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We're changing how our website looks and operates. But rest assured, our same great products and services remain.

A better website gives you the power to quickly and easily find the information and resources you depend on, when and how you need it.



Learn more at [www.pvrea.coop](http://www.pvrea.coop) >



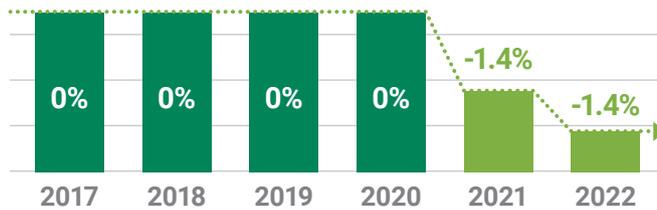
## MEMBER CREDITS

# Get Your Piece of the Pie



## \$2 Million back to our members!

### RATE CHANGES YEAR OVER YEAR



Our decreases in 2021 and 2022 equal a 2.8% cumulative rate reduction. Saving our membership about \$3.8 million on an annual basis.

A great example of why cooperatives are different. We don't exist to make a profit, instead returning money back to you.

Members eligible for the retirement received our service in the years 1994, 2005, and 2021, or any combination of those

years. Active and former members will see their member credit(s) on their **September bill statement and/or in the form of a check.**

### OUR MEMBER CREDITS PROCESS



1. We track how much electricity you use throughout the year.
2. After expenses are paid, we calculate margins.
3. We use margins to pay down debt, invest in facilities and improvement projects, and allocate to members as member credits based on their usage of electricity.
4. If financial conditions allow, we return member credits to members as bill credits.

# My Cooperative

## Youth Leadership Camp Experience

Meet Grazia and Morgan, two of your co-op's 2022 campers!

Read why it's beneficial to send your kids to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp held annually in July outside Steamboat Springs. There, they discover valuable lessons about leadership, make lifelong friends, raft the Colorado River, and learn about electrical safety and the cooperative principles!

### GRAZIA

Going to camp, I expected to learn some new leadership skills and have fun. And I did just that!

I learned that leadership looks different for everyone. We can all lead in our own ways, no matter how big or small.

I would recommend this camp because it really feels like one big, happy family. You get to have a lot of fun while also learning about how to better yourself as a leader.

I applied to be an ambassador because I knew how much of an impact camp had on me, and I wanted to be able to make an impact on future campers.

Being an ambassador means I get to walk alongside next year's campers in their journey of discovering themselves as leaders. I'm SO excited!

### MORGAN

My favorite part was meeting everyone and getting to know all of the new people.

I learned that leading by example is very important and can at some points be more important than verbal leading.

I would recommend this camp because it gets everyone out of their comfort zone.

This camp helped me form friendships I hope to have for the rest of my life.



### 2023 COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

- **Date:** mid-July
- **Who's it for:** High school juniors and seniors
- **Where is it:** near Steamboat Springs
- **Cost:** Free to members

Apply at:  
[www.pvrea.coop/youth-leadership-camp](http://www.pvrea.coop/youth-leadership-camp)

## Community Support

### Partnering, Donating & Volunteerism

We proudly support the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW) in their post Cameron Peak Fire restoration efforts.

Concern for community is a guiding principle in how and why we do business. In July we donated \$50K dollars to

support the efforts of CPRW. In the coming weeks, our employees and members are volunteering to plant saplings in the burn area.

Keep an eye out for a recap as we share the successes of this partnership at [www.poudrewatershed.org/pvrea](http://www.poudrewatershed.org/pvrea).



# Make Your **Monthly Payment Easier**

WITH PAY AS YOU GO  
PREPAID BILLING

We sat down with one of our members to learn why they chose our prepaid bill payment solution – Pay As You Go. Instead of paying for your electricity after you use it, you can prepay on your bill ahead of time.

Here’s why Andrea, from Severance, said Pay As You Go is the right decision for her family.

“I use your mobile app and it’s amazing!” Andrea said. “It’s very helpful.”

Andrea first heard about prepaid billing when she started her service years ago. She recalls her setup was easy, but any member can start Pay As You Go at any time by going online to [www.pvrea.coop/prepay](http://www.pvrea.coop/prepay).



Andrea revealed her favorite things about Pay As You Go were using the free app to manage her energy and not having a huge chunk of money come out of her account all at once.

When asked if she would recommend prepaid billing to other members, Andrea said “absolutely.”

“We are a family of six,” Andrea explained. “For us to budget better and not have such a big amount all at once, a prepaid account was the way we wanted to go because we pay as we go.”

Could Pay As You Go be right for you? Find information and resources online at [www.pvrea.coop/prepay](http://www.pvrea.coop/prepay).

It’s that simple – choose the amount you would like to pay and get an alert when your account is running low on funds.

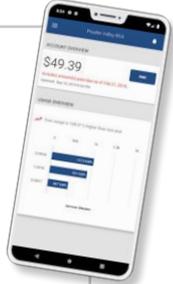
“I get a notification when our account is low, and I literally go in and pay,” said Andrea. Text and email alerts come straight to you, so you know exactly how much you’re spending on electricity.

Use our PVREA App to make payments, see real-time energy use, and more.

**BENEFITS OF PAY AS YOU GO**

- No deposit required
- No reconnect fees
- No late fees
- Easier budgeting

Learn more about prepaid billing solutions at [www.pvrea.coop/prepay](http://www.pvrea.coop/prepay).



## Electric Vehicle Ride & Drive Event

Ever wondered what it is like to drive an electric vehicle (EV)? Curious if purchasing an EV makes sense for you?

Next month we’re offering members the opportunity to sign up and test-drive an EV. Come out to see different models, ask our experts questions, learn about our special rates, and get rebates for EV chargers.

More details coming soon at [www.pvrea.coop/ev](http://www.pvrea.coop/ev).

### EV Ride & Drive

- Saturday, October 15
- At our office
- Information, times and sign up coming soon
- [www.pvrea.coop/ev](http://www.pvrea.coop/ev)

**YOUR CHANCE TO GET BEHIND THE WHEEL 10/15**





# Voter Registration Day | September 20, 2022

Voting is a major principle of how we do business. By voting, you participate in our democratic process – whether that’s here at your co-op or at the local, state, or federal level.

Exercise your right to vote. Make sure you and others are registered. Find resources and information online at [www.vote.coop](http://www.vote.coop).



## CO-OP GRASSROOTS YOUR Voice Matters

We all have the power to make a difference. When there is legislation that could impact our cooperative, we call upon our Grassroots Network to stand up and speak out.

Join our Grassroots Network at [www.pvrea.coop/grassroots](http://www.pvrea.coop/grassroots) or text **GOCOOP** to **25886**.



SEPTEMBER 2022

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH



Water heating accounts for a large portion of your home energy bill. To save energy (and money!) used for water heating, repair any leaky faucets, install low-flow fixtures, and insulate accessible hot water lines.

When it’s time to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher, look for models that are Energy Star® certified.

Source: Dept. of Energy



## LABOR DAY » Our office will be closed Monday, September 5

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND