



PO Box 449  
Utqiagvik, Alaska 99723

December 23, 2020

Members of Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Member:

Attached are notices of the **proposed tariff adjustments** for the Electric, Natural Gas, and Potable Water utility divisions and the proposed tariff schedules. This notice describes the Cooperative's rate requests, the Cooperative Board's role, and what actions you can take.

The Cooperative has requested rate increases totaling \$182,807 for Electric, \$109,246 for Natural Gas, and \$414,606 for Potable Water. If the Cooperative's entire request is approved, the bill for the average residential customer's electric and natural gas service combined would increase by a total of \$4.97 or 2.4% monthly. There are no proposed changes to electric or natural gas access fees.

**Electric:** The proposed adjustments are listed in the attached tariff adjustment notice by rate class. As a result of the proposed usage rate adjustment of 3%, the average residential member will experience an increase of **\$2.45 per month** – less than a cent per kWh.

**Natural Gas:** The proposed adjustments are listed in the attached tariff adjustment notice. As a result of the proposed usage rate adjustment of 4%, the average residential member will experience an increase of **\$2.52 per month** - only 1.5 cents per CCF.

**Potable Water:** The proposed adjustments are listed in the attached tariff adjustment notice. This tariff change does not affect the BUS Water or Sewer rates which are set by the North Slope Borough.

As stated on the notice, the Board of Directors of the Cooperative will accept written statements of "interest in" or "objection to" the above proposed tariff change until Monday, January 25, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Your comments will be reviewed by the Board of Directors prior to making any formal change to the tariffs. Written statements can be

- mailed to BUECI, Attn: BUECI Board, PO Box 449, Utqiagvik, Alaska 99723,
- emailed to [comments@bueci.org](mailto:comments@bueci.org), or
- delivered to the drop box on the front door of the Cooperative's central office at 1295 Agvik St, Utqiagvik, AK 99723.

Members may also make public comment in, and are welcome to join, the information meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. Join online at <https://zoom.us/join> with meeting ID 425 022 8050, or call in at 877 853 5257, 888 475 4499, or 833 548 0276 Toll-free. To access the Zoom meeting, a passcode is required. To request the passcode, contact Wendy Battle at [comments@bueci.org](mailto:comments@bueci.org) or at 907-852-6166 by 12:00 p.m. on January 25, 2021.

Respectfully,  
Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Price E. Brower, Board President



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**Summary of Tariff Rates: Current and Proposed**

Proposed Rates Adjustments will be effective  
January 26, 2021 if approved.

		CURRENT RATES		PROPOSED RATES					
ELECTRIC <i>(Effective 01.28.2020)</i>	Rate Code	Access Fee	Usage Charge (per kWh)	Access Fee			Usage Charge (per kWh)		
				Proposed	Change (\$)	Change (%)	Proposed	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Single Phase (Residential & Commercial)	E1,2,4,9	\$ 30.00	\$ 0.1363	\$ 30.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 0.1404	\$ 0.0041	3.0%
Three Phase (Commercial & Large Users)	E3,5,99	\$ 210.00	\$ 0.1351	\$ 210.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 0.1392	\$ 0.0041	3.0%
Primary Metering									
NSB Gas Fields (41523)	E10	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 0.1095	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 0.1128	\$ 0.0033	3.0%
NSBSD, C/O Annex	E8	\$ 2,498.89	\$ 0.1077	\$ 2,498.89	\$ -	0%	\$ 0.1109	\$ 0.0032	3.0%
ASNA/PHS	E11	\$ 2,498.89	\$ 0.1067	\$ 2,498.89	\$ -	0%	\$ 0.1099	\$ 0.0032	3.0%
USAF/DEW Site	E12	\$ 5,644.14	\$ 0.1298	\$ 5,644.14	\$ -	0%	\$ 0.1337	\$ 0.0039	3.0%
Street Lights	E6	\$ 18.00		\$ 18.00	\$ -	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Electric Service (Residential)		\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	no change				
Temp. Electric Service (Residential)		\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	no change				
Connect/Service Name Change Fee		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	no change				
Discount Allowed		10%		10%	no change				
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <i>(Effective 01.28.2020)</i>									
		Access Fee	Usage Charge (CCF)	Access Fee			Usage Charge (per CCF over 55)		
				Proposed	Change (\$)	Change (%)	Proposed	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Access Fee (0-55 CCF)	G1-G9	\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 0.4104	\$ 0.0158	4.0%
56-all additional CCF (Usage)			\$ 0.3946						
New Gas Service		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	no change				
Temporary Gas Service		\$ 285.00		\$ 285.00	no change				
Connect/Service Name Change Fee		\$ 35.00		\$ 35.00	no change				
Discount Allowed		10%		10%	no change				
<b>POTABLE WATER</b> <i>(Effective 01.28.2020)</i>									
	Rate Code	Access Fee	Usage Charge (gallon)	Access Fee			Usage Charge (per gallon)		
				Proposed	Change (\$)	Change (%)	Proposed	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Pipeline Customers	P2	\$ -	\$ 0.0530	\$ -			\$ 0.0594	\$ 0.0064	12.0%
Potable Haulers	P1,8	\$ 206.25	\$ 0.0530	\$ 206.25	\$ -	0%	\$ 0.0594	\$ 0.0064	12.0%
Discount Allowed		10%		10%					
Fire Protection-NSBSD/ASNA		\$ 609.00	\$ -	\$ 2,180.00	\$ 1,571.00	258%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fire Protection-Coop Use		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 769.00	\$ 769.00		N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>NON-POTABLE WATER</b> <i>(Effective 01.29.2019)</i> 10% Discount allowed									
Nonpotable Water	N1-4	\$ -	\$ 0.0836	no change					
<b>BUS WATER (A)</b> <i>(Effective 10.2001)</i>									
	Rate Code	Access Fee	Usage Charge (gallon)	no change (rates set by NSB)					
Resid./Non-Senior (up to 3,000 gal) over 3000 Gallons	P3	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.0200						
Resid./Non-Senior (up to 3,000 gal) over 3000 Gallons	P10	\$ 11.00	\$ 0.0200						
All Others	P4,5,6,9	\$ -	\$ 0.0800						
<b>BUS SEWER (A)</b> <i>(Effective 10.2001)</i>									
	Rate Code	Access Fee	Usage Charge	no change (rates set by NSB)					
Residential/Non-Senior	S3	\$ 14.00	\$ -						
Residential/Senior (age 60+)	S10	\$ 3.00	\$ -						



