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NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OF PROPOSED RATE DESIGN CHANGE

On May 1, 2019, Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a proposed rate design change with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC). The Cooperative requested that this new rate design become effective on June 17, 2019. However, the Cooperative will suspend implementation of the proposed rate design if the PUC opens an investigation, and will not implement the rate design change until approved by the PUC.

The proposed rate design is revenue neutral, meaning the Cooperative collects the same revenue under existing rates as it would collect using the proposed rate design change. However, some members will see lower bills and others will see increased bills. This proposed rate design lowers the energy portion of rates to encourage members to use WEC's 100% renewable electricity to displace fossil fuel energy use. The fixed monthly customer charge will increase while the variable energy rate will decrease. The proposed rate design's purpose is to meet various legislative and regulatory mandates including Act 56 Renewable Energy Standard, the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan, and to continue promoting efficient use of energy.

Any interested person may examine the proposed rate design filing via ePUC at: <https://epuc.vermont.gov/?q=node/87> and searching case number _____. The filing is also available at the Vermont Public Utility Commission and the Washington Electric Cooperative office during normal business hours. Comments regarding the proposed rate design may be submitted to the Public Utility Commission by [DATE] via mail at 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-2701 or via email at puc.clerk@vermont.gov. Comments may also be filed through e-PUC under the same case number at <https://epuc.vermont.gov/?q=node/32> or by visiting ePUC and searching case number _____ and selecting "Add Public Comment."

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