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2023 RATE ADJUSTMENTS

During its November 21 meeting, the Alexandria Board of Public Utilities approved a 4% electric and 6% water rate increase for 2023.

After three consecutive years without an increase in electric rates, a 2022 electric rate study determined an increase is necessary to offset the rising cost of purchased power, distribution equipment and capital infrastructure projects such as a system-wide meter upgrade beginning in 2023.

The adjustment increases the residential monthly customer charge from \$19 to \$20. The energy rate (kWh) for the months of October – June will be \$.079 and for the months of July – September \$.099. The average ALP residential customer, utilizing 750 kWh, will see a monthly increase in their bill of \$3.25.

For large commercial customers, the monthly facilities charge will go from \$50 to \$55. The kWh rate will remain the same at \$.04/kWh. Demand rates for June, July and August will go from \$18.00/kVa to \$19.15/kVa and the months September through May it will go from \$12.75 to \$13.80.

The board also approved a 6% overall water increase beginning January 1.

Ted Cash, ALP Utilities General Manager



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 reliability in both the water treatment and water distribution systems. As a result, a typical residential water customer with a ¾" meter using 4,000 gallons of water will see an average increase of \$1.68 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.

It is our goal to continue to go above and beyond to improve the communities we serve through excellence.

ALP Utilities is community-owned and operated and rates are regularly reviewed by our local governing board and adjusted to reflect the costs of providing reliable and quality service to our customers. We know rate increases affect our customers so we work hard to control costs and operate as efficiently as possible while providing some of the lowest electric rates in our region.

To view a complete list of our 2023 rates, visit alputilities.com.

BRIGHT ENERGY SOLUTIONS HELPS BUSINESSES SAVE MONEY.

Installing energy-efficient equipment will not only qualify for cash rebates, it will help improve your bottom line well into the future.

Recently the Alexandria School District completed an extensive retrofit to LED lighting in several of their school buildings. ALP staff worked with them to maximize the lighting rebate incentive which totaled \$72,096. Congratulations to the school district on being energy wise. This lighting retrofit will save them in energy costs and require less maintenance in the future.



\$72,096 REBATE

(Pictured: Wade Nibbe, Alexandria School District, Megan Chisholm and Vicki Gesell, ALP and Trevor Peterson, Alexandria School District.)



\$19,711 REBATE

(Pictured: Vicki Gesell and Josh Waldorf, ALP, Paul Jagdeo and Cody Emery, Sun Opta and Jim Radford, OTF Resources.)

SunOpta on Minnesota Street replaced an existing water-cooled chiller used for product processing with a more efficient smaller chiller with a VFD. This upgrade will save them 70 kW in demand as well as energy savings. Based on the kW savings this new chiller earned a rebate of \$18,910. They also installed a VFD on a burner replacement for their boiler. Together the incentives totaled \$19,711. Congratulations to SunOpta on their energy saving choices.

For more information on available commercial rebates, please visit alputilities.com or call 320-763-6501.

2023 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

SYSTEM-WIDE METER UPGRADE WILL BEGIN IN 2023.

This spring, ALP Utilities will begin a system-wide meter upgrade.



ALP has contracted with Allegiant Utility Services to deploy and install the meters. As we get closer to when crews will be in your neighborhood doing maintenance, please look for co-branded communications to come from Allegiant and ALP along with additional information to be available on our website soon.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



LEROY MEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: ALP Utilities is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to 2023 graduating seniors planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution and whose legal guardian(s) are electric customers of ALP. **Visit alputilities.com/scholarships to learn more.**

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.

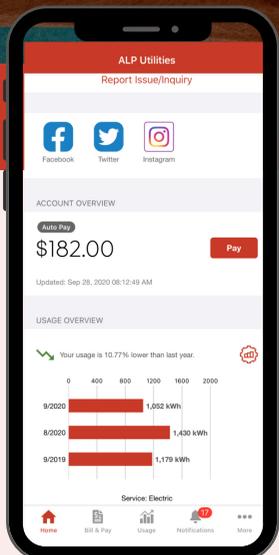
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES (MRES): MRES is offering ten \$1,000 scholarships. Five \$1,000 scholarships will go to students whose parents are customers of MRES members (such as ALP Utilities) and are pursuing college degrees in fields related to the electric industry; and five \$1000 scholarships will go to any student taking the Electrical Line Worker Program who could potentially be hired by MRES or a member utility. **Visit mrenergy.com to learn more.**

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WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS



Reveal the red. Please keep snow and ice at least 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. Creating a clear path to your meter also allows our staff to safely read your meter as snow continues to accumulate this winter.

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:

$$\frac{\text{WATTAGE}}{\div 1,000} \times \text{HOURS USED PER MONTH} \times \text{COST PER KWH } (\$.079) = \text{DAILY COST}$$

Example: (1,500 watts ÷ 1,000) x 24 hours x \$.079 (ALP's residential energy charge) = \$2.84 per day.

To calculate the monthly cost, multiply your daily cost by the number of days in the month: \$2.84 x 30 days = \$85.32. This is your cost per month.

Space heaters are convenient but can be expensive to use!



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