

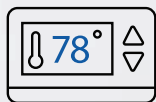


Don't Let Summer **Heat Up** Your Energy Use

STAY COOL AND SAVE

Even during the hottest part of the year, you can stay comfortable in your home while keeping your energy use down. Check out PEC's energy-saving tips to stay cool while you save.

Bump up your thermostat a few degrees



Did you know that your A/C use typically accounts for at least half of your summer electric bill?

According to our energy service advisors, every degree you set your thermostat below 78 can raise your bill by 3%. That's because your A/C unit has to run longer to achieve the lower temperature setting.

To keep your energy use down, bump it up a few degrees. For maximum conservation, 78 degrees is recommended.

Use your fans

On hot days, fans can make you feel up to 4 degrees cooler. But be sure to turn them off when you leave the room. Fans cool people, not spaces.

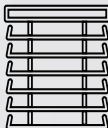


Opt for no-cook meals



It's tough for your A/C unit to cool down your home on hot days. When you use your oven or stove, the temperature in your home increases, which can add extra strain. Instead, grill outside or opt for salads, sandwiches, or slow-cooker meals.

Close your blinds



Keep the sun from heating up your home by closing your curtains, blinds, or shutters during the hottest part of the day.

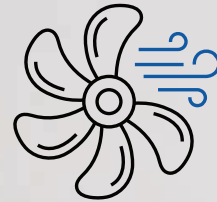
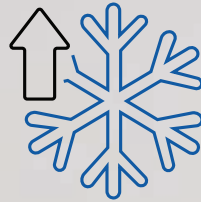
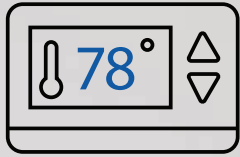
Stay in the know

Never be surprised by high energy bills again. Your PEC online account and the SmartHub app include robust tools that allow you to compare energy use over time and against weather data. Tracking your energy use lets you see if you're using more energy than usual and empowers you to adjust if necessary.



Find more energy-saving tips at
myPEC.com/savings.





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Chris Smith
31 years



Telling the Stories of Some of Our Longest- Tenured Employees..

CELEBRATING UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO OUR MEMBERS

No one starts a job knowing exactly where it will lead. For Carolyn Bannowsky, Chris Smith, and Diana Gonzales, what began as simple career choices grew into decades of service, growth, and impact at PEC.

Chris Smith, now a regional operations manager in Cedar Park, began his PEC career at 18 as a lineworker. After spotting the PEC Headquarters sign during a fishing trip,

he walked in, asked about job openings, and never looked back.

Over 31 years, Smith has grown alongside the cooperative, working through major storms and stepping into leadership roles. He has witnessed both technological advancement and rapid expansion, from about 9,000 meters in Cedar Park to more than 80,000 today.





Diana Gonzales
36 years



Carolyn Bannowsky
45 years

Diana Gonzales, an external relations representative with 36 years at PEC, has also seen significant change — but one constant remains: service.

“It’s always been about service, reliability, and safety,” she said.

Early in her career, Gonzales traveled daily to schools presenting a 3D “Safe City” board. Today, her work includes community outreach events and working directly with cities and counties in our service area to help us meet their individual needs.

What has kept her at PEC is the organization’s connection to the communities it serves.

“It’s genuine,” she said. “Our members are our neighbors, friends, and family. We’ve never forgotten our roots.”

Carolyn Bannowsky, a member relations supervisor in Junction, has spent 45 years with the cooperative, beginning when the Junction office was still Kimble Electric Cooperative. When

the organization merged with PEC in 2000, the shift changed the focus of their operations.

“It was quite the culture shock,” she recalled. “We went from serving a small community to being part of something much bigger.”

Suddenly supporting members across a vast service area, Bannowsky and her team faced a steep learning curve. But the challenge soon became the most exciting chapter of her career. Over time, she came to value PEC’s deep respect for its employees and their experience.

“They recognize that our history is just as valuable as what’s happening today,” she said. “That’s what keeps people here.”

Together, these employees represent over a century of dedication and a shared commitment to serving others. And that’s what continues to power PEC forward.

Read more at myPEC.com/news.





KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR BILL BY ANALYZING YOUR ENERGY USE

As a cooperative, PEC does not make a profit from rates. Instead, rates are set as close as possible to the actual cost of serving our members.

Bill fluctuations are typically due to changes in the weather. A freeze or heat wave can make your heat or A/C work extra hard and drive up your bills, but monitoring your use can provide insights to help you save.

