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Rising Costs on the PJM Grid: What It Means for Members



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YOU MAY HAVE HEARD A LOT in the news recently about PJM Interconnection (PJM) and the electric grid. It's no secret that over the past several years, wholesale power costs have been steadily climbing. During the 2026–2027 PJM capacity auction, those costs increased more than 22% compared with what they were in 2024.

This trend is driven by two major factors: the growing demand for electricity and the retirement of power plants, which reduces available capacity. As electricity supply tightens and demand for electricity rises, higher costs are inevitable, and wholesale rate increases become necessary. Also contributing to the increases in wholesale rates are the rising costs of electric transmission.

How this affects our members

Starting with members' January 2026 bills, the wholesale generation and transmission kilowatt-hour (kWh) rate will increase by approximately 13%. For residential members, this translates into an estimated \$10 per month increase in their electric bills. It is important to note that this market-driven cost is a direct pass through expense that REA Energy Cooperative cannot control.

Recognizing the impact on members, REA Energy has committed to absorbing \$1.7 million in costs. While this decision will reduce margins for 2026, it demonstrates the cooperative's dedication to protecting members from the full weight of rising wholesale prices.

REA Energy currently has no plans to raise its distribution kWh rate or access fee. While wholesale generation and transmission costs are increasing, REA Energy will continue to work on reducing the need for any additional distribution-related rate hikes.

Cooperatives' commitment to affordability

Even in these challenging times, Pennsylvania and New Jersey electric cooperatives continue to work diligently to maintain the lowest possible costs. In fact, our generation and transmission rates are currently among the lowest in Pennsylvania. This achievement reflects the cooperative model's commitment to serving members first, ensuring affordability and navigating market volatility with resilience.

As the energy landscape evolves, REA Energy remains focused on balancing financial responsibility with member support. While wholesale market conditions may be beyond our control, our cooperative values — community, fairness and transparency — guide every decision we make. 🌱

CHAD CARRICK, MBA, CFPC
PRESIDENT & CEO

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Right-of-Way Management/Facility Construction News

REA Energy contractors will complete tree-trimming work in January. Contractor crews from Penn Line Tree Service will be trimming the rights of way of the Amsbry substation areas in addition to emergency maintenance areas. Members in the affected areas will be notified. Contractors will perform all right-of-way work per REA Energy specifications. All contractor employees will carry employee identification cards and their vehicles will display their company name. If you have any questions, call 724-349-4800 or view the specifications at reaenergy.com.

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