

Coastlines

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We offer rebates for insulating attics, under floors and in walls for pre-qualified home projects.

IT ISN'T PRETTY—BUT IT COULD SAVE YOU MONEY

“When people consider weatherizing their homes—making them more energy-efficient—the first thing they often think about is double-paned windows,” says our Energy Services Manager, Wade Carey. “Certainly, replacing inefficient single-paned or metal-framed windows at home with ones that have a u-factor of .30 or lower can reduce the amount of electricity a customer uses—if that customer heats with electricity. But the energy-efficiency project I recommend most often for homes that leak heat or cooled air is insulation. Insulation isn’t glamorous, but it typically has the shortest payback—1 to 3 years—of any efficiency measure. It can really help lower customers’ electricity bills.” For pre-qualified insulation projects, Central Lincoln offers rebates of 30 to 60 cents per square foot for properly-installed insulation. That may not sound like a lot, but for a 900-square-foot attic, the rebate could be as much as \$540.

To see if your home qualifies for any of our energy efficiency programs, call our energy experts at 1-888-883-9879. If they believe your project will qualify, they may make an appointment to take a look at the proposed project. (Any projects approved must be completed within six months of pre-approval.) Once the project is

complete, an expert will visit the home and do a final inspection. After the required paperwork is received, a rebate check will be mailed.

Even renters may use our energy efficiency programs, if they plan to rent the same home for some years, and are willing to invest in a project. They would then receive any available rebates to help cover their costs. Over time, the energy savings realized could potentially pay for the rest. (It’s important for renters to get approval from their landlords before starting a weatherization project.)

In addition to rebates offered for insulation and windows, we offer rebates for insulated doors if they meet certain criteria. Older manufactured homes may also qualify for attic or floor insulation projects at 30 cents per square foot. Central Lincoln offers \$1,200 rebates to customers who buy and install a new manufactured home that is Energy Star-qualified and has an electric heat pump, forced air, or central air conditioning.

Central Lincoln is a consumer-owned utility (COU), also known as “public power” in the utility industry. We are partnering with other COUs to highlight common topics each month under a pilot project with the American Public Power Association. This month’s topic is energy efficiency.

You May Qualify For Energy Efficiency Rebates through Central Lincoln!

#TotalEclipse2017

We've Got It Covered



On Monday, August 21, the U.S. will experience its first total eclipse since 1979, progressing from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. PDT. While most states will experience this eclipse of the sun at least partially, Oregon will have a 60-mile swath of "totality" meaning the sun will be entirely blocked out by the moon for nearly three minutes—at about 10:15 a.m. And that 60-mile wide path of totality is projected to begin on the West Coast at Depoe Bay, and span the area between Waldport and Lincoln City. (Our service area between Waldport and North Bend will experience the eclipse as well; just not a total eclipse.)

There are people around the world known as "eclipse chasers," and some began calling Depoe Bay lodging properties and making reservations to stay here two years ago. Some estimates claim Oregon could get as many as one million visitors.

We've had inquiries about electricity supply: **"What will happen to our power during the eclipse?" The answer is "We're ready!"**

Even if hundreds of thousands of people come to the Central Coast to experience the eclipse, our system is sized to serve them. "We have to be ready to meet our customers' power needs in the coldest of coastal winters—and we have to be that ready every day year-round," reports Director of Engineering and Operations Randy Grove. "Even with heavy visitor traffic, our customers' energy use goes way down in the summer. Therefore, we should have plenty of capacity to meet electrical needs during this event. Only factors we can't control, such as a vehicle knocking down a utility pole, may impact our electricity flow and our response time could also be hindered due to eclipse-related traffic, especially in the total eclipse zone."

For more information about #TotalEclipse2017 go to <http://tinyurl.com/ORCoastEclipse>

Rates to Increase July 1

All of the power we sell comes from the Bonneville Power Administration, from a network of 31 hydroelectric dams, a nuclear power plant, wind power, and other sources. Since 2010, the BPA has raised its rates nearly 30%, and our single largest cost of operation is power from BPA. While we work hard to manage costs every day, a rate increase was required to cover the increase in BPA power costs that goes into effect October 1.

Central Lincoln's board approved a rate increase of 4% effective July 1, meaning power used from that date forward will cost residential customers 7.62 cents per kilowatt hour, up from 7.35 cents in the past year. Thus, the average Central Lincoln customer will see a monthly increase of approximately \$3.86 on their home electricity bills.

The System Availability Charge (formerly known as the "Basic Charge" or "Facilities Charge") will increase from \$21 per month to \$22 per month. The Service Availability Charge helps offset the cost of providing infrastructure (lines, transformers, utility poles, substations, etc.) to customers' properties.

Call us at: 541-265-3211 or toll free at 1-877-265-3211
Your call will be answered by the first customer service representative available in Florence, Newport or Reedsport.

Pay By Phone: 1-844-239-0076
Outage Line: 1-866-484-3783
Energy Efficiency Programs: 1-888-883-9879
Credit for Clunkers (fridges and freezers): 1-866-265-7231

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