

Rising Energy Costs: What They Mean and What We Can Do About It

We've seen it in the news and we've seen it at the gas pump – the cost of energy is increasing dramatically. The effects of record-high oil prices aren't limited to paying more for gasoline, however. The high cost of oil and natural gas impact the price of everything from food, driving, heating, and cooling to electricity.

Unfortunately, New Hampshire Electric Co-op members are not immune from this national trend. Beginning May 1, 2006, the price you pay for Co-op Power has increased and further rate increases are anticipated in the coming months. That's the bad news. The good news – we can work together to keep your total energy bill (not just electricity) as low as possible.

Why Now?

For the past four years, Co-op members have paid some of the lowest prices in New England for the energy portion of their power bills. While customers of the state's other utilities have already seen sizeable increases in the energy component of their bills, NHEC's "Co-op Power" has remained significantly lower. Unfortunately our long-term power supply contracts that locked in

those low rates are expiring in 2006. Needless to say, the price of power we purchase now for our future needs is significantly higher than it was four years ago. As those higher prices are beginning to be felt by members, your Co-op's Board of Directors has approved a rate plan to incorporate those rising costs.

What We're Doing

Communicate, communicate, communicate: We will keep you up to date on actual and likely future rate changes. The more you know about the business climate in which the Co-op operates, the better you can understand the factors that drive your total bill. We've also dedicated space in our monthly newsletter and website to helping you find ways to reduce your energy bill. A new feature called "The Back Page" will debut in your July member newsletter. This page will be devoted every month to practical advice that you can follow to use energy more efficiently.

System improvements: The Co-op will continue its program of distribution system upgrades and modernizations in order to deliver electricity more reliably and efficiently.

Smart purchasing, smart spending: Our goal is to make power supply purchases at the right times and at the best possible prices. We are working on arrangements to receive power from both the market and directly from generators – both existing and new – for traditional and renewable energy when cost effective.

What You Can Do

Conserve, conserve, conserve: It's more important than ever. Simple measures like air sealing or switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs can amount to significant energy savings.

Get involved: Your Co-op's Board of Directors and employees are members and pay the same rates you do. We all have an interest in keeping our bills low. You can help by taking advantage of the Co-op's energy efficiency programs, reading and implementing the conservation tips in your newsletter or online (nhec.coop), and by communicating your interests and issues to the Co-op for consideration.

Watts Happening

Satellite Internet – Get Connected with WildBlueSM!

Ditch the dial-up and get connected to high-speed Internet through the Co-op's WildBlue service. WildBlue is an always-on high-speed satellite Internet connection that won't tie up your phone line. Installation is \$300 and service packages start at \$49.95 per month for download speeds up to 10 times faster than dial-up. To receive more information and a service contract, have your NHEC account number ready and call us at (800) 698-2007; select "6" at the prompt and enter your account number. The Co-op is currently installing WildBlue throughout our service territory so call today and get connected!

Board of Directors Meeting

The Co-op Board of Directors meets the second to last Tuesday of each month at Co-op headquarters in Plymouth, unless otherwise noted. The Board will meet next on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. The July meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2006. Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held at Co-op headquarters, 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth. For more information, contact Sharon Yeaton at 603-536-8801, or nhechq@nhec.com.



Your Foundation, Your Choice

As a Co-op member, your monthly support of the New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation is put to work in home towns across Co-op service territory. The Foundation has already awarded more than \$50,000 to a dozen non-profit organizations since its start in January 2006.

It's your choice to support the NHEC Foundation. Every Co-op member's bill is rounded up to the next dollar each month with the proceeds benefiting the Foundation. However, it's easy to opt out of the Round Up Program, should you choose. To opt out, call the Co-op anytime at 1-800-698-2007, press "5" and enter your NHEC account number at the prompt. You can also opt out online using a form in the "My Account" section of our website: www.nhec.coop.

CO-OP Member Discounts



Kayak Country, Andover, NH

\$10 off the price of a guided tour of the Blackwater River

Co-op members present this coupon and get \$10 off the price of a guided tour of the Blackwater River. Offer valid on July 11-13, July 16, July 18-20, 2006. Call ahead for reservations. 603-735-5000 or www.kayakcountry.com

*Coupon is good for New Hampshire Electric Co-op members only. Original coupon only, no photocopies will be accepted.



