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Change in Co-op Fees Coming in 2015

Avoid paying them by keeping your account in good standing

The East Central Electric co-op board of trustees voted last month to adjust electric rates upward by 2.9 percent, effective February 1, 2015. Along with this adjustment are changes in certain fees associated with disconnects, reconnects, late payments, meter tampering and returned checks.

Some fees will increase in 2015, while others, such as the disconnect fee, will be eliminated altogether. To better track expenses related to initiating an electric service, the connect fee will split into two categories. The in-office service initiation fee will remain $10; however, the cost for connections made in the field will increase to $50 per occurrence.

Tim Smith, East Central Electric general manager said the co-op board is trying to bring prices for fee-related services more in line with the actual cost of doing the work.

East Central Electric Co-op Fees Effective February 1

	2014	2015
Tampering Charge	$175	$250
Connect Fee (In Field)	$10	$50
Disconnect Fee (Non-Payment Only)	$50	__
Reconnect Fee - Regular Hours	$50	$100
Reconnect Fee - After Hours	$100	$200
Returned Check Fee	$25	$25
Trip Charge - Regular Hours	$25	$50
Trip Charge - After Hours	__	$100

Fees that will increase are those that are incurred voluntarily, Smith pointed out. Members can avoid paying them by keeping their account balance up to date.

The change in fees did not occur without considerable thought and debate by board members. "They understand how these changes can affect our members and must weigh these decisions carefully."

The new fees become effective February 1. Members will see the changes appearing on their March electric bills.

The chart above shows the fees that will change in 2015. For more information on these changes, please call East Central Electric at **918-756-0833.**

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Operation Roundup funds support local charitable organizations, civic groups, youth programs, community services, and needy families and individuals. For more information on this voluntary bill roundup program, please visit **www.ecoec.com.**

Figures to date:

Applications reviewed.....661
Applications granted.....472
Applications denied.....177
Applications tabled.....12
Scholarships awarded.....$128,000

Total Disbursements.....$1,234,160.54
Average member contribution.....44¢

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