

Track PRECorp power outages on mobile

Follow the restoration progress online at www.pre-corp.coop and click on the **Outages** button on the left side of the screen. You can read updates during major outages, connect to SmartHub, Twitter and Facebook for information, and view a live map showing outage densities in sections of the PRECorp service territory.

* SmartHub app users can track and report outages by tapping "Service Status" on the opening menu.



For outages affecting an area of 250 meters or more, PRECorp will make every effort to post updates on the restoration to Facebook and Twitter.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for an easy way to make your home cozier? Try using an area rug to increase the insulation levels of your floors. Area rugs are stylish and can keep cool air from entering through your floors. Your toes will thank you!



Happy New Year!

Events calendar

The PRECorp Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at rotating locations in Sundance, Gillette, and Sheridan. Meetings might be moved to avoid conflicts with state or national cooperative events. The tentative dates for 2018 are as follows:

January 16 - Sundance
February 20 - Gillette
March 19-20 - Sheridan
April 17 - Sundance
May 15 - Gillette
June 18-19 - Sheridan
July 17 - Sundance
August 21 - Gillette
September 17-18 - Sheridan
October 16 - Sundance
November 20 - Gillette
December 17-18 - Sheridan

Other events to remember:

- **Wednesday, January 31** - Application deadline for Basin Scholarship; Youth Leadership Camp
- **Monday, February 19** - All Employee Meeting, PRECorp Offices closed
- **Friday, March 30**: Application deadline for *PRECorp Scholarship* and *Swanda Scholarship*. Swanda Scholarship applicants must be Crook County high school seniors entering ag-related studies in post-secondary schools.

COPA change to take effect in 2018

Powder River Energy Corporation members will see a change to their Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) in 2018.

Residential members

The 2018 power bills for residential and some other rate classes are likely to show an increase in the COPA rate. The average residential member using 1200 kWh per month will see an increase in the "Power Cost Adjustment" of \$2.35. Monthly usage determines the amount of that number for each bill.

Why?

PRECorp purchases all of its power from Basin Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Bismarck, N.D., and distributes that electricity to its members throughout northeast Wyoming.

Each year PRECorp uses sales projections to determine how much revenue is needed to recover the costs of the power purchased from Basin. A portion of the revenue for the cost of power comes from the base rate in the most recent general rate filing approved by the Wyoming Public Service Commission. **There are two parts to the COPA rate:** Estimated future power costs; and a "true up" of prior months' power costs.

Projected sales and power costs are used to estimate future power costs for the COPA and are only an estimate each year. Basin has communicated a slight power cost reduction for 2018, and these new reduced rates will be included in the estimated future power costs portion of the COPA formula.

The "true up" part of the annual calculation of the COPA amount looks back to the prior year. This look-back compares the revenue collected to cover wholesale power costs to the actual costs that PRECorp incurred to buy that power. Amounts collected above the costs from a rate class are returned to the members of that rate class by lowering the COPA.

The Large Power Transmission classes had an over collection from the current COPA and the rest of the classes were under collected.

PRECorp recently filed an application with the Wyoming Public Service Commission, requesting an approval with an effective date of January 2018. All application materials are available on our website at www.precorp.coop/COPA.

Use Space Heaters Safely

DON'T: Leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.

DON'T: Use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to overheat, and can be a tripping hazard.

DON'T: Place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.

