

## ICLP 79<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, Nov. 2, 2017

“We did have a very good year, a safe year,” says Max Beach, manager for Idaho County Light and Power Cooperative, addressing the 140 registered members in attendance at the 79<sup>th</sup> annual membership meeting Nov. 2. Notable usage due to a cold winter and good margins were reported, assisted by cooperative efforts to improve efficiency and customer service.

A top meeting agenda item is the 3.4 percent rate increase that goes into effect Jan. 1. This is due an increase in wholesale power rates by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), which is increasing its rate about 5.1 percent. Max explains those increases result from many things, including fish and wildlife costs – such as the Snake River dams and political struggles concerning hydroelectric power – and infrastructure needs.

“Rates are something we take very seriously,” Max said, “and we try to keep them as low as possible.” Helping keep that increase low was work on refinancing the co-op’s loans, which he says were kept below 4 percent, and in various cost-saving measures throughout operations. “Everybody with the co-op has been working on this,” he says.

“This is the smallest rate increase that we have ever passed along,” says ICLP Board President John Solberg. But due to efficiencies worked on by the co-op, “we have been able to absorb a lot of the cost and not pass it on to you, our members.”

Breaking down the impact of this increase, John explained that, for example, average residential members who use between 1,000 and 1,500 kilowatt-hours will see a difference of about \$2.50 per month on their bills.



**Idaho County Light & Power.  
Cooperative Association, Inc.**

**2018 RESIDENTIAL RATES**

Monthly Service	\$ 25.50
0 to 1500 Kwh @	\$ 0.0920
Over 1500 Kwh @	\$ 0.0650

**2016 RESIDENTIAL RATES  
FOR COMPARISON**

**Residential Rates  
Effective Jan 1, 2018**

Monthly Service	\$ 23.00
0 to 1500 Kwh @	\$ 0.0920
Over 1500 Kwh @	\$ 0.0575

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BILL CALCULATION FOR 2018 RESIDENTIAL RATES		BILL CALCULATION FOR 2018 RESIDENTIAL RATES	
<u>KWH USAGE</u>	<u>MONTHLY Bill</u>	<u>KWH USAGE</u>	<u>MONTHLY Bill</u>
100	\$ 34.70	1100	\$ 126.70
200	\$ 43.90	1200	\$ 135.90
300	\$ 53.10	1300	\$ 145.10
400	\$ 62.30	1400	\$ 154.30
500	\$ 71.50	1500	\$ 163.50
600	\$ 80.70	1600	\$ 170.00
700	\$ 89.90	1700	\$ 176.50
800	\$ 99.10	1800	\$ 183.00
900	\$ 108.30	1900	\$ 189.50
1000	\$ 117.50	2000	\$ 196.00