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Public Service Commission of Utah
Attn: Julie Orchard
160 E. 300 So.
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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Dear Ms. Orchard:

On June 9, 2009 the Bridger Valley Electric Board of Directors authorized a five percent rate increase with an effective date of August 1, 2009. Enclosed are revised tariff sheets reflecting that rate change for filing with the Commission.

The rate increase was approved by the Board for consumers in both states served by Bridger Valley Electric and identical rates are being filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

I have also enclosed a copy of a notice that was mailed to every consumer with the July billing statement providing further details regarding the rate increase. We have also published newspaper articles regarding the increase throughout our service territory. As mentioned in the enclosed notice, this is the first significant rate increase we have implemented since 1989.

We respectfully request that these rate schedules be accepted for filing.

If you need any additional information or have further question, please let me know.

Sincerely,

F. Danny Eyre
General Manager

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Dear Bridger Valley Electric Member,

For the first time in nearly twenty years, Bridger Valley Electric Association (BVEA) will soon increase our rates for electric service. At their regular meeting on June 9, 2009 the Bridger Valley Electric Board of Directors adopted a motion to increase electric rates by 5 percent effective with the August billing. This change is the first rate increase since 1989. The rate increase is necessary for us to avoid falling dangerously close to the minimum financial ratios required by lenders.

The 5 percent increase will apply to all rate classes (residential, irrigation, large power, etc.) and all components of the rate (demand, energy, and customer charge) with a couple of exceptions. The rates charged to three large customers who are on special contracts will not be increased at this time since the contract dictates the rate. Also the cost of those kilowatt-hours (kWh's) qualifying for the special heating incentive rate will increase by an additional 6 percent.

The average residential customer will see their monthly bill increase from \$59.85 to \$62.84. The typical customer using the heating incentive rate will be paying \$105.87 under the new rate, compared to \$99.72 at the current rate.

This rate increase comes more than a year after our members voted to exempt us from the jurisdiction of the Wyoming Public Service Commission (WPSC) for the setting of rates. Before that time and since, we have stated that a rate increase was likely in the near future. Without the exemption from WPSC regulation, the increase would have been proposed several months earlier and would likely have been for a larger amount. This is because of the long lead time and the added cost of obtaining public service commission approval under the previous regulatory scenario.

The Consumer Price Index has increased by 73 percent since BVEA's last rate increase in 1989. The cost of a typical power transformer has gone up by 95 percent. And a gallon of gasoline is nearly 80 percent more now than in 1989. Most energy costs have increased significantly, especially in recent years. Despite these inflationary pressures, BVEA has been able to avoid raising rates for a number of reasons.

Wholesale power, our single largest cost, has been stable over much of that time. In addition, steady growth in sales has allowed us to spread all costs over more kWh's, thus keeping the average cost per kWh from increasing. Also, we have earned sufficient margins without raising rates to provide most of the capital needed for new and replacement construction of electric facilities without incurring more debt. This has helped to reduce interest expense.

As a cooperative, our objective is to provide the best possible electric service to our member owners at the lowest possible cost. This rate increase is necessary to maintain the financial strength of the Cooperative. It is anticipated that this rate increase will raise total annual revenue by about \$374,000. We will begin the process of completing a cost of service and rate study. This will take several months and will provide an indication as to whether or not each rate class is covering its costs.

On the reverse side is a table showing the current and proposed rates for each class of consumer.

RATE CHANGE PROPOSAL

	Current Rate	5 % Incr. Proposed Rate
Small General Service (Residential)		
Charge per kWh	0.06963	0.07311
Monthly Customer Charge	13.00	13.65
Average Monthly Bill	\$59.85	\$62.84
Irrigation		
Charge per kWh	0.047208	0.04957
Charge per KW of Demand	5.00	5.25
Monthly Customer Charge	13.00	13.65
Average Monthly Bill	\$263.37	\$276.54
Large Power Under 350		
Charge per kWh	0.027862	0.02926
Charge per KW of Demand	11.85	12.44
Monthly Customer Charge	70.00	73.50
Average Monthly Bill	\$548.28	\$575.69
LARGE POWER -- 350 - 2000		
Charge per kWh	0.027363	0.02873
Charge per KW of Demand	12.85	13.49
Monthly Customer Charge	130.00	136.50
Average Monthly Bill	\$7,548.81	\$7,926.25
STREET LIGHTING		
175 MV	7.90	8.30
55 MV	4.00	4.20
400 MV	12.31	12.93
100 HPS	8.00	8.40
250 HPS	12.25	12.86
LARGE COMMERCIAL		
Charge per kWh	0.029061	0.03051
Charge per KW of Demand	12.55	13.18
Monthly Customer Charge	35.00	36.75
Average Monthly Bill	\$602.84	\$632.98
HEATING INCENTIVE		
Charge per kWh	0.069631	0.07311
Charge per kWh for Incentive Energy	0.044	0.04884
Monthly Customer Charge	13.00	13.65
Average Monthly Bill	\$99.72	\$105.87

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STATE OF UTAH

SCHEDULE SGS - SMALL GENERAL SERVICE SINGLE-PHASE

AVAILABILITY: Available to consumers in towns, villages, and farming areas subject to the established rules and regulations of the Association..

