

GLACIER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

POLICY No. 505

BUDGET BILLING

I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish a policy that provides an option for the member-consumer to avoid large fluctuations in their monthly payments for energy.

II. POLICY:

- A. Member-consumers requesting a budget billing method, as opposed to the normal billing method, shall execute a budget billing agreement with the Cooperative. Open to residential accounts only.
- B. Eligibility for the budget billing option shall be based solely on the member's credit history with the Cooperative. Member account must be paid in full prior to participation with no more than three delinquent bills within the past twelve (12) months. Member account cannot have any collection or disconnections with the past 24 months. Member must have check writing privileges with the Cooperative to be eligible. Members with satisfactory credit may begin to participate in the plan once residential usage history has been generated at their current service location for at least twelve (12) months.
- C. Monthly budget billing amounts shall be subject to review and adjustments by the Cooperative. The intent of the plan is for the member to pay a fixed amount each month in consideration of the member electric energy bill. This amount shall be based on one-twelfth (1/12) of the previous twelve months kWh usage plus any anticipated increases due to additional usage or changes in rate. If payment is made after the due date, the late payment fee will be added to the fixed amount due. If monthly budget amount due is not paid in full, member account will be reverted back to a monthly billing account.
- D. Participants in the budget billing plan shall be subject to any and all collection charges established by the Cooperative with the exception that the participant shall not be considered delinquent if they remain current with their monthly budget billing payments.
- E. "Budget Billing Agreement" shall be prepared by the Cooperative to assist in the implementation of this policy.

I. RESPONSIBILITY:

The General Manager shall be responsible to implement this policy.

Effective Date: December,30 2021 Colleen Gustafson Board of Trustee – President

Signature: Colleen Gustafson 1/26/22