



Earlier this month, a letter was mailed to all residential member-consumers regarding changes made to a distribution access charge found on your monthly electric bill.

To better explain, the distribution access charge is determined by calculating the average cost of assets (poles, wire, transformers) and operating and maintenance expenses for your rate class. This reflects the cost incurred, per account, by your electric cooperative before any energy is consumed.

Since April 2014, this charge has been \$35. Beginning January 1, 2020, the charge will increase by \$2.50 making the monthly charge \$37.50.

HCREMC is a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative. Although we strive every day to hold down costs while continuing to provide the reliable service you expect, any increases in the industry must be passed on to the consumer. Changes to the distribution access charge is part of our goal for fair allocation of costs to all members.

We look forward to continuing to provide you with safe, reliable and cost-effective energy.