APPLICATION: This schedule is for single phase, 60 cycle alternating current electric service supplied at 200 amps or less, 240 volts or less, through one kilowatt-hour meter at a single point of delivery for all service required on the premises

MONTHLY RATE:

Customer Charge:	\$ 13.65
Energy Charge:	\$ 0.07311 per kWh

MINIMUM CHARGE: The monthly minimum charge shall be the customer charge.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Service hereunder is for the exclusive use of the consumer and shall not be resold or shared with others. Rate subject to the Rules and Regulations of Association, as filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

Special Provisions: If a consumer disconnects for part of the year with the intention of reconnecting service at the same location within the next twelve months, the customer will be required to pay the monthly customer charge for all twelve months of the year.

By: F. Danny Eyrle

Title: General Manager

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SCHEDULE LGS - LARGE GENERAL SERVICE SINGLE-PHASE

AVAILABILITY: Available to consumers in towns, villages, and farming areas, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Association.

APPLICATION: This schedule is for non-residential, single phase, 60 cycle alternating current electric service supplied at over 200 amps or over 240 volts, through one kilowatt-hour meter at a single point of delivery for all service required on the premises.

MONTHLY RATE:

Customer Charge:	\$ 36.75
Demand Charge:	\$ 13.18 per kW
Energy Charge:	\$ 0.03051 per kWh

DETERMINATION OF BILLING DEMAND: The billing demand shall be the maximum kilowatt demand for any period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes during the billing period as adjusted for power factor.

MINIMUM CHARGE: The monthly minimum charge shall be the Customer Charge plus the Demand Charge.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Service hereunder is for the exclusive use of the consumer and shall not be resold or shared with others. Rate subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Association, as filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

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SCHEDULE LP - LARGE POWER - 350 KVA OR LESS

AVAILABILITY: Available to customers requiring 350 kVA or less of installed transformer capacity, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Association.

APPLICATION: This schedule is for three-phase, 60 cycle alternating current electric service supplied at available primary or secondary distribution voltages.

MONTHLY RATE:

Customer Charge:	\$ 73.50
Demand Charge:	\$ 12.44 per kW of demand
Energy Charge:	\$ 0.02926 per kWh

DETERMINATION OF BILLING DEMAND: The billing demand shall be the maximum kilowatt demand for any period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes during the billing period as adjusted for power factor.

MINIMUM CHARGES: Unless otherwise established by contract, the minimum monthly charge shall be the higher of the following:

- (1) The Customer Charge plus the Demand Charge; or
- (2) \$0.84 per kVA of installed transformer capacity.

POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT: The consumer agrees to maintain power factor as nearly as practicable. Unless otherwise established by contract, the kilowatts for billing purposes will be adjusted for consumers with 25 kW or more to correct for average power factors lower than 85%. Such adjustments will be made by increasing the billing kilowatts it for each it by which the average power factor is less than 85% lagging.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- (1) Motors having a rated capacity in excess of ten horsepower (10 HP) must be three phase.
- (2) Both power and lighting shall be billed at the foregoing rate.
- (3) All wiring, pole lines and other electrical equipment beyond the metering point shall be considered the distribution system of the consumer and shall be furnished and maintained by the consumer.
- (4) Service hereunder shall be subject to Rules and Regulations of the Association, as filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

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SCHEDULE LPS - LARGE POWER - 350 KVA TO 2000 KVA

AVAILABILITY: Available to customers requiring over 350 kVA and up to 2000 kVA of installed transformer capacity, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Association.

APPLICATION: This schedule is for three-phase, 60 cycle alternating current electric service supplied at available primary or secondary distribution voltages..

MONTHLY RATE:

Customer Charge: \$ 136.50
Demand Charge: \$ 13.49 per kW of demand
Energy Charge: \$ 0.02873 per kWh

DETERMINATION OF BILLING DEMAND: The billing demand shall be the maximum kilowatt demand for any period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes during the billing period as adjusted for power factor.

MINIMUM CHARGE: Unless otherwise established by contract, the minimum monthly charge shall be the higher of the following:

- (1) The Customer Charge plus the Demand Charge; or
- (2) \$1.12 per kVA of installed transformer capacity.

POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT: The consumer agrees to maintain unity power factor as nearly as practicable. Unless otherwise established by contract the KW for billing purposes for consumers with 25 kW or more will be corrected for average power factors lower than 90%. Such adjustments will be made by increasing the billing kilowatts 1% for each 1% by which the average power factor is less than 90t lagging.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- (1) Both power and lighting shall be billed at the foregoing rate.
- (2) All wiring, pole lines, and other electrical equipment beyond the metering point shall be considered the distribution system of the consumer and shall be furnished and maintained by the consumer.
- (3) If service is taken at primary voltage, the demand and energy charges shall be reduced by 2.5%
- (4) Service hereunder shall be subject to Rules and Regulations of the Association, as filed with the Wyoming Public Service commission and any further provisions established by contract.

