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Electricity is a Bargain

Nobody really likes to pay the utility bill, whether it's power, water, sewer or telephone. You use it because you need it. You pay for it because you have to. You want to make sure you get good value for your dollar.

Your electric bill is becoming a smaller part of your budget. I heard one speaker say an electric bill was comparable in cost to a dinner out each month. I am not sure where he has dinner, but he may have a point.

Last year at KPUD the average residential customer used 1,144 kilowatt-hours and their bill was \$89.83. I know my bill and anyone with an all-electric home pays a lot more than this. But on average, the guy has a point. For value, you can't beat electricity.

Chances are your electric bill is not even the biggest utility bill at your house. For most people, that would be their telecommunications bill. With separate bills for local, long distance, Internet and cell phones, chances are you pay more for these services than you do for the electricity to run them. This does not even include your TV cable or dish service.

Electricity is the workhorse. It lights up your home, heats your water, cooks your food, washes your clothes and powers all of those little electronic devices, from your clock to your computer. Chances are you don't think about how much your electric bill will go up each time you purchase something with a plug attached to it. That is the way it should be.

Electricity is your silent servant. Use it wisely, use it safely and enjoy. Before there was electricity, you had to be rich to have all the tasks done for your household that are now done electrically. It's OK to take it for granted. Go out and enjoy that steak dinner. Our goal is to get your electric bill down to the cost of a lunch instead of a dinner.

Tom D. Svendsen, General Manager

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