NCCA Papermill Theatre, Lincoln, NH

Members-only deals on award winning professional summer musical theatre!

Two offers for two new shows – 42nd Street or Beauty and the Beast. **Two-for-one tickets July 6-14, 2006 (closed Sunday and Monday).** \$21 NHEC member ticket special July 18 – August 26, 2006, Monday – Thursday, excluding July 27, 2006 opening of Beauty and the Beast. Call 603-745-2141 for reservations.

*All offers subject to availability. Advance reservations strongly recommended by calling our box office 603-745-2141, please mention "NH Electric Coop Program" or redeem coupon in person. www.papermilltheatre.org. Coupon is good for New Hampshire Electric Co-op members only. Original coupon only, no photocopies will be accepted.



Sacred Touch Therapeutic Massage, Fremont, NH

25% off all massage treatments!

Summer Special for Co-op members! Present this coupon for 25% off all massage treatments, valid until Labor Day 2006. Call Janice Wheeler, LMT at 603-895-4435, or visit www.massageatsacredtouch.com

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Federal House Inn, Plymouth, NH

Save on historic B&B Lodging!

Weekday Stays: (Sunday - Thursday) save 15% off reservations, valid through Sept. 15, 2006.

Weekend Stays: (Friday & Saturday) save 20% off reservations, valid through Sept. 15, 2006 (most weekend stays require 2 night minimum). Call (866) 536-4644 for reservations.

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NHEC No Longer Accepting Classified Ads

Due to newsletter space constraints and the need to help members manage their energy costs, this is the last month that classified ads will appear in your monthly member newsletter. Replacing the monthly classifieds will be a new feature called "The Back Page."

Each month, The Back Page will offer members practical tips and advice on saving money during these times of soaring energy costs. NHEC wishes to thank the members who have supported Project Care and the NHEC Chapter of Dollars for Scholars by purchasing a newsletter classified ad over the years. Members can still browse our online business directory with links to more than 50 area businesses by visiting www.nhec.coop.

FOR SALE

Heavy duty tow-hutch w/dual, sway controls \$100 OBO. Single sway control, \$50 OBO. 895-9799

Used Konica 1790 photo copier (125k copies), three paper trays, manual by-pass, includes two shelf matching stand & 6 new toner cartridges. \$475. 569-6682 or (fax) 569-5982

Homemade all natural dog treats. \$6.50/bag. 764-9491

Sunlite pop-up truck camper for 8' bed. Heater, frig 12v or gas, converter, Porto poti, exec shape \$1900. 539-6059

12' Old Town Canoe like new \$450. 59-3920

Jet-skis, 1997 Tigershark Montetgo Deluxe, 96 Tigershark Monte Carlo, 96 Kawasaki JXI 900, 2000 Yacht Club galvanized double trailer, \$3,500 or BO for all. 622-1833 or skwezeplay1@comcast.net

Epson LQ 2550 dot matrix printer extra wide, uses color or black ribbon. Single sheet or multiple part forms, \$75. 542-5337

Small woodstove \$200. Evenings 279-8385

16' Viking deck boat 115 HP Merc w/trailer, new upholstery. 729-3129

Meredith Wood Stove, black w/brass accents, 2' X 1.5' X 2', window firebox, lower ash tray, spark screen, excellent, \$250 OBO. Must pick up in Campton, 508-271-3199 or 508-872-9522

Treck #3700 road/mountain bike. Less than 100 miles, numerous extras included \$245. 284-6632

Jutul 3TD Woodstove, Ivory front loader with 4' of 6" stovepipe, excellent condition, \$400 253-7970.

