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YOUR SAN MIGUEL POWER MEMBER NEWSLETTER



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In the event of a power outage, contact your local SMPA office to reach our 24-hour dispatch.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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SAFETY TIPS

FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS:

- ✓ Rake and remove pine needles and dry leaves 30 feet from the home
- ✓ Choose fire-resistant roofing shingles, siding, and other building materials
- ✓ Prune trees to 15 feet high to prevent fires from climbing into the canopy

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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FEATURE STORY

How are You Doing on Time-of-Use? Your Bill Will Tell You.

As your member-owned electric cooperative, we're dedicated to keeping your power costs as low as possible.

Our new Time-of-Use (TOU) rate began last month. For the first time, you were able to contribute to keeping costs down (and potentially even save) by shifting discretionary, energy-intensive tasks, like EV charging and water heating, to off-peak hours. This is helping us manage the cost impact of overall demand for everyone.

On your bill, you can see how you did last month. Look for the section labelled "Detail of Charges." Here, you'll see how much electricity (measured in kiloWatt-hours (kWh)* your building used during the peak (22c/kWh) and during the discounted (11c/kWh) off-peak periods. The goal would be to increase the "Off-Peak" portion, while decreasing the "On-Peak" portion from month to month. This can prompt useful questions like:

"Was the dishwasher running between 4 PM and 9 PM?"

"Could I use its timer to delay the wash until later?"

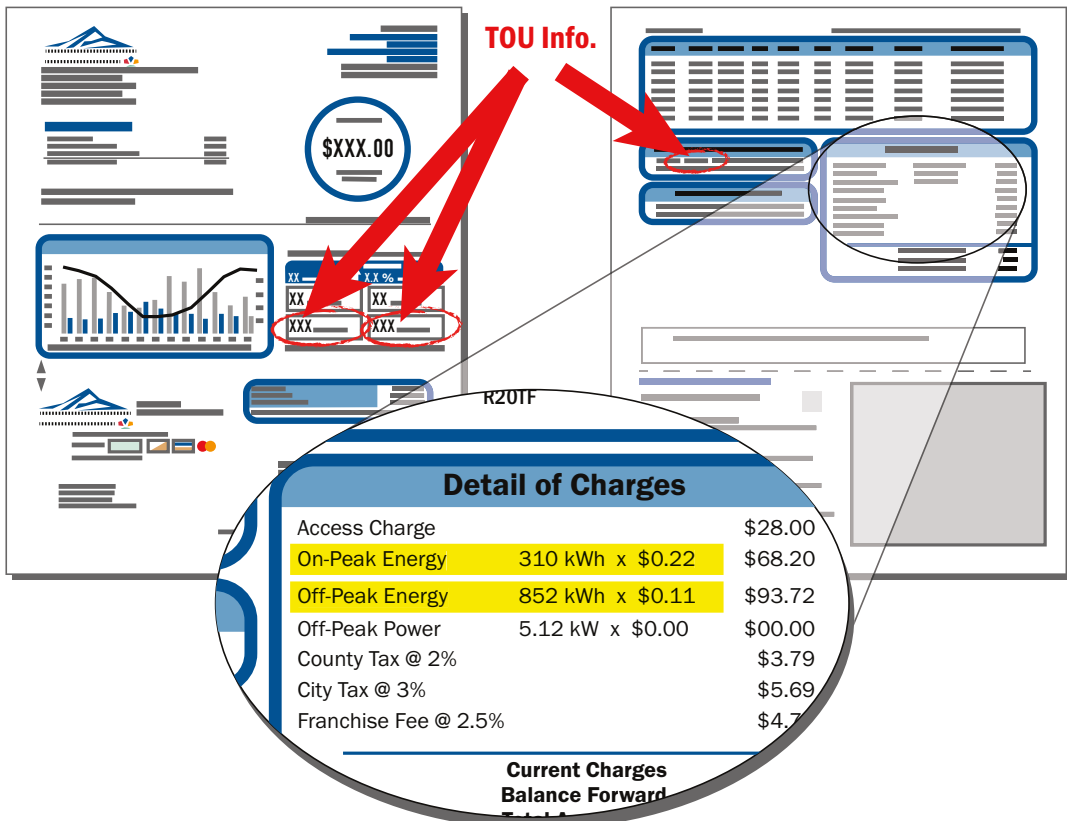
"Was the air conditioner on between 4 PM and 9 PM?"

