

2017 Financial Outlook

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Project, which we own in a 50-50 partnership with Northern Wasco PUD. Our 5-megawatt share is used to directly service our customers, and provides about 12 percent of the power we use annually. Our cost to produce this power is less than our costs to buy and deliver power from BPA.

Operating expenses are a critical component that reflect our day-to-day operations keeping the lights on; our water and wastewater service flowing; and serves you, our customers.

Power generation expenses are related to the H.W. Hill Landfill Gas Project and White Creek Wind.

All of us at the PUD are focused on working together to provide safe, reliable, low-cost utility services to our customers.

Please visit our website at www.klickitatpud.com for additional financial information about your PUD.

Jim Smith
General Manager

Beware of Scammers

If someone called claiming to be from the PUD and said to meet them at the drugstore with cash to pay your electric bill, would you do it?

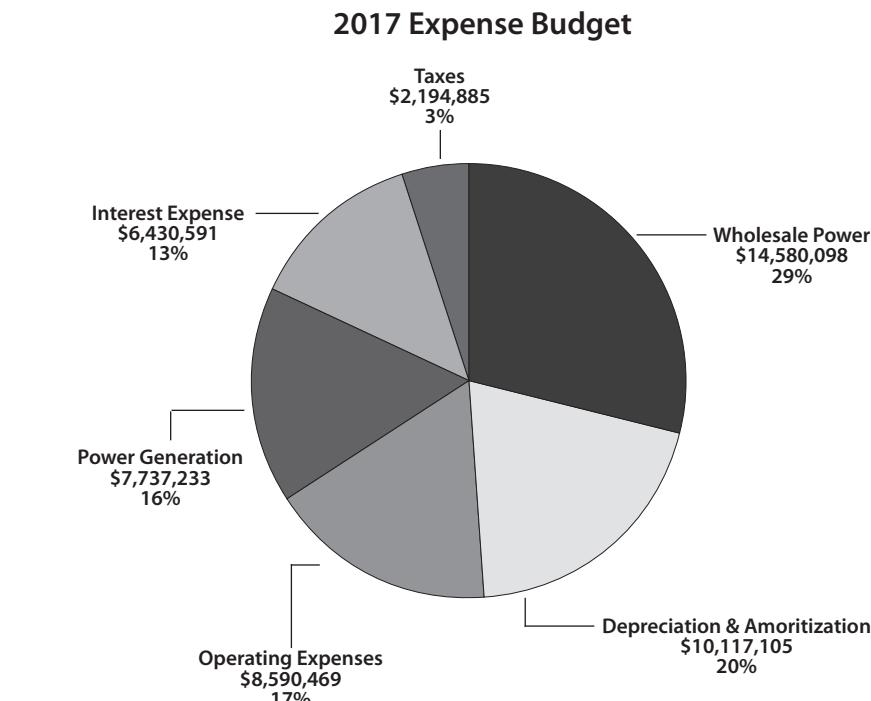
What if the caller said you are due a rebate from the statewide magazine? Would you believe it?

Those are two of the newest scams being reported by electric co-op members.

In central Florida, members of SECO Energy report being called by a supposed co-op employee telling them to take cash and meet them at a local CVS pharmacy to avoid disconnection.

In Pennsylvania, a co-op member got a call from someone claiming to have a \$25 rebate to cover subscription costs to the statewide magazine, Penn Lines.

As you do with Ruralite, Pennsylvania co-op members receive Penn Lines magazine as part of their



membership, with no subscription required.

It is assumed that if the member had been receptive, the caller would have asked for banking information so the "rebate" could be deposited into the member's account.

In Colorado, members are getting calls from people claiming to be from the co-op's billing department, threatening disconnection if they don't pay immediately.

Electric utilities advise consumers to think twice before trusting an email message or the voice on the other end of the phone. A common method is for scammers to place fraudulent phone calls to homes and businesses, impersonating electric utility employees. Be aware: These criminals are capable of manipulating the number displayed on caller ID to show the electric utility's office number.

During the call, the scammer instructs the consumer to buy a prepaid debit card to pay a bill. If they fail to do so, they are told service will be disconnected. In some instances, scammers have requested and received the billholder's personal credit card information.

These criminals also have distributed fraudulent emails to collect money from unsuspecting consumers. The emails often appear as a monthly bill from an electricity provider, and may contain links to untrustworthy sites.

Be alert for unusual calls—especially those related to financial information.

Members are encouraged to contact their local co-op office to verify a caller claiming to be from the cooperative is actually working on behalf of the cooperative. ■