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SCHEDULE SL - LIGHTING SERVICE

AVAILABILITY: Available for lighting service, dusk to dawn, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Association.

APPLICATION: To entire certificated service area for lighting service, dusk to dawn.

RATE -

55 Watt Mercury Vapor Lamp	\$4.20 per month
175 Watt Mercury Vapor Lamp	\$8.30 per month
400 Watt Mercury Vapor Lamp	\$12.93 per month
100 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$8.40 per month
250 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$12.86 per month

In addition to the foregoing rates, material costs of replacement of lamps, photo cells, ballasts, and installation costs of new poles shall be paid for by the consumer.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Service hereunder shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Association, as filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

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SCHEDULE L - IRRIGATION PUMPING

AVAILABILITY: To customers requiring irrigation pumping service, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Association.

APPLICATION: This schedule is for single-phase or three-phase, 60 cycle alternating current electric service at available secondary distribution voltages through one kilowatt-hour meter at a single point of delivery for irrigation pumping.

RATE:

Customer Charge:	\$13.65 per Month
Demand Charge:	\$5.25 KW of Demand per month
Energy Charge:	\$0.04957 per kWh

DETERMINATION OF BILLING DEMAND: The billing demand shall be the maximum kilowatt demand for any period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes during the billing period as adjusted for power factor.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS: The Association will read the meter at the end of each year. The minimum annual charge shall be due and payable at the beginning of each season.

POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT: Consumer agrees to maintain unity power factor as nearly as practicable. The horsepower for billing purposes will be adjusted for consumers with 50HP or more to correct for average power factors lower than 85% and may be so adjusted for other consumers if and when the Association deems necessary. Such adjustments will be made by increasing the horsepower 1% for each 1% by which the average power factor is less than 85% lagging.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- (1) The consumer must obtain the Association's consent to use across-the-line starter.
- (2) All three phase irrigation motor control panels shall meet the following minimum standards:
 - (a) All controls must be enclosed in a suitable grounded metal case.
 - (b) There must be a fused or circuit breaker type disconnecting switch between the meter and the motor control.
 - (c) The motor control shall be of sufficient size and design to safely control the motor.
 - (d) There must be three (3) overload relays to protect the motor.
 - (e) It is recommended that a sequence timer or other time delay relay device be used to automatically restart motor. The Association shall be permitted to adjust the time cycle of such device.
- (3) All wiring and controls must meet the standards of the National Electrical Safety Code. All wiring exposed to moisture, soil, or abrasion must be adequately protected.

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SCHEDULE LP 2000 - LARGE POWER OVER 2000 KVA

AVAILABILITY: Available to consumers whose total installed capacity is 2000 kVA or greater, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Association.

APPLICATION: This schedule is for three-phase, 60 cycle alternating current electric service supplies at available primary distribution voltages.

MONTHLY RATE:

Facilities Charge: To be established by negotiation with each consumer. The facilities Charges for consumers served under this rate are:

Demand Charge: \$ 10.6365 per kW of demand

Energy Charge: \$ 0.02430 per kWh

MINIMUM CHARGE: The minimum monthly charge shall be the facilities charge.

POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT: The consumer agrees to maintain unity power factor as nearly as practicable. For billing purposes, the kW will be corrected for average power factors lower than 90%. Such adjustments will be made by increasing the billing kilowatts it for each it by which the average power factor is less than 90% lagging.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Service hereunder shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Association, as filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

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SCHEDULE SGS H - SMALL GENERAL SERVICE HEATING INCENTIVE RATE

AVAILABILITY: Available to consumers in towns, villages, and farming areas with permanent electric space heating and/cooling systems.

APPLICATION: This schedule is for single phase, 60 cycle alternating current electric service supplied at 200 amps or less, 240 volts or less, used exclusively for electric space heating and/or cooling as measured by a separate meter or by the amount of monthly usage in excess of 1500 kWh.

MONTHLY RATE:

If Heating and Cooling Usage is Separately Metered:

Customer Charge:	\$ 13.65
Heating/Cooling Metered Energy per Month:	\$ 0.04884 per kWh
All Other Metered Energy per Month:	\$ 0.07311 per kWh

If Heating and Cooling Usage is Not Separately Metered:

Customer Charge:	\$ 13.65
First 1500 kWh per Month:	\$ 0.07311 per kWh
All kWh Over 1500 per Month:	\$ 0.04884 per kWh

MINIMUM CHARGE: The monthly minimum charge shall be the customer charge.

METERING: The separately metered energy qualifying for the incentive rate must be wired such that only the energy used by the electric heating and/or cooling system is measured. The Association reserves the right to inspect the wiring to ensure that no other usage is metered by the electric heating/cooling meter. If the heating/cooling meter is a sub meter, this usage will be subtracted from the master meter to determine the amount of Other Metered Energy per Month

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Service hereunder is for the exclusive use of the consumer and shall not be resold or shared with others. Rate subject to the Rules and Regulations of Association, as filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

Special Provisions: If a consumer disconnects for part of the year with the intention of reconnecting service at the same location within the next twelve months, the customer will be required to pay the monthly customer charge for all twelve months of the year.

By: F. Danny Eyre

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