



What is the
Power Cost
Adjustment?

Understanding the Power Cost Adjustment

Jo-Carroll Energy is a not-for-profit utility. We are committed to delivering reliable, cost-effective power and services to our members.

Each month, JCE purchases electricity from our power suppliers (Dairyland Power Cooperative and Prairie Power Inc.) at a wholesale cost to meet the needs of our members. The cost of wholesale power is a significant expense of providing electric service to the homes and businesses we serve locally.

What is the PCA?

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) is a line item on your monthly electric bill. The PCA provides a monthly adjustment depending on any differences in the base cost of wholesale power.

If the kilowatt-hour cost to JCE is lower than the base cost of power, the PCA is applied as a credit on your bill. If the kilowatt-hour cost is higher than the base cost of power, the PCA is applied as a charge. Having the PCA benefits members by covering monthly power cost fluctuations without having to continually restructure electricity rates.



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What to expect. JCE electric bills generated after Nov. 1 will have an increased PCA charge.

What impacts the PCA & why has it increased?

The PCA changes based on the cost of wholesale power, which fluctuates for a variety of reasons. When the demand for electricity is high or generation resources are struggling to keep up with demand, power may need to be purchased at higher market prices. For example:



During hot summer months when the demand for electricity is much higher, power may need to be purchased from more expensive sources at market price.



Increased costs for fuels like natural gas also impact the price of wholesale power.

This PCA is the result of multiple factors, including high energy prices in the market, delayed coal deliveries and higher-than-budgeted fuel costs.

We are here to help. We encourage members who have questions or may find themselves in need of assistance to contact the cooperative at 800-858-5522.

JCE offers a variety of programs to assist members:

- ✓ Help may be available through the LIHEAP program or JCE's own Neighbor-to-Neighbor fund
- ✓ We offer budget and levelized billing to smooth out large fluctuations in your bill
- ✓ Our energy advisor can help you use energy efficiently

For more information, visit www.jocarroll.com.