BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN

The District has established a Budget Payment Plan that spreads the cost of electric service evenly throughout the year. Under this plan, the customer, although receiving a regular monthly bill, pays the calculated budget payment amount.

This option is a twelve-month plan and begins in May of each year. Qualifying customers may sign up for the Plan during the months of March and April. You will receive a notification letter prior to your May bill advising you of the budget amount for the next year.

The monthly budget payment shall be obtained by dividing the last 12 months (May-April) cost of energy by 12. Any anticipated future rate increases within the Budget Payment Plan are taken into consideration in determining the monthly payment. The District reserves the right to adjust the monthly payment requirement at any time to compensate for abnormal debit or credit balances.

April is considered the "budget catch up month". All customers on the plan are taken off of the Budget Payment Plan and are required to pay their balances in full. The Budget Payment Plan will begin again in May with a new amount based on your last year's billing.

On the April billing, any customer with a credit balance has the option of requesting a refund or the credit will be used to offset the budget payment calculation for the next year. Any credit balance resulting from energy assistance from an outside agency, the credit balance will only be used to offset the new budget payment calculation.

When a customer fails to maintain a current budget payment status and becomes past due, the customer will be removed from the plan. The customer may return to the plan after the account is brought current and all charges have been paid, subject to the general terms of the budget payment.

A customer on a Budget Payment Plan may remain on the Plan until such time as the customer moves from the address or the customer notifies the District to terminate his participation in the Plan. In the event the customer moves, the actual account balance is due and payable at that time.

To qualify for this Budget Payment Plan option, you must:

1. be a customer of the District
2. lived in the same residence for the last 12 months (May - April)
3. have a zero balance on your account prior to your May billing

Please remember - this Budget Payment Plan (the calculated amount) is only an estimate for billing purposes. For your information, your actual usage and charges will continue to show on the left-hand side of your bill along with last year's usage to compare. With this plan you should be accumulating a credit balance in the spring & summer to get you through the higher bills in the winter.