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MEMBERS OF BARROW UTILITIES & ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

ELECTRIC TARIFF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Directors of Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc. is planning to adjust the **Electric tariff rates effective for billings issued on and after January 26, 2021**. The adjustment (increase) is required to maintain adequate funds for:

- Replacement of electric generation equipment, second switchgear building
- Operations and maintenance of the electric distribution system
- Provide for capital credit revolving refunds

Current Rates

Proposed Rates

Usage Change

Description of Service	Monthly Access Fee	Usage Charge (per kWh)	Monthly Access Fee	Usage Charge (per kWh)	Usage Change (\$)	Usage Change (%)
Single Phase (includes residential)	\$30.00	\$0.1363	\$30.00	\$0.1404	\$0.0041	3%
Three Phase (includes large power)	\$210.00	\$0.1351	\$210.00	\$0.1392	\$0.0041	3%
<i>Special Contract:</i>						
NSB Gas Fields	\$1,600.00	\$0.1095	\$1,600.00	\$0.1128	\$0.0033	3%
NSBSD C/O Annex	\$2,498.89	\$0.1077	\$2,498.89	\$0.1109	\$0.0032	3%
ASNA/PHS	\$2,498.89	\$0.1067	\$2,498.89	\$0.1099	\$0.0032	3%
USAF/Dew Site	\$5,644.14	\$0.1298	\$5,644.14	\$0.1337	\$0.0039	3%
Street Lights (per light per month)	\$18.00	N/A	\$18.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

**The changes represent an adjustment of three percent (3%) increase to electric usage revenue.** This does not mean that your bill will go up by exactly three percent (3%). *Note: All charges in dollars (\$).*

The proposed adjustments would affect approximately 1,533 residential, 398 commercial accounts, and 103 cooperative-use accounts.

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NATURAL GAS TARIFF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Directors of Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc. is planning to adjust the **Natural Gas tariff rates effective for billings issued on and after January 26, 2021**. The adjustment (increase) is required to maintain adequate funds for:

- Operations and maintenance of the natural gas distribution system
- Capital Expenditures for the natural gas distribution system
- Provide for capital credit revolving refunds

Description of Service	<u>Current Rates</u>		<u>Proposed Rates</u>		<u>Usage Change</u>	
	Monthly Access Fee	Usage Charge (per CCF)	Monthly Access Fee	Usage Charge (per CCF)	Usage Change (\$)	Usage Change (%)
0-55 CCF per month	\$30.00	N/A	\$30.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
All additional CCF over 55 per month	N/A	\$0.3946	N/A	\$0.4101	\$0.0158	4%

The changes represent an adjustment of a four percent (4%) increase to natural gas usage revenue. This does not mean your bill will go up by exactly four percent (4%). *Note: All charges in dollars (\$).*

The proposed adjustments would affect approximately 1,211 residential, 181 commercial accounts, and 23 cooperative-use accounts.

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POTABLE WATER TARIFF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Directors of Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc. is planning to adjust the **Potable Water tariff rates effective for billings issued on and after January 26, 2021**. The adjustment (increase) is required to maintain adequate funds for:

- Operations and maintenance of the potable water production system
- Capital Expenditures for the potable water production system
- Provide for capital credit revolving refunds

Description of Service	<u>Current Rates</u>		<u>Proposed Rates</u>		<u>Usage Change</u>		
	Monthly Access Fee	Usage Charge (per gal.)	Monthly Access Fee	Usage Charge (per gal.)	Access Fee Change (\$)	Usage Change (\$)	Usage Change (%)
Potable Water	N/A	\$0.053	N/A	\$0.0594	N/A	\$0.0064	12%
<i>Fire Protection:</i>							
NSBSD & ASNA	\$609.00	N/A	\$2,180.00	N/A	\$1,571.00	N/A	N/A
Cooperative Use (BUECI)	N/A	N/A	\$769.00	N/A	\$769.00	N/A	N/A

For Potable Water Usage, this represents an adjustment of \$0.0064 per gallon or twelve percent (12%) to usage. This does not mean your bill will go up by exactly twelve percent (12%). *Note: All charges in dollars (\$).*

This rate change would affect approximately six (6) commercial accounts and one (1) cooperative use account.

This rate change would not affect the tariff set for BUS Water accounts or water rates as those rates are set by the North Slope Borough.

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