



February 29, 2016

NEWS

LPEA's reduced Time-of-Use "off peak" rates in effect Mar. 1 *Adjusted rate makes saving energy with TOU more viable*

DURANGO, Colo. – Members of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) on the Time-of-Use (TOU) rate will enjoy a lower cost when using electricity in “off-peak” periods, effective Mar. 1, 2016.

The “off-peak” rate for those signed up for the TOU program is 5.9¢ per kWh, a 7.7 percent reduction from the previous 6.5¢ per kWh. “Off-peak” hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., plus all day Sunday, and Thanksgiving and Christmas. The “on-peak” rate of 16.8¢ per kWh remains the same, as does the base charge of \$21.50 per month to cover LPEA’s fixed costs.

“With a reduced ‘off-peak’ Time-of-Use rate, we hope to add an incentive for members to shift their electricity usage to those lower cost time periods,” said Dan Harms, manager of rates, technology and energy policy. “One of the goals we have in managing electricity distribution is to level off usage and not experience ‘spikes’ in demand for power. Through the Time-of-Use program our members can help us, and we want to financially reward our members for shifting energy use to ‘off-peak’ periods.”

Current TOU participants should begin to see lower bills in April, reflecting electricity consumption in March. Members not on Time-of-Use, who are interested in evaluating the benefits of the program unique to their usage, are encouraged to call LPEA’s Energy Management Advisors, 970.247.5786.

“It shouldn’t take much effort to realize savings on the Time-of-Use program by shifting usage to the off-peak hours. The more you shift, the more you can save,” said Harms.

LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative established in 1939, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with nearly 42,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible. Visit www.lpea.coop for additional information.

#

LPEA is an equal opportunity provider and employer M/F/Disability/Veteran. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call [866-632-9992](tel:866-632-9992) to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax [202-690-7442](tel:202-690-7442) or email at program.intake@usda.gov.