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COOPERATIVE, INC.

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WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

## PREPAID METERING | Is It Right For You?

### What is WREC's Prepaid Metering Program?

*Prepaid Metering* allows you to purchase electricity on a pay-as-you-go basis.

### Is Prepay Right For Me?

*Prepaid Metering* is a personal choice. It allows Members to budget on a real-time basis based on their energy use. You can put as little as \$25 on your account after the initial set-up.

### Do I Have To Sign An Agreement?

Yes, Members who sign-up for *Prepaid Metering* must sign a **Prepay Agreement**. The **Prepay Agreement** spells out the terms and conditions of participating in the *Prepaid Metering Program*.

### How Much Does It Cost To Set Up My Prepay Account?

If you are a new Member setting up service for the first time, you will pay a \$5 membership fee, a \$40 service connect fee, and \$100 towards your initial energy purchase. If you are an existing Member, your existing deposit (*if applicable*) will be applied toward any outstanding balance owed, with the remaining credit (*if applicable*) applied to your **Prepay Account**. If you have a past due unpaid balance on your account when switching to **Prepay**, this balance must be paid, or an acceptable payment arrangement must be agreed upon. Your new **Prepay Account** must begin with a minimum credit of \$100 for your electric use.

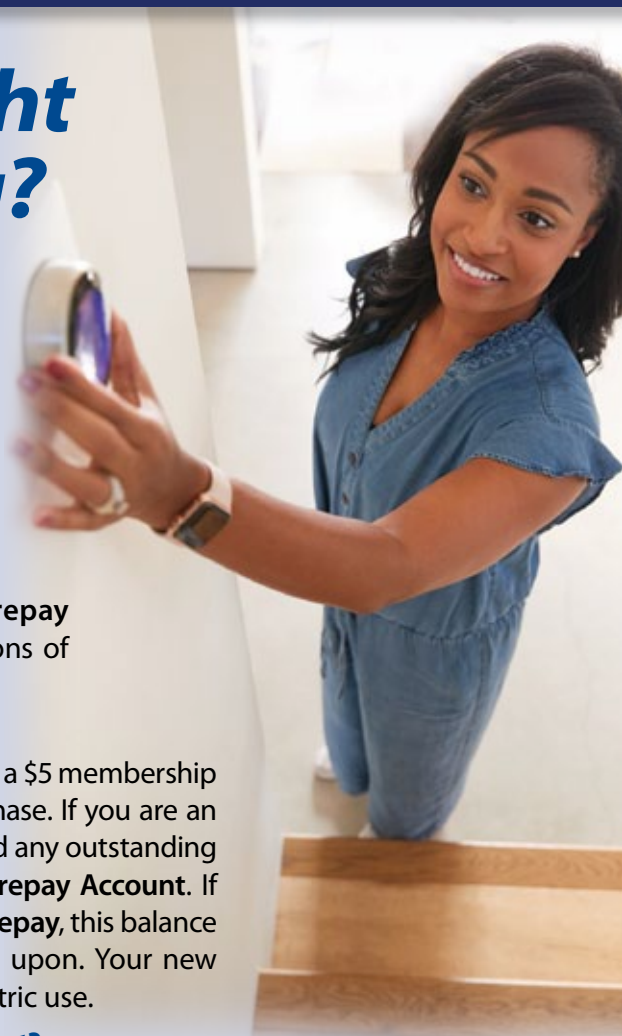
### How Do I Add Money To My Prepay Account?

Adding money to your account is quick and easy, even on weekends and holidays. **There are several ways you can add credit to your balance:**

- Visit any WREC District office, or the: Billy E. Brown Corporate Center, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays
- Pay online at: **wrec.net**
- Use our secure pay automated phone system 24 hours a day by calling: 1-844-209-7166.

### If You Have More Questions Or Want To Enroll...

Contact your local WREC office or go on-line at [www.wrec.net](http://www.wrec.net). You can request a brochure for additional information about the program.



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## Consideration and Hearing Process to all Eligible Participants

**ISSUED: FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") hereby gives its Members notice regarding the process to be followed in implementing the statutory directives in the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (2021 Infrastructure Bill), which amended the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). The 2021 Infrastructure Bill established new Federal standards under Section 111(d) of PURPA, which each non-regulated electric utility (such as the Cooperative) is required to consider and to "make a determination whether or not it is appropriate to implement such standard[s]" within certain defined timelines based on evidence collected from interested persons after public notice and hearing. A complete public notice issued February 1, 2023, providing a description of the PURPA amendments and the procedures to be followed by the Cooperative in carrying out the mandate of the 2021 Infrastructure Bill is available on the Cooperative's website at [wrec.net](http://wrec.net) or can be obtained by calling the Cooperative at 352-567-5133. The schedule of key events is as follows:

- **Official Notice of Public Hearing Process and Procedural Schedule** – issued February 1, 2023
- **Initial Comments** – to be submitted by May 1, 2023
- **Reply Comments** – to be submitted on or before July 1, 2023
- **Determination Announcement by the Cooperative's Board of Trustees** – to be rendered on or before November 15, 2023

*Should any change occur in the above schedule, it will be posted on [wrec.net](http://wrec.net)*

## PURPA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### **What does PURPA mean?**

Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act.

### **What is PURPA's purpose?**

PURPA was originally passed with the intention of conserving electric energy, increasing efficiency in facilities and resources used by utility companies, making retail rates for electric consumers fairer, speeding up the creation of hydroelectric energy production at small dams, and conserving natural gas.

### **When was PURPA enacted?**

PURPA was enacted on November 9, 1978. It was a United States Act passed as part of the National Energy Act.

### **Why was PURPA created?**

PURPA was meant to promote energy conservation (reduce demand) and promote greater use of domestic energy and renewable energy (increase supply). The law was created in response to the 1973 energy crisis, and one year in advance of a second energy crisis.

### **To Report An Inoperative Or Malfunctioning Street Light**

Please call your local Cooperative Office, **OR** you may also log on to [wrec.net](http://wrec.net) and click on the **Repair Street Light** button, then complete and submit the **Street Light Repair Request Form**, or you can download the **SmartHub® app** and request a street light repair.

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**VISIT US ON THE INTERNET AT: [wrec.net](http://wrec.net)**

**Your Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Corporate Office in Dade City to conduct the business of the Cooperative and its' subsidiaries.**

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Billy E. Brown Corporate Center: **352-567-5133** - P.O. Box 278, Dade City, Florida 33526-0278  
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Bayonet Point District Office: 727-868-9465 | Land O'Lakes/Odessa: 813-972-9233

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