**
Single Phase - \$32.00 per month
Retail Demand Charge - \$1.11 per kW, per month

Multi-Phase - \$67.50 per month
Retail Demand Charge - \$2.41 per kW, per month


Energy Demand Charge: April 1 - October 31 \$9.54 per kW, per month
November 1 - March 31 [No energy demand charge]

Energy Charge: April 1 - October 31 \$0.0530 per kWh
November 1 - March 31 \$0.0929 per kWh

Determination of Billing Demand

The energy billing demand shall be the maximum kilowatt (kW) demand established by the customer for any fifteen (15) consecutive minute period during the month for which the bill is rendered, as indicated or recorded by the District's metering equipment.

The Retail Demand shall be based on the maximum kilowatt (kW) demand established by the location for any fifteen (15) consecutive minute period recorded during the current month or the previous eleven months, as indicated or recorded by the District's metering equipment.

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Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be the following, as determined by the District:

- The monthly minimum billing amount as specified by contract between the District and the customer. If the original term of the contract has expired, then
- The applicable basic charges plus the Retail Demand Charge, as listed in this rate.

Cost Adjustments

In the event that adjustments are made to the District's wholesale cost of power, charges or credits shall be made to this rate accordingly. Such charges or credits shall be billed separately as "Production Cost Adjustments." If changes are made to the wholesale supplier's power rate for the District, the District reserves the right to change this rate to reflect the wholesale supplier changes.

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In Lieu of Tax Charge

If the service is within the corporate limits of an incorporated town or village, the customer will be charged an additional five percent (5%) of the customer's monthly charge plus or minus any fuel and cost adjustment, since the District is required to remit this amount to the county in which the service is located.

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RATE SCHEDULE

Rate Schedule: I-2		
Time of Use IRRIGATION		
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Qualifying Service

Applicable to electric service used for water pumping loads for agricultural irrigation purposes.

Rates

Basic Charge:	January - December	
	Single Phase -	\$33.19 per month
	Retail Demand Charge -	\$1.11 per kW, per month
	Multi-Phase -	\$68.89 per month
	Retail Demand Charge -	\$2.41 per kW, per month


Peak Period Demand Charge:	April 1 - October 31	\$9.54 per kW, per month
	November 1 - March 31	[No energy demand charge]

Energy Charge:	April 1 - October 31	
	Peak Period Energy Charge	\$0.0530 per kWh
	Off Peak Period Energy Charge	\$0.0626 per kWh

Off Season Energy Charge	November 1 - March 31	\$0.0929 per kWh
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Determination of Billing Demand and On Peak Period Energy

The energy demand shall be the maximum kilowatt (kW) demand established by the customer for any fifteen (15) consecutive minute period during the month for which the bill is rendered, as indicated or recorded by the District's metering equipment during the peak period. The peak period is Monday through Saturday, 12:00 noon to 10:00 PM Mountain Time, excluding the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

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Time of Use IRRIGATION		
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The Retail Demand shall be based on the maximum kilowatt (kW) demand established any time by the location for any fifteen (15) consecutive minute period recorded during current month or the previous eleven months, as indicated or recorded by the District's metering equipment.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be the following, as determined by the District:

- The monthly minimum billing amount as specified by contract between the District and the customer. If the original term of the contract has expired, then
- The applicable basic charges plus the Retail Demand Charge, as listed in this rate.

Rate Requirements

A service must be assigned to this rate no later than five full business days prior to the last day of the month and remain on the rate for one calendar year.

Cost Adjustments

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2020 FIRST PLACE: JULIA BASA - 3RD GRADE STUDENT AT BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL



2020 HONORABLE MENTION: AUVI CRANMORE - 5TH GRADE STUDENT AT LEYTON SCHOOL

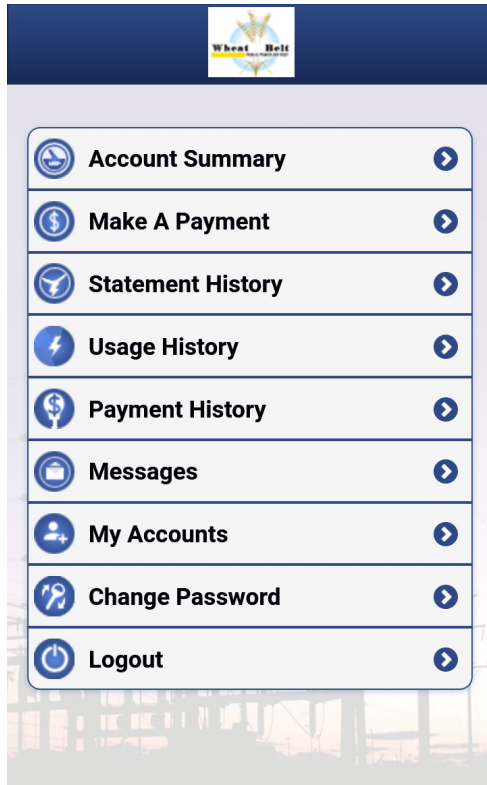


***From everyone at Wheat Belt Public Power District,
we wish you a Happy Holiday Season.***

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Our office will be closed December 24 - 25, 2020 and December 31, 2020 - January 1, 2021.

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