

# POWERLines

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## Upcoming Cost of Power Adjustment Increase

PRECorp is always looking for ways to manage costs without sacrificing high quality, reliable power; however, because we're a distribution co-op and we purchase the power we sell, we often have to adjust our rates for changes in the cooperative's cost of purchased power. Many factors affect power costs, including increased cost of fuel and transportation, as well as the addition of new infrastructure.

Changes in our cost of power are recovered through the Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) which is calculated annually and is billed based on each member's kWh usage. In 2010, PRECorp's wholesale power costs from Basin Electric Power Cooperative will increase 8%, and as a result an increase in the Cost of Power adjustment is necessary. The impact of the rate adjustment for 2010 is projected to be an increase of \$9.4 million in revenue.

The effect of the Cost of Power Adjustment will differ from member to member based on their kWh usage. For example, Residential customers with the following average monthly kWh usage totals would see these increases:

Monthly Average kWh	Average \$ Increase	Average % Increase
500	\$1.56	3.20%
1000	\$3.12	4.00%
2000	\$6.24	4.94%

The revised Cost of Power Adjustment for 2010 has been filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission and must be approved before it is implemented. A copy of the rate application can be found on our website [www.precorp.coop](http://www.precorp.coop) under "Rate Information – Recent Filings." If approved, the Cost of Power Adjustment will be effective as of January 10, 2010.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the implementation of this rate adjustment we encourage you to call our offices at 800-442-3630. We will do our best to answer your questions and we look forward to working with you on ways that you may be able to reduce your monthly bill. We have programs and information available to assist you in regards to energy efficiency and conservation.



## Multiple Services? You Can Choose to Differentiate Which Bill Goes With Which Service



Do you have multiple services? Would you like to be able to distinguish which bill goes with which service? You can add a personal description to each service and it will print on your bill. Should you need to call in a power outage, this description will help the dispatcher locate your service. To add this description to your bill, call a PRECorp Customer Service Representative at 1-800-442-3630 or write the description on your bill stub and include with your normal monthly payment. At the same time, your phone number, email address and any other pertinent information can be updated.



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# 2010 YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

## Scholarship Money Available

Each year Powder River Energy Corporation awards scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to qualifying graduates of the thirteen high schools in its service territory. To be eligible to receive a scholarship the applicant's parents or legal guardians must be members of and receive electric service from Powder River Energy. The applicant must be a student who is enrolled or plans to enroll in an accredited two-year college, four-year college, or vocation technical school. The scholarships are available to 2010 high school graduating seniors in the PRECorp service territory. Scholarship awards are based on academic excellence and financial need, and are selected by a committee designated by the PRECorp Board of Directors.

Students may also apply for the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship. This scholarship is also worth \$1,000. One student from the entire PRECorp service territory may be chosen.

To apply for either scholarship, the student must satisfy the required criteria and complete the scholarship applications, which can be obtained from the high school guidance office, directly from PRECorp offices or online at [www.precorp.coop](http://www.precorp.coop).

Applications for the Basin Scholarship must be received no later than **February 1, 2010**. Applications for the PRECorp Scholarship must be received no later than **March 1, 2010**.

## Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

This summer, Powder River Energy will again sponsor area high school students for the Colorado Electric Education Institute's Leadership Camp, **July 11-16, 2010**. This weeklong event will be held at the Glen Eden Resort, located just outside of beautiful Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Participants will make hundreds of new friends from other high schools in Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Wyoming.



Students that attend the camp not only participate in fun activities and resume building; they learn leadership skills important to future employers and college entrance committees. As an added bonus, attendees qualify for the chance to attend the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Tour to Washington DC in 2011.

PRECorp funds the 2010 Leadership Camp in Colorado by providing each participant's transportation, room and board, and sightseeing events. To apply, students must be in high school and have a parent (s), grandparent(s),

or guardian that is a member of PRECorp.

For information and applications: visit [www.precorp.coop](http://www.precorp.coop) or call Kelli Little, Communications Assistant, 1-800-442-3630 or email [kellil@precorp.coop](mailto:kellil@precorp.coop). **Deadline for applications is February 8, 2010**. Applications will also be available at PRECorp's business offices.

## News From...

### The Powder River Energy Foundation



#### Recent Foundation Donations

The Powder River Energy Foundation has recently made two notable donations to worthwhile causes. The foundation gave two \$500 awards; one to Hulett Preschool and one to the Recluse Community trust to help restore their community hall. If your organization is interested in receiving a Powder River Energy Foundation grant for a charitable cause, more information and a grant application can be found at [www.precorp.coop](http://www.precorp.coop) or by contacting Betty Finn at 1-800-442-3630.



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[www.precorp.coop/news](http://www.precorp.coop/news)

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**PRECorp offices will be closed**  
**Thursday, December 24, 2009**  
**Friday, December 25, 2009**  
**& Friday, January 1, 2010**  
**Have a safe and happy Holiday season!**