



WPCA CREDIT on your December bill

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, Central Electric continually strives to provide safe, reliable, and affordable power for members. In order to provide the highest quality of electric service to members at the most competitive price, the cooperative operates as close to at-cost as possible, setting rates to generate enough revenue to purchase power and provide exceptional service.

An important part in determining rate schedules is predicting the future cost of wholesale power. Wholesale power costs account for 64 percent of expenses and they significantly impact rates. These costs can be difficult to predict. Rather than doing frequent, costly rate studies, Central Electric and other cooperatives often use a wholesale power cost adjustment (WPCA) to adjust for actual costs of wholesale power. When costs are lower, you may receive a credit on your bill, and when they are higher, it may appear as a charge.

Due to favorable fuel and wholesale power costs, actual costs have been lower than budgeted costs for the past operating year. That's why on your December bill, you should have noticed a WPCA credit of \$.027 per kWh, or \$27.00 for every 1,000 kWh used. This is one of the many benefits of being a member-owner of a not-for-profit electric cooperative like Central Electric. YOU, the consumer, reap the benefits and share in the financial success of the company rather than outside shareholders. That's the "cooperative difference," YOU are the priority.

WHY YOU ARE
GETTING A CREDIT



Wholesale power cost adjustment (WPCA):
A **charge** or **credit** applied to bills to adjust for the *actual* costs charged by our wholesale power provider.



**HIGHER
ACTUAL COSTS**
Passed along as
a **charge** on
the bill



**LOWER
ACTUAL COSTS**
Passed along as
a **credit** on
the bill

64% of Central Electric's expenses =
wholesale power costs

How about some good news?
Actual costs have come in lower than budgeted for the past operating year
(due to favorable fuel and wholesale power costs).

Your December bill CREDIT:

\$.027 per kilowatt-hour (kWh)
That's **\$27.00** for every 1,000 kWh used!

One more benefit of being a member of your not-for-profit electric cooperative.