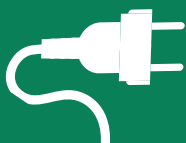


# COOPERATIVE MEMBERS,

Nationally, wholesale power costs are increasing as demand for electricity rises faster than new electric generation (supply) can be built. Many electric co-ops and other utilities are facing rising wholesale power costs, including Southeastern Electric. Load growth, investments in reliability, and the impacts of inflation are the main reasons Basin, East River, and WAPA's wholesale power costs are increasing. As a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative, we strive every day to hold down costs while still providing the safe and reliable service members expect. However, these wholesale power costs are Southeastern Electric's single largest expense and represent about 67 cents of every \$1 on member bills each month. As co-ops, our rates are designed only to cover the actual costs of delivering electricity to members. As our wholesale power costs increase, we need to increase our rates to cover that cost.

Southeastern Electric Cooperative is committed to minimizing the impact of rising wholesale power costs on your household. Contact us to learn how to save more energy throughout your home and also to learn more about our energy efficiency rebates, incentives, and loans.


if you have additional questions, please give us a call or stop by one of our offices.



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# RATE INCREASE Q&A

**Q Why are wholesale power costs increasing?**

**A** Load growth, investments in reliability, and the impacts of inflation are the main reasons Basin and WAPA's wholesale power costs are increasing.

**Q How much are wholesale power costs increasing?**

**A** East River Electric wholesale power costs to Southeastern will increase 10.8% beginning 1/1/2026. East River Electric purchases power from both Basin Electric and WAPA. Basin is raising their rates 10% on 1/1/2026 and WAPA is raising their rates 6.2% on 1/1/2026.

**Q How much will Southeastern's rates increase?**

**A** On average, SEC rates will increase 9%. For an average residential member using 1,200 kWh per month, that would mean an additional \$15.

**Q When will my bill change?**

**A** The rate change will be effective January 1 so it will be on your bill received in February for January usage.

**Q How will this rate increase affect the co-op's finances?**

**A** We are a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative. We exist to serve our members with reliable, affordable power and any margins we receive are invested into the electric system or returned to you in the form of capital credits.

**Q What can I do to manage my bill?**

**A** There are several ways to manage your energy use. Learn ways to save energy at: [southeasternelectric.com/energy-resources](http://southeasternelectric.com/energy-resources). You can also contact us to learn more about our energy efficiency rebates, incentives, and loans.



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Read more about the rate increase:  
[southeasternelectric.com/about/rates-policies/](http://southeasternelectric.com/about/rates-policies/)



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