

Barron Electric Cooperative
 February 2025
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 Jen Montney*

News FOR YOU...

Barron Electric’s Board of Directors Approved New Rate Schedule, effective April 1

Barron Electric Cooperative’s Board of Directors approved a new rate schedule effective April 1, 2025. These rates will be reflected on the May 1 electric bill and are listed below. The average residential member using 1,200 kilowatt hours will see a 8.52% annual increase or approximately \$15 per month.

The board has a fiscal responsibility to the membership

and has set financial goals that include increasing equity, returning cashback credits in a timely manner, and continuing to invest in the electric distribution system serving our membership. The increasing cost to provide safe, reliable power is being affected by higher prices for equipment, supplies, interest, technology, software, engineering, and line upgrades. In the past four years,

the cost for primary underground cable and transformers have increased over 95%. On average, most of the equipment Barron Electric has purchased increased by over 85%.

“Barron Electric’s Board of Directors and employees work together to control costs while providing reliable power and great customer service. Improvements are made on our system to increase reliability and reduce outages,” commented Barron Electric’s General Manager Aaron Torud. Barron Electric evaluates costs by obtaining multiple bids for material, equipment and projects, as well as, locking in prices when they are low. Please contact our office at 800-322-1008 for any assistance regarding your energy needs.

| Residential | Current Rate | New Rate effective 4-1-2025 |
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| Facility Charge | \$41.00 | \$46.00 |
| Summer Charge/kWh June, July, and August | \$0.11330 | \$0.12335 |
| Winter Charge/kWh December, January, and February | \$0.10330 | \$0.11335 |
| Other Charge/kWh March, April, May, September, October, and November | \$0.09330 | \$0.10335 |



Time of Use Rate* Available

Barron Electric is happy to offer Time of Use Rates to our members. Time of Use is a great opportunity for members that use energy during off-peak times, when energy is in low demand,

to save money. Please view the hours below if you are considering switching to Time of Use. Contact our Billing Department at 800-322-1008 or e-mail billing@barronelectric.com to see if you

qualify, or if you think this may work for you. *Limitations apply: this is currently only available for the Residential rate class and excludes Net Metering, Community Rays, and SmartPay.



Winning Photo Receives a \$50 Bill Credit

E-mail your spring photo to memberservices@barronelectric.com for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria includes:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by February 14, 2025. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric permission to use your photo in a variety of publications and on our website.

Access Your Account Information



Visit barronelectric.com to create an account in SmartHub. Click manage your account to get started. You will need your Barron Electric account #. In SmartHub, you can:

- View your usage history, including daily usage.
- Contact our office.
- Make a payment, and view your payment history.

Give Blood

Friday, February 21 from 9 AM - 3 PM
at Barron Electric
1434 State Highway 25, Barron
Visit redcrossblood.org for more details, or call 800-733-2767.

Join us for the 89th Annual Meeting and Cookout on Tuesday, April 8 at Barron Electric Cooperative

All members are invited to Barron Electric Cooperative's 89th Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, April 8 at Barron Electric Cooperative, 1434 State Highway 25 North, Barron.** Registration will start at **4:30 p.m.** Dinner includes a brat or hamburger, cole slaw, beans, chips, and a cookie. The business meeting will follow at **5:30 p.m.** Our guest speaker is Matt Brandrup, President and CEO of the Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO). Barron Electric is a member of RESCO, which is a member-owned, not-for-profit wholesale distributor of high voltage electrical products. Matt will discuss supply chain challenges and how RESCO's partnership has helped Barron Electric and their members. Learn more about your cooperative, receive industry updates, elect directors for Districts 3, 6, and 9, and bring an item for the Cumberland Food Pantry. They are in need of cereal, bars of soap, and juice in plastic bottles.



Barron Electric's 89th annual meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8 at Barron Electric.



