

CURRENT NEWS



What's Happening



AUGUST 11

National Safe Digging
(811) Day



SEPTEMBER 1

Offices closed for Labor Day

Wheelchairs and Walleyes hosted a charity fishing tournament after dedicating an accessibility ramp to Hazen Bay in June. Read more on C1-2 of our local pages in the August issue of *North Dakota Living*.

In case you missed it...

Factors that impact your rates

One topic that frequents the boardroom is rates and the impact those rates have on our membership. Roughrider Electric Cooperative is dedicated to keeping rates affordable, while ensuring reliable service for all of our members. Through strategic investments in infrastructure and technology, we aim to enhance our efficiency and minimize costs, ultimately benefiting you, our valued members. Read more on C3 of our local pages in the August issue of *North Dakota Living*.

A message from WAPA

The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) strives to keep pace with changes in the electric industry. This ensures WAPA can fulfill its mission to safely provide reliable, cost-based hydropower and transmission to its customers and the communities it serves. Read more on C5 of our local pages in the August issue of *North Dakota Living*.

Read these stories and more in this month's issue of *North Dakota Living*.



Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



UNDERSTANDING YOUR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S ENERGY COSTS

YOUR BILL IS PRIMARILY MADE UP OF 2 COMPONENTS



ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION:

Your energy usage is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh). Think of it as the amount of electricity you use over time. For example, leaving a 1,000-watt appliance running, like a hairdryer, for one hour consumes one kWh. The more appliances and devices you use, the higher your kWh consumption. We encourage energy efficiency to help you lower your usage and save on your bills.



BASE CHARGE:

You'll notice a base charge on your bill. This charge covers system maintenance upgrades and maintaining and operating our infrastructure, including power lines, substations and equipment. It ensures reliable service regardless of your energy usage. The charge is crucial to ensure reliable electricity delivery.

FACTORS THAT IMPACT RATES

Wholesale Electric Provider

Changes in rates charged by wholesale providers directly impact our costs.



Market Conditions

Fluctuations in the market influence wholesale rates and, consequently, member rates.



Contractual Agreements

Long-term contracts with providers shape rate stability or volatility.



Inflation

Inflation rates have impacted the costs of materials, labor, and equipment needed for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.



Weather

Extreme weather conditions can affect energy demand and supply, impacting rates.

