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2022 RATE ADJUSTMENTS
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NO ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE FOR 2022

Over the past couple years, we've all faced challenges, changes and even opportunities. Through it all, ALP Utilities has remained unwavering in our commitment to going above and beyond to improve the communities we serve.

During its December 20 meeting, the Alexandria Board of Public Utilities was happy to affirm there would be no electric rate increase in 2022. **This marks the third year in a row that there is not an electric rate increase.** The reason for this is twofold: First is the rate stability that ALP has seen from its wholesale power supplier Missouri River Energy Services. MRES supplies ALP with roughly 68% of the electricity used in Alexandria. Second is the long-term strategy of planning infrastructure improvements, like undergrounding primary electric services, in a measured way that attempts to mitigate large rate increases for all our consumer owners. As many across the Nation are feeling the effects of inflation and increasing utility rates, this is great news for Alexandria residents and businesses.

The board did approve a 6% overall water rate increase for ALP Utilities customers starting January 1. The water rate increase affects monthly facilities and usage charges for residential and commercial customers. This rate change allows us to continue to maintain and improve both the water treatment and water distribution systems. As a result, a typical residential water customer with a 3/4 " meter using 4,000 gallons of water, will see an average increase of \$1.42 per month.

As we look forward to a New Year, ALP continues to seek out ways to innovate, embrace new technologies and put best practices in place to protect you, your family and your livelihood. To view a complete list of our 2022 rates, please visit alputilities.com.

2022 RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES

Facilities Charge:	\$19.00 / mo.
Energy Charge (October - June):	\$ 0.076 / kWh
Energy Charge (July - September):	\$0.096 / kWh
Minimum Monthly Charge:	Facilities charge

Cogeneration & Small Power Production Tariff: \$0.0270 / kWh

2022 COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE

(Customers maintaining a demand less than 50 kVA monthly)

Facilities Charge-Single Phase:	\$25.00 / mo.
Facilities Charge-Three Phase:	\$32.00 / mo.
Energy Charge (October - June):	\$0.082 / kWh
Energy Charge (July - September):	\$0.102 / kWh
Minimum Monthly Charge:	Facilities charge

(Customers exceeding a demand of 50 kVA in 3 or more months)

Facilities Charge:	\$50.00 / mo.
Demand Charge (October - June):	\$12.75 / kVA
Demand Charge (July - September):	\$18.00 / kVA
Energy Charge (all kWh of monthly energy):	\$0.040 / kWh
Stand-By-Rate:	\$5.00 / kVA
Minimum Monthly Charge:	Facilities Charge

2022 WATER RATE INCREASE



Up to 3/4 " meter:	\$16.40 / mo.
1" meter :	\$23.00 / mo.
1 1/2 " meter:	\$40.00 / mo.
2" meter:	\$60.00 / mo.
3" meter:	\$140.00 / mo.
4" meter:	\$210.00 / mo.
6" meter:	\$400.00 /mo.

ALEXANDRIA LAKES AREA SANITARY DISTRICT (ALASD)

ALP is contracted by ALASD to bill monthly sewer charges. Rates are set by ALASD's board of directors. **The residential sewer rate will go from \$30.60 to \$33.71 in 2022.** If you have any billing questions, please **contact ALASD at: 320-762-1135.**

To view our complete rate schedule, please visit alputilities.com

SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY



Start the New Year with Energy Savings

SUNOPTA SAVES MONEY WITH CUSTOM REBATE

ALP congratulates SunOpta on their recent oatbase expansion project and the success they are attaining. ALP also congratulates them in their energy wise choices along their construction journey for the project.

Early in 2020, ALP staff and their power supplier, MRES, worked with SunOpta's consultant, Jim Radford from OTF Resources, to review the way they would cool oatbase during the pasteurization process. Two options were analyzed with one being much more energy efficient. This involved a cooling tower and triple effect pasteurization system utilizing three counter-flow heat exchangers. The heat exchanger would perform a double function by cooling hot base and pre-heating cold base.



\$39,064

(Pictured above is Ray Walters, Sun Opta. Vicki Gesell, ALP Utilities, Jim Radford, OTF, and Mary Bakker, Sun Opta).

The reduction in energy demand savings for this process was a fit for our Bright Energy Solutions Custom Rebate program.

ALP was happy to present SunOpta with a rebate check for \$39,064. By choosing this efficient cooling process they will see ongoing energy cost savings well into the future.

ALP's Bright Energy Solutions program encourages energy-efficient choices by offering cash incentives to their customers to make efficient upgrades and to save money on their electrical usage. This helps ALP to control the use of a valuable resource by reducing how much energy we, as the utility, need to purchase and provide to our customers.

See a list of all the rebates we have available for residential and commercial customers below and contact ALP with any questions you have.

2022 COMMERCIAL REBATES



- Commercial Refrigeration & Food Service
- Compressed Air
- Custom Incentive (*Pre-approval is required)
- Electric Forklifts
- Heating & Cooling
- LED Lighting (New Construction & Retrofit)
- Infrared Curing & Drying
- New Construction Design Review
- Pumps & VFD's

For a complete list of available commercial rebates, please visit our rebate forms online at: alputilities.com/rebates -or- contact an Energy Services Specialist at: 320-763-6501.

