

Notice of Utility Tariff Filings

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that on February 12, 2015, Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. (MEA), filed tariff revision TA450-18, seeking Commission approval to set its base cost of power in its cost of power adjustment (COPA) calculation to zero. Currently, MEA's base cost of power is \$0.04805/kWh. Additionally, the Commission gives notice that on February 13, 2015, MEA filed tariff revision TA452-18, proposing a 1.03 percent increase in its single-phase service, three-phase service, three-phase large power service, streetlight, and off-peak thermal storage rates through its quarterly Simplified Rate Filing (SRF).

The base cost of power represents the portion of energy costs (e.g. the cost of fuel or purchased power, etc.) captured in a utility's base rates. A utility's COPA is decreased by the base cost of power to avoid double recovery. Some utilities use a zero base cost of power (\$0.00/kWh) in order to recover all energy costs through the COPA. Typically, the base cost of power is addressed in a general rate case, but MEA proposes to do so now outside of a general rate case.

In conjunction with the removal of the base cost of power from its COPA, MEA proposes a revised SRF. The SRF mechanism allows MEA to adjust its base rates outside a general rate case. With TA452-18, MEA proposes replacing the energy costs currently recovered through the base cost of power component of the base rates with costs associated with the Eklutna Generation Station. A sample of proposed rates is shown below:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Single-Phase		
First 1300 kWh	\$0.11455	\$0.11573
Over 1300 kWh	\$0.09307	\$0.09403
Three-Phase		
Demand	\$5.92	\$5.98
Energy	\$0.07279	\$0.07354

This notice may not contain every pertinent revision or request associated with these filings. MEA is requesting an effective date of April 1, 2015 for both TA450-18 and TA452-18. The Commission may approve a rate or classification which varies from that proposed. You may obtain more information about these filings by contacting Matthew J. Reisterer, Chief Financial Officer for MEA at P. O. Box 2929, Palmer, AK 99645; phone: (907) 745-3231. The complete filings are also available for inspection at the Commission's office at 701 West 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222, or may be viewed at the Commission's website at <http://rca.alaska.gov> by typing Docket "TA450-18" or "TA452-18" in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on these filings, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., March 18, 2015, at the Commission address given above or via our website at:

<https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx>

Please reference TA450-18 and/or TA452-18 and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with MEA at its address given above or by email at tariff-comment@matanuska.com.

Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Joyce McGowan at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TTY (907) 276-4533 or send a request via electronic mail to rca.mail@alaska.gov by March 11, 2015.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 23rd day of February, 2015.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA



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