

## A Message Concerning Your Tipmont Electric Rates

With the January billing, our members will see an increase in their Tipmont bill. The major reasons behind the increase are the rebuilding of old lines on our distribution system, some dating back to the late 30's, and the upgrading of facilities required to serve our growing member base.

We continually evaluate every expense to eliminate activities we do not believe are strategic to the cooperative's success and mission. Through this process we have managed to mitigate some cost and minimize the increase required to maintain safe and reliable service for our members. The average increase will be 3% for residential members and 1.5% for small commercial members. However, members who use less energy will see a larger percentage increase, while members who use more energy will see a smaller percentage increase.

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