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How often are electrical rates changed for IPEC? Possibly twice a year when we submit a Simplified Rate Filing, “SRF” to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, “RCA”. One filing would be January to December of one year and the next filing would be from July to June; it’s always a twelve months’ worth of data. Due dates are March of following year for January to December filing and September for July to June filing. IPEC is non-regulated, however, we still do filings as if we are still regulated.

Who approves are electrical rates? IPEC’s board of directors approve the electrical rates, after we do an SRF, which shows if we should increase or decrease our rates.

What is Power Cost Equalization, “PCE”? PCE is an energy subsidy given to rural residents and communities. Both individual residents (one per household) and communities are eligible for the program. Individuals receive PCE credit up to the first 750 kilowatt hours consumed each month and community facilities – defined by the Alaska Energy Authority, “AEA”, as facilities that operate not for profit but for the benefit of the general public – receive 70 kilowatt hours per month per resident. Community facilities include water and sewer plants and charitable educational facilities.

Where does the community population come from? Your community population is based on the latest population data from DCCED. This changes once a year on July 1st and is calculated by taking the population for your community and multiplying it by 70 to come up with the maximum PCE allowed each month for community facilities.

Who determines if you qualify for community facility rate? Alaska Energy Authority, “AEA” is the only one that can determine if an account can be put on a community facility rate. To see if you would qualify you can contact the PCE program directly at 907-771-3929 and ask for the paperwork for a community facility account. Once IPEC receives an approval from PCE, IPEC will change your electrical rate to a community facility.

How often does the PCE rate & COPA rate change? These change quarterly, January, April, July & October of each year. IPEC submits quarterly filings and the RCA approves the PCE rate during this process. The COPA rate doesn’t need to be approved by the RCA, however, IPEC submits all invoices of fuel during the filing and the RCA reviews.

How does the PCE credit show on a residential customer’s bill? This is done automatically during the billing process, it looks at your usage and if below 750 kWh, it will take your actual usage and multiply by the approved PCE rate and will give you a credit. If you usage is over 750 kWh you will get a credit for 750 kWh and multiply by the approved PCE rate.

How does the PCE credit show on a community facility customer’s bill? This is done automatically during the billing process, our Billing Officer checks to make sure the community facilities usage didn’t go over the maximum limit for each community. If the community goes over the limit, we have to charge back so the maximum kWh isn’t over the limit. How does IPEC get reimbursed for the credits given on the customer’s bill? IPEC submits a billing to the PCE program for each community each month. IPEC gives credit immediately on each customer’s bill and then we submit a bill to AEA.