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Energy Efficiency

7 ip of the Month

Here's a cool tip for your fridge! Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in your refrigerator. Uncovered foods release moisture, causing the compressor to work harder.

Source: energy.gov



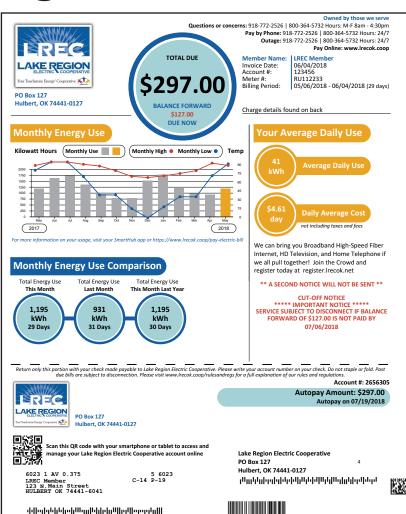
LREC offices will close, Wednesday July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Crews will be on standby if you need to report an electric outage or safety issue.

Introducing New Bill Format

Your electric cooperative has been working on a redesign of the bills, which will go into effect this month. This change is a result of bringing our bill up to date with a fresh, modern look. This new bill format is geared to make the most important information stand out and easy to read.

The new bill will now list and itemize all the charges that used to be lumped together and displayed as "energy charge" in the current bill format. There are no changes in the rates or additional fees.

The unbundled electric bills will help every member better understand what costs contribute to their energy bill each month, and each bill total will now better reflect LREC's fixed cost of providing electricity to that account.



We 4394201 want to help provide our members with a better understanding of what makes up the bill.

Following on page 2 is a guide to your new bill. Please contact us at 918-772-2526 if you have any questions.

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Contact Info: (Top Right) Co-op Contact info and member account info as well as the billing period.

Account Number: A unique member identification number.

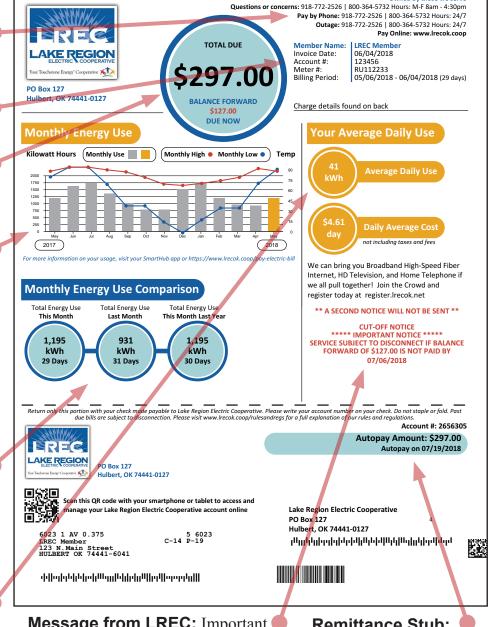
Total Amount Due: Amount to be paid by the due date is in large circle top middle of the page.

Monthly Energy Use: A statistical graph view of your monthly usage and high and low temperatures over the last 13 monthly billing periods, displaying (kWh) kilowatt-hours used by month. We encourage members to use these comparisons along with the temperature information to look for unusual energy usage.

Monthly Energy Use

Comparison: This shows your monthly kWh usage from the same month of last year. We encourage members to compare usage from the same month each year.

Average Daily Use: This shows your average daily kWh usage and average daily cost. We encourage members to monitor the average daily usage and cost. This breakdown can help members understand the daily cost of electricity.



Message from LREC: Important information from your local electric cooperative is printed under your daily usage mid-page. This information will change from month to month.

Remittance Stub:

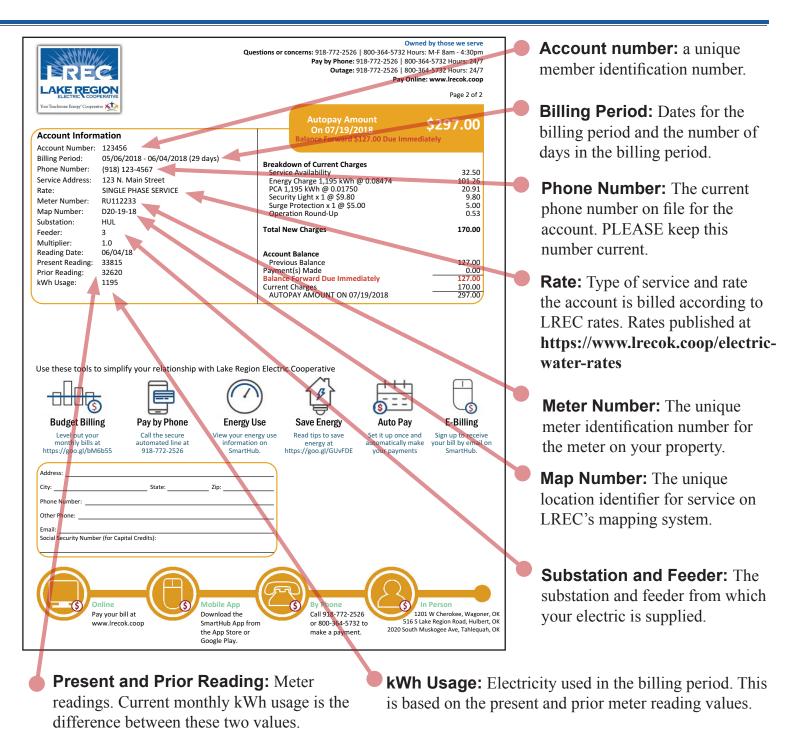
Please detach and remove the bottom portion of your bill and return with your payment

Breakdown of	Current Charges
Service Availability	

32.50 Energy Charge 1,195 kWh @ 0.08474 101.26 PCA 1,195 kWh @ 0.01750 20.91 Security Light x 1 @ \$9.80 9.80 Surge Protection x 1 @ \$5.00 5.00 Operation Round-Up 0.53

Total New Charges 170.00

Service Availability Charge - A fixed fee that recovers a portion of the cost required to deliver power to your home or business. This charge is intended to recover the investment in the infrastructure which includes meters, poles, wires, substations, and transformers, as well as maintenance cost to keep these facilities functioning properly. The actual cost of this infrastructure is higher than what we recover through the service availability charge. The remainder of this expense is captured in the energy charge.



Energy Charge - A charge billed at a fixed rate per (kWh) kilowatt-hour based on the amount of electricity (usage) you use within the billing period. The rate per kWh is determined by your service class. A portion of the cost to build and maintain the electric distribution system that is not captured in the service availability charge is recovered in the energy charge.

Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Charge - Based on the amount of electricity used. This charge will be billed using a variable kWh rate, which will be set every January. The PCA rate is calculated based on the wholesale supplier (Associated Electric Cooperative) costs using a formula defined in the rates. The PCA helps our rates always reflect the real cost of service to you - no more or less. The PCA will be set once a year starting in 2019. The PCA will show a zero charge for 2018.

Making Phone and Internet More Affordable

Income-Based Discount Program

Need help paying for your phone or internet service?

Lake Region is now offering a Lifeline Assistance Program for low-cost home phone or internet service to qualifying households.

Access to the internet can change lives. You can use the internet to apply for jobs online, connect with family and friends, research health information, complete an online education—and much more. Plus, as a participant in the Lake Region Lifeline Assistance Program, you could save a lot of money on your internet bill!

Lake Region encourages eligible residential members to take advantage of these available discounts on our home phone service or internet. The Lifeline Assistance Program provides members that qualify



a discount on home phone service or internet. Only one Lifeline discount is available per household. You must live inside of our network coverage area to recieve service. Visit our website www.lrecok.net/Lifeline-Assistance or call 918-772-2526 and see if you qualify.

LREC Participation in Nationwide Voter Engagement Effort

Lake Region Electric Cooperative has been named a "5-Star Coop" by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The 5-star designation recognizes LREC participation in Co-ops Vote Champaign, a national get-out-the-vote campaign. The non-partisan campaign

seeks to engage voters and boost voter turnout in areas served by electric coops all across the country. The Co-ops Vote program can make a difference in our community.

More information on Co-ops Vote is available at **www.vote.coop**.



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Hidden Account Number

Look for your account number hidden in this issue of the *Powerline Press*. If you find your number, Lake Region Electric will credit your next bill.

To claim your credit, notify LREC's Hulbert office by phone or mail during the month of publication.

The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.

For more information, call 800-364-LREC or 918-772-2526

Cooperative bylaws are available upon request at Lake Region Electric Cooperative's office in Hulbert.

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