Antique wood bed, low 4 poster, head, foot & side boards, excellent condition, \$50. Pick up on Goose Pond RD, Canaan. 800-204-7032

Freezer, GE 14.8 CU' \$200. 253-6187

Boat 1984 IMP 20' Fiberglass 228 HP Merc, IO, only 550 hours, mooring covered, trailer. \$5500. 781-862-9212

89 Celebrity 224, Cuddy Cabin, 23', 454 Engine, SS. Prop, Bravo Out drive. Engine excel cond, boat gd cond. W/anchor, jackets, camper top, trailer & spare tire. \$7,900 or BO. 293-4542

Water pump, Gould's 1/3 HP 110V. \$65, Sail Kit for "Walker 8" Boat \$200. 524-1637

Windsurfer, Tiga Aloha 365 w/all components. Hardly used, kept indoors, mint condition, \$250. 744-8223 after 5pm

Husqvarna String trimmer 125L used once, \$150. Craftsman mulching mower w/Honda 6.5 motor used 2 seasons, professionally serviced twice, \$150. 284-7440

Dually logging arch w/5 ton hydraulic winch, w/brake & 5.5 HP Tecumseh engine \$1,500. 536-3988

Wooden headboard with metal full sized mattress frame, \$25. 875-2981

Mission Oak desk, good condition, middle draw & 4 draws on ea side \$300 OBO. 293-8830

FOR SALE

Solid blonde oak wood futon couch/bed, full size excellent condition, almost new, too big for condo. In Woodstock, \$250. 745-2648

Rattan Coffee Table, w/glass top, 24 x 55". Excellent condition \$50. 279-7105

FHW Boiler/Oil 100,000 BTU. Direct vent 4 yrs old. \$550. Stainless steel dbl bowl kitchen sink w/faucet, porcelain bath sink & faucet. Gd cond. both \$150. 978-352-2932 or 253-8896

Desk & work table, \$70 for set. Scuba hoods & gloves S: \$15 for all, vertical blinds 7" X 79" 2 pairs for \$50. 286-4838

Camper: 21' w/queen sized bed, 3 motorcycle tie downs, fueling station. Heat, air conditioning, full bathroom & kitchen, \$13,500. 364-0711

50's Magic Chef, commercial range, 6 burners in good working order, 2 lg. Ovens, broiler & griddle 57" wide 30" deep hood, shelf included buyer must remove stove \$1,800 OBO. 544-2237

Boat aluminum, Grumman 16'6" Fish-N-Fun '87 boat motor trailer, 60 HP Johnson, Shoreline Galvanized trailer, walk thru windshield, cushions, Meredith, \$2,800. 781-631-3738

Jonsered Turbo 2054 chainsaw \$325. Bench heavy duty Delta drill press, 1/4 HP, 1750 rpm, 4 speed \$185. Eagle woodstove, can burn 18" green wood, \$350. 875-3353

Rokenbok systems complete starter set & Power Rok-Lift set new condition. \$75. 225-1039

Piano-free, William Knabe & Co, not serviced or played in 15 years. Needs tuning & minor repairs. 523-4233

For Sale: Bulkhead, like new. Installed for only 5 months, in org. primer condition. Pd \$615, will take \$400 OBO. Moultonborough. 508-962-0350

Camper, Sandpiper 2001, mauve interior, 38' 2 slds, AC. Front living room, bar area, kitchen, large bath, king size bed, \$18,000. Like new, must see. 895-6367

Weed Whacker Craftsman, gas powered, 32cc 52", Straight shaft. Good condition, less than 2 years old \$100 OBO. 735-5945

Bass Boat Tracker, ProDeep V-17. Electric troller, fish & bait well, depth & fish finder, 4-stroke, 40HP motor w/less than 25 hours. Galvanized trailer. \$7,500 OBO. 253-9927

Will buy 'G' gage LGB/Aristo Trains & Accessories. 648-2176

Stones, stonewall, patio, fireplace & chimney facing, garden & ornamental. 764-9897

Grandpa looking for a slide in camper for a pick-up truck, have a small 6 1/2' bed, will accept a 8' one to take the grandkids camping must be reasonable & no leaks, call Al. 536-4515

Old Junk- Air purifiers or Ionizers, up to \$99 each. 934-7474

03 Starcraft pop-up camper-used twice. Heater, stove never used. Awning & screenhouse never used. Refrig. Selling for \$5,500 OBO. 253-9927

