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Did You Know You Can Pay Your Bill Using Different Methods?

1. Pay your bill at our Elephant Butte headquarters, located at 610 Highway 195, office hours 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. There is also an after-hours drop box available in front of the building for after-hours payments.
2. Sierra Electric can also electronically Bank Draft your checking or savings account as a convenient method to pay your bill. Members will need to sign an Authorization Agreement and provide a voided check to insure your bank account information is correct.
3. You can pay your bill using your credit card or debit card for residential consumers only! Cards accepted include VISA, MasterCard, or Discover. You can make these types of payments in person at our office, by calling us on the phone, or online from your computer or mobile device.
4. SEC accepts online payments from your checking account using the "Smarthub Online Account Access" tab through a secure website at www.sierraelectric.org. Go to www.sierraelectric.org to set up your account for this convenient service. If you have already been paying your bill online, you will only be asked to accept the "Terms and Conditions" for this new service. This gives you the ability to view the information about your bill, view your account activity.
5. Download the app on your smartphone or other portable device or link it on the Web through Sierra's website at www.sierraelectric.org—for access to your billing history, usage history, and much more. Manage payments, notify customer service of account issues, check your usage and receive special messaging from us at the touch of a button. SmartHub is available on Android and iOS smartphones and tablets as well as on the Web.



Indoor Lighting Tips

- By replacing your home's five most frequently used light fixtures or bulbs with models that have earned the Energy Star, you can save \$75 each year.
- Visit Energy Star to find the right light bulbs for your fixtures. They are available in sizes and shapes to fit in almost any fixture and provide the greatest savings in fixtures that are on for a long time each day.
- When remodeling, look for recessed light fixtures or "cans" which are rated for contact with insulation and are air tight (ICAT rated).
- When replacing incandescent bulbs from recessed light fixtures, use energy-efficient bulbs that are rated for that purpose. For example, the heat buildup in downlights will significantly shorten the life of spiral CFLs.
- Consider purchasing Energy Star-qualified fixtures. They are available in many styles; distribute light more efficiently and evenly than standard fixtures, and some offer convenient features such as dimming.
- Controls such as timers and photocells save electricity by turning lights off when not in use. Dimmers save electricity when used to lower light levels. Be sure to select products that are compatible with the energy-efficient bulbs you want to use.
- Keep your curtains or shades open to use daylighting instead of turning on lights. For more privacy, use light-colored, loose-weave curtains to allow daylight into the room. Also, decorate with lighter colors that reflect daylight.

Stop by the Sierra Electric office to purchase your CFL or LED.

Sierra Electric will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015, in observance of Labor Day. Have a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.



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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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