2022 RESIDENTIAL REBATES



When purchasing new electric appliances or equipment, be sure to choose ENERGY STAR products that are highly efficient. Plus, the Bright Energy Solutions program offers rebates to help pay for that equipment to make your energy choices easier. **All rebate applications can be found online at: alputilities.com/rebates.**

ENERGY STAR Appliances

- Air Purifier: \$25
- Clothes Washer: \$25
- Dehumidifier: \$25
- LED Bulb: \$1.50
- LED Recessed Can/Retrofit Kit: \$4
- Room Air Conditioner: \$25
- Smart Thermostat: \$25

Additional Rebates

- ChargePoint Home Electric Vehicle Charger: \$500
- Air-Source Heat Pump: \$200 - \$1,300
- Geothermal Heat Pump: \$200 per ton
- Central Air - Conditioner: \$200 - \$300
- Heat Pump or A/C Tune-Up: \$30
- Heat Pump Water Heater: \$150
- Mini Split Ductless Heat Pump: \$250 - \$350
- Mini Split Ductless Air Conditioner: \$200 per unit

BECOME 100% RENEWABLE WITH BRIGHT ENERGY CHOICES



CREATING A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

We all want to help protect the environment. The good news is that 82% of the electricity you purchased from us last year came from clean energy resources. These resources do not produce greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, or other pollutants. Our clean energy comes from renewable resources including, hydroelectric, wind and solar, and from nuclear energy which is not renewable, but releases no greenhouse gases.

Many people want to do even more! **That's why we're offering Bright Energy Choices, a program that lets us and our customers support the development of additional carbon-free, renewable energy resources.**

Here's how Bright Energy Choices works: Our wholesale power supplier, Missouri River Energy Services, purchases Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) on behalf of our participating customers. RECs are proof that electricity was generated by qualifying clean, renewable facilities-such as wind and solar farms - and fed into the electric grid.

When you enroll, REC purchases will offset the portion of your energy that comes from fossil fuels, making your electric usage, in effect, 100% clean and carbon-free!

Each month, a small premium of \$.001 (one-tenth of one cent) per kilowatt-hour (kWh) will be added to 18% of your kWh usage each month. This represents the portion of your electricity that comes from fossil fuels, and will be offset by RECs when you participate. **For an average homeowner using 900 kWhs per month, the Bright Energy Choices premium will only be \$.16 per month.**

Your participation will continue unless you cancel. We will let you know of any changes to the Bright Energy Choices premium before they take effect, we will also send you a Bright Energy Choices certificate to show that you support clean energy!

Contact us at 320-763-6501 to sign up for Bright Energy Choices.

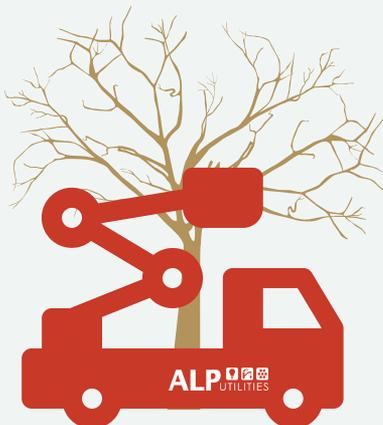


TREES NEAR POWERLINES

ALP Utilities may trim and or remove trees that interfere with electric facilities. **If trees on your property are growing into power lines, and it appears that the tree must be cut, please call ALP at 320-763-6501. An ALP representative will visit the property and evaluate the trees for trimming or possible removal.**

We prioritize tree trimming work to be completed during the winter months.

If a tree has been damaged in some manner (storm, disease, fire), ALP may cut down the tree or trim branches to remove the hazard and restore electric service.



CALCULATE YOUR SPACE HEATER COST

Supplementing heat with an electric space heater can be convenient, however, this doesn't come without additional cost. How much will an electric space heater cost to operate? You can use the following formula to calculate how much it will cost to operate a 1,500 watt space heater:

$$\text{wattage} \times \text{hours used per month} \times \frac{\text{kWh rate}}{1000} = \text{monthly cost}$$

This means if a 1,500-watt heater ran 24 hours a month at a rate of \$.076 cents per kWh (ALP's residential rate), the cost would be \$2.73 per day. $1,500 \times 24 \div 1,000 \times \$0.076 = \$2.73$. Multiply the daily cost by the days in a billing month. For 30 days, this would add \$81.90 to your monthly bill.



WINTER WEATHER

Reminders 

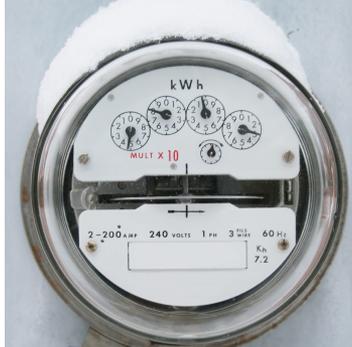
Keep snow and ice 3 feet away from fire hydrants.

In case of a fire, fire fighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.



Keep your meter clear this winter. Carefully remove snow and ice accumulations.

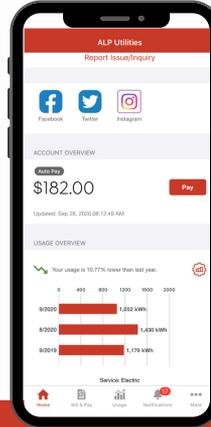
Keep snow blowers, snowplows and other powered equipment away to avoid damage.



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HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Deadline: March 15, 2022

LEROY MEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: ALP Utilities is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to 2022 graduating seniors planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution and whose legal guardian are electric customers on ALP Utilities service. Submit an essay to ALP Utilities by March 15, 2022 to be eligible. (The winning essay of the Leroy Meyer Memorial Scholarship will be submitted by ALP Utilities to Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA), Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Program, for an additional opportunity to win: \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500.)

MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES (MRES): Ten \$1,000 Scholarships divided into two categories will be awarded. Five \$1,000 scholarships will go to students whose parents are customers of MRES members (such as ALP Utilities) and are pursuing college degrees in fields related to the electric industry. Five \$1000 scholarships will go to any student taking the Electrical Line Worker Program who could potentially be hired by MRES or a member utility. Apply online at www.mrenergy.com



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