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Hi,

I just received the latest information about the rate increase and I want to thank you for changing the tone of the communications from accusing solar adopters of being leechlike ("not paying their fair share") to explaining the issues in clear unbiased terms. In slide three, I like that the information is broken into groups.

What isn't visible there is operating costs for the people, facilities, and equipment necessary to allow administration of the COOP. It seems that those costs figure into the rates as well. \$80.24 seems pretty low. And there are other sources of funding besides subscriber rates. I know there are federal credits for generating "green" power, and there are probably also programs for rural electric and programs for lowering rates to poor people.

Now, understanding that some people would be hard pressed to survive without some kind of rate easing. While I can easily pay 80.24 a month per meter, I know that would hurt many people on fixed incomes and the working poor. I'm getting sidetracked. All of this stuff is probably in the annual report to shareholders and doesn't need to be completely rehashed on every mailing.

Anyhow, I did want to take the time to thank you for this informative mailing and for changing the tone to be non-accusatory and non-emotion baiting. I so much appreciate it and am proud to be a member for so long.

All the best,
jana gallatin

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