



FAQ – Rate Credit effective June 1, 2008

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Residential and General Services will receive a \$0.004 per kWh line item credit.

Why is there a rate credit? Benton PUD is projected to receive \$9.8 million from BPA due to the agreement associated with the Residential Exchange. Benton PUD received approximately \$6.4 million in April and will receive a projected additional amount of approximately \$3.4 million at the conclusion of the 2007 Supplemental Rate case in September.

How does this impact residential rate class? The residential rate will still be \$0.0578 per kWh. There will be a \$0.004 credit per kWh on the bill as a separate line item. With the credit, residential customers' energy charge is decreased by 6.9 percent. The base charge will remain the same at \$8.80 per month for single-phase.

What will the average residential customer savings be? In one year, residential customers will save approximately \$70.

How long will the credit be in effect? The credit starts June 1 and will be adjusted after the final payment is received from BPA in September. The credit is projected to be in place for one year.

Why is the credit for one year, rather than one lump sum? Because bills fluctuate each month with use it was felt that this was the most equitable way for our customers.

If my bill is for part of May and part of June, what will the credit be?

The bill will be prorated and only the days in June will receive the credit.

How does this impact Budget Payment amounts? Customers on the Budget Payment Plan will receive the credit on their cost of power consumed starting June 1. Budget Payment Plan customers will receive an adjustment in their monthly payment during the July Budget Payment recalculation.

What will the other rate classes receive? The Large Irrigation customer class will receive a line item credit of \$.0020 per kWh for three months (June – August) due to the seasonal energy usage with a final payment after the last BPA payment is received by Benton PUD. The Small Irrigation class, Large Industrial and General Service classes will receive the credit of \$0.004. Street Lights, Security, Flats will receive a one-time rate credit by the end of September.