"Are there other ways to keep the house comfortable at this time?"

"Could I get my water heater to avoid the 4 PM - 9 PM Peak?"

"How much is a water heater timer? Does SMPA have rebates for that?" (Answer: Yes!)

If you don't wish to make any changes to your energy use—that's okay. By leveraging the discounted off-peak power period, SMPA has ensured that the bill impact of Time-of-Use will be minimal for the majority of services. If you are considering making some sensible changes, then learning to read and understand your monthly bill is a great first step. Either way, the power is in your hands.



Helping Our Youth Access Higher Education and Training!

This year, San Miguel Power is awarding \$29,000 in scholarships to students who are dependents of SMPA members. Congratulations to these twelve deserving students!



Amber Bockrath
Tri-State \$500 Scholarship,
Norwood High School



Anna Ramponi
Basin Electric \$1000
Scholarship



Chloe Kiparsky
SMPA \$3000 Scholarship,
Ouray High School



Dylan LaBorde
SMPA \$3000
Collegiate Scholarship



Grace Harris
SMPA \$3000
Vocational Scholarship,
Norwood High School



Ian Snapp
SMPA \$3000 Scholarship,
Ridgway High School



Karely Ortega
SMPA \$3000 Scholarship,
Silverton High School



Merrilee Gallagher
SMPA \$3000 Scholarship,
Nucla High School



Mikah Wareham
SMPA \$3000 Scholarship,
Norwood High School



Neva Hines
Tri-State \$500 Scholarship,
Ridgway High School



Ronan Moews
SMPA \$3000
Vocational Scholarship,
Ridgway High School



Robert Robinson
SMPA \$3000 Scholarship,
Telluride High School

Protecting Our Home: SMPA and Fire Mitigation

SMPA’s fire prevention strategy includes maintaining and upgrading equipment, trimming vegetation near power lines, and implementing advanced monitoring systems such as the PANO-AI advanced camera system. We conduct regular inspections and respond to state and county “Red Flag warnings” and weather advisories with altered system settings and operating procedures to reduce potential wildfire ignitions. Additionally, we have upgraded miles of old conductor, implemented multiple pilot projects such as fire-resistant pole covers, and have invested in technology to quickly detect and respond to faults, reducing the likelihood of sparks that could ignite wildfires. Fire mitigation is an involved process and our staff is consistently researching and learning about new mitigation techniques and technologies.



SAVE THE DATE



THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH

86th San Miguel Power Annual Meeting

- In Person:**

 - SMPA Ridgway Office
 - 720 N. Railroad St.
 - 4:00 PM: Food, Demos, Voting
 - 5:30 PM: Annual Meeting
- Virtual:**

 - Zoom Registration at: www.smpa.com/content/annual-meeting-election
 - 5:30 PM: Annual Meeting

OUR HOME • OUR COOPERATIVE • OUR FUTURE

Comfort & Savings Start Here!

With the CARE Program through EcoAction Partners receive **FREE** energy audits and upgrades today!

- FREE home energy audit
- FREE energy efficiency and weatherization upgrades to reduce your energy bill and make your home more comfortable!



DO YOU QUALIFY?

If your household annual gross income is at or below 80% of the area median income,

Visit Ecoactionpartners.org/smpa-iq (scan the QR code) or call us at 970.728.1340 to learn more!



GIVE BLOOD | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
170 W. 10TH AVE., NUCLA
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OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
Thursday, July 4th

Basic services always available at:
smpa.smarthub.coop/Login.html

SMPA POWER PLAY

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE:
LAW - SHUR TOOK IT
Hint...Power Packets

SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER
and be entered into a drawing
for a fun prize to:

EnergyWise
PO Box 1150
Ridgway, CO 81432

Last Month's Answer: THE GREEN FUND



**Have you changed your
phone # or email?**
Let us know at 1-877-864-7311