

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

When you began receiving power from Butler County REC, you became a member-owner of the cooperative. This means you share in the co-op's profits. While other businesses return their profits to investors and stockholders, we return your cooperative's profits, called patronage, to you. This is one of the many advantages of the cooperative difference. We exist to meet YOUR needs, not to meet investors' or stockholders' needs.

**For 2018, Butler County REC's patronage distribution is \$675,968.26.** This is for 1999 and a portion of 2016. If you were a member in 1999 and/or 2016, your patronage appears on your enclosed bill as line item **PATRONAGE REFUND**. Your refund is based on how much electricity you purchased during those two years.

Butler County REC returns patronage on a 19-year cycle. However, our wholesale power supplier, Corn Belt Power Cooperative, is also retiring a portion of the patronage that Butler County REC was allocated in 2016. Your board of directors elected to pass on the retired amount to you.

Please call us at 888.267.2726 if you have questions.

*Thank you for being a member-owner of Butler County REC!*

# ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT LOWERED

Beginning with your bill this month for January usage, the energy cost adjustment (ECA) has been lowered. The ECA factor appears on your enclosed bill as line item **ENERGY COST ADJ.**

The cost of electric power from Corn Belt Power Cooperative, wholesale power supplier to Butler County REC, decreased Jan 1, 2018. Corn Belt Power purchases all of its power supply, with the exception of its hydropower allocation, from Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, ND. The decrease we experienced from Corn Belt Power was due primarily to a decrease in the wholesale power supply costs from Basin Electric.

Changes in wholesale power costs are generally passed on to our members and applied on a yearly basis. We expect this ECA factor will remain the same for 2018, but we will evaluate our monthly power costs and may adjust the factor if needed.

At Butler County REC we know that saving money is important to our members. We offer many rebates and incentives, including a lower electric heat rate for those who qualify, to help our members do just that. Contact us at 888.267.2726 or visit our website at [www.butlerrec.coop](http://www.butlerrec.coop) to learn more about how we can help.



**Butler County REC**

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