Rebates and Energy Star Appliances Help Save You Money

Barron Electric offers a variety of rebates for Energy Star appliances, energy efficient lighting, and energy-efficient heating and cooling systems. Following are the rebates on Energy Star® appliances and recycling:

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| All-in-One Washer Dryer Combo (must use ventless heat pump drying) | \$50 |
| Energy Star® Clothes Washer | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Electric Clothes Dryer | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Dehumidifier | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Dishwasher | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Freezer | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Refrigerator (>= to 10 cubic feet) | \$25 |
| Inductive Range | \$25 |
| Refrigerator or Freezer Recycling | \$25 |
| Room Air Conditioner Recycling | \$25 |

Rebate information is available at barronelectric.com or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.



GPS Project Update

Global Mapping Solutions (GMS), contracted by Barron Electric Cooperative, will continue gathering data on our system, starting in March, which may include working weekends and any daylight hours. They may be on your property by foot, ATV, or UTV, taking photos of Barron Electric equipment, posting signs, or locating cable.

GMS employees will have a badge, letter of contract with Barron Electric letterhead, and their equipment will include a contracted by Barron Electric Cooperative sign.

Once complete, this project will improve the outage dispatch process and provide a safer electric system for line crews, contractors, members, and the public. During outages, this will allow better communication from the cooperative to our membership.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or operations@barronelectric.com.



Do We Have Your Correct Contact Information?

Barron Electric will contact members regarding planned outages, annual load management test, and the GPS project to name a few. Having accurate contact information on file is necessary to provide excellent customer service.

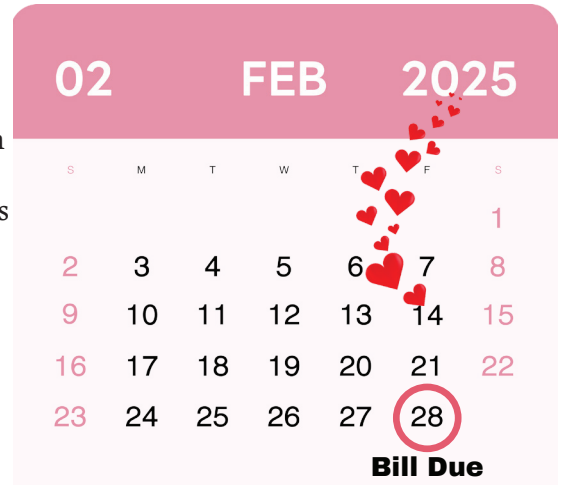
Members can update their contact information in their SmartHub account by clicking on Settings and Contact Methods. If you do not have a SmartHub account, you can create one at barronelectric.com and "Manage your Account," located on our home page. You can also e-mail billing@barronelectric.com with changes to your contact information.

Billing Cycle Change Complete

With the new billing cycle, Barron Electric members should expect to see their bills by the 14th of each month. Bills can be viewed on the 7th of the month through SmartHub. See page 2 on how to sign up for SmartHub. Bills will be due on the 28th of each month. Visit barronelectric.com/payment-options for a variety of ways that you can pay your bill. Sign up for Auto Pay for a chance to win a \$50 bill credit.



Scan to see payment options.



*Condensed Board Minutes December 6, 2024

Tim Kessler is treasurer of Barron Electric's Board of Directors. He represents District 2 which includes the following townships: Evergreen, Spooner, Dewey, Bashaw, and Barronett.



- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #103700 through #103825 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$367,498 with capital credit estate checks totaling \$18,333. Total receipts in the office \$1,951,820; total receipts by wire and ACH \$415,545; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$1,638,715; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$222,838 and the power bill was paid on 11/27/2024 in the amount of \$1,826,410.
- The board discussed the dates for holding the 2025 Annual Meeting. Director Warwick moved, Director Mandel seconded, to hold the 2025 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 in the evening. Motion carried by a vote of 8 yes, 1 no.
- A membership list of 89 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of October in the amount of \$213,877.67 was presented for approval and included new services \$50,867.66; change jobs \$23,714.52; Other Work Order Projects \$139,295.49 and 14 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 87,096.89 consumer hours off, which is 38.88% above 2023 hours of 62,713.93. Overtime year-to-date is 3,795.25 hours, which is 23.33% above 2023 hours of 3,077.25.

* View full board minutes on SmartHub at barronelectric.com.

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