Queen Bed, solid mahogany, no veneer, heirloom quality w/Serta & comforter. \$495. Boston rocker, 1894 Singer Trundle sewing machine. 253-4285

FOR SALE

14' Trampoline, 6' high safety net, Jumpguard brand 5 yr old, good condition, w/manual. Has given our family lots of fun, now it is your turn. Pd. \$600 new, sell for \$150 firm. 364-6131

1965 Epiphone Electric guitar like Beatles played. \$3,995. 286-4838

1998 Larson 23.5 boat, 250HP, sleeps 2, enclosed head, closed cooling, salt/fresh, most accessories magic tilt trailer, \$17,500. 764-9116

Lawn mower, gas powered self-propelled w/bagger. New parts, sharp blade. \$80 OBO. 968-3123

Sailboat 23" AMF 1976 w/swing keel, 4 sails, 4.5 HP Merc. Outboard & trailer, sleeps 4, head incl, mooring use 2006 season, Lake Winni, Alton. \$3,500. 293-8472

Compost tumbler, large capacity fastest, most efficient method, lightly used \$200. 659-5623

Sony AM/FM radio, cassette recorder, D battery back-up \$25. Small refrig (dorm type) 36"h-24"d-21"w, \$35. Trolling motor 1/2 HP \$30. 2 Generators, portable 120/240 volt. 279-0345

Marathon water heater, 40 gallon. New still in box never used. Long warranty \$400. 279-8014

Lance truck camper 910 Ext-cab over twin beds, bath, elect jacks and more. Like new used 3 times. 267-7184

1988 HD Classic FLHCLA, Tan/Cream, 21K, Excel cond. Must See, \$11,500. 895-2889

2003 Kayot 20' bow rider boat 5.0 Volvo motor, Chris Craft hull, like new stored inside/valet. Down sizing, \$21,000. Bonus '91 Polaris Trail Deluxe snowmobile incl. 253-4690

2004 Hot Spring Jetsetter 3 person kept inside cover, exec shape. New \$5,000, will sell for \$3,000. No longer needed. 539-4908

Two 1995 Yamaha Waverunners, complete w/covers, 1999 Yacht Club Dual trailer & two in-water lifts. \$6,250. 279-8411

Oil lanterns, toys, metal milk can, prints by Davidson Sawyer Nutting, pocket fisherman by Popielo Brs, variety of different items. 434-3413

Six Marcin Frenchwood sliders, 6'x6'8", cost over \$13,000 new, \$1,100 each or \$6,000 for all. 539-2034

Boat mooring system, concrete anchor, 34' progressive size chain, swivels, shackles & Taylor brand #70 floatation buoy. Used for 26' boat in sheltered cove, \$100. 356-2455

Wooden Mahogany boat, 1967 17' Century Resorter 427 Ford motor. Pretty boat that looks and runs great. Nice lake boat, \$20,000. 401-723-0999

Regulation size slate pool table, new felt, accessories included, \$800. 875-3964

1973 14' Steury Bowrider, 60HP O/B, trailer, AM/FM cassette, Minn Kota Trolling Motor, Hummingbird Fishfinder, cover, \$2,000. 434-2530

'95 Wellcraft 23' Bowrider 275 HP Volvo Duo-prop (EFI), dual batteries, VHF radio, AM/FM cass., full canvas, enclosed port-o-potty, fresh water only. 170 hours, 16,500 or BO. 433-7341

2000 Honda Shadow 1,100, 19k miles, new battery incl helmets \$4,950. 1989 Invader 5.0L Mercruiser I/O 230 HP incl 2-axle \$5,300/ Bunk Beds \$150. 744-8909

Evaporator, Grimm 4x12 evaporator, complete except stake. \$1,000. 522-8806

Woodstove, Vermont Castings, Vigilant, side shelf, fire screen, heat shields, extras, perfect condition. \$500 Firm. 253-4530

WANTED

Used inflatable Kayak. Must be un-holy. 536-3056

Temp Wood burning stove, air tight, top loader. 16" wide 32 1/2" long. 476-5335 or 508-543-8887

Aluminum Jon boat 8' or 10' in good condition for reasonable price. 875-6399

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About Our Cover

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