

Bridger Valley Electric Association will have a rate increase early next year. Our last rate increase was in July, 2016. That is 6 years without raising the rate you pay for electricity. All other costs have increased during that period but BVEA has been able to hold the line by finding new ways to operate more efficiently. That is one of the main advantages of a cooperative system. The directors that set rates pay the same as all other members.

We get our power from two main sources and both have announced rate increases of 8-12%. Our hydro power comes from the Flaming Gorge and Fontenelle Dams. The cost for hydro power is increasing because of low water levels in both Flaming Gorge and Fontenelle as well as other reservoirs across the west. Our other main source is coal fired power generation from Deseret Power. The Deseret Power rate increase is due to continued increases in production costs. To learn more about the rate increase please visit our web page at [bvea.coop](http://bvea.coop).