ON YOUR BILL

1 Monthly energy use

The graph of your month-to-month energy consumption in kilowatt hours (kWh) shows your trends over the past year and compares your use against weather data.

2 Energy comparison

Follow trends in your monthly energy use and costs by comparing them to the previous month and the same month last year. You'll also see your average energy cost per day and by kWh for the current bill.

ON SMARTHUB

Log in to your account at myPEC.com/ account or use the SmartHub app to access powerful tools that let you track and analyze your use. With **Usage Explorer**, you can track your daily energy consumption alongside weather data, and even see what will be on your bill before

you receive it. The **Usage Comparison** tool lets you compare your use from one month to the next or to the same month in previous years, with each month showing data for individual days.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Understand the charges on your bill and how they are calculated.

3 Service Availability Charge

Recovers the cost of providing services such as billing, metering, and customer service. This charge is the same every month.

4 Delivery Charge

Recovers the cost of the infrastructure that carries electricity to your home. It is charged per kWh, so the cost varies depending on your use.

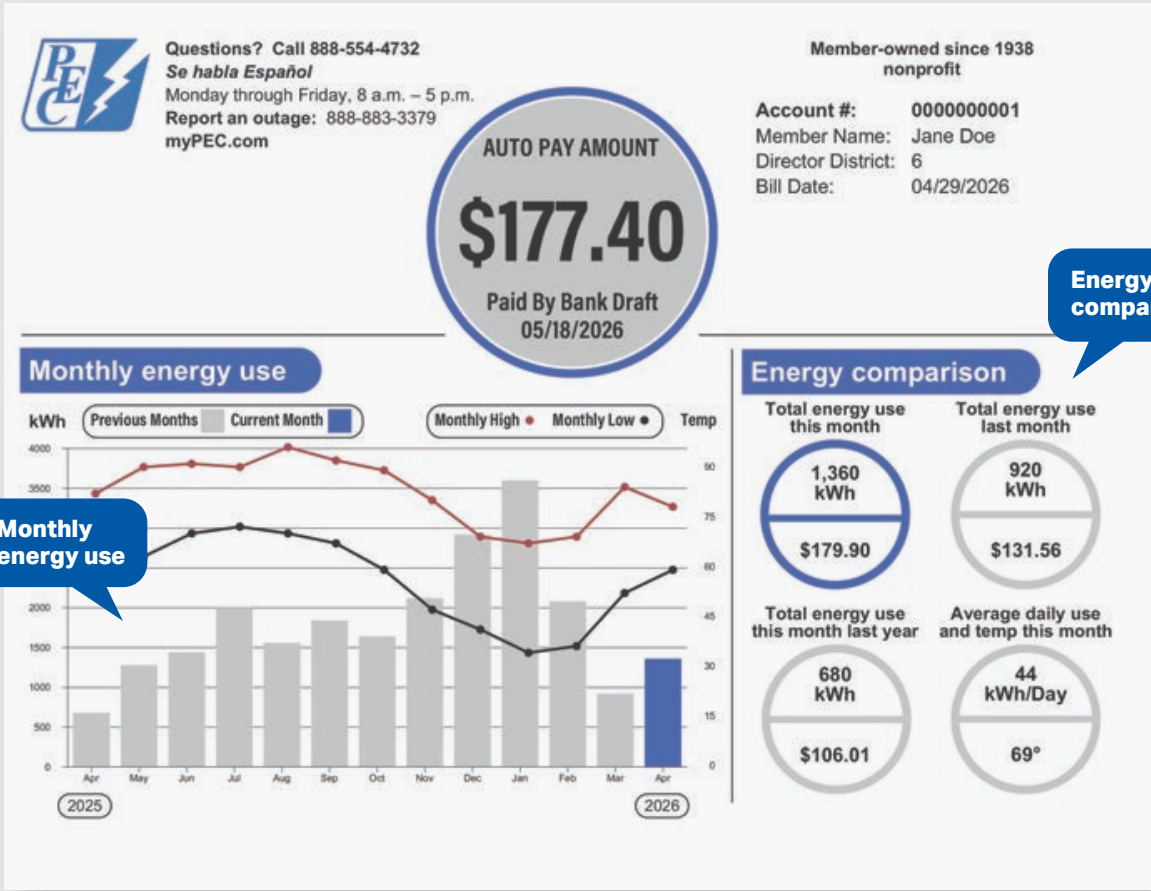
5 Base Power Charge

This charge is for the power PEC purchases on your behalf. You only pay for what you use, so conserving can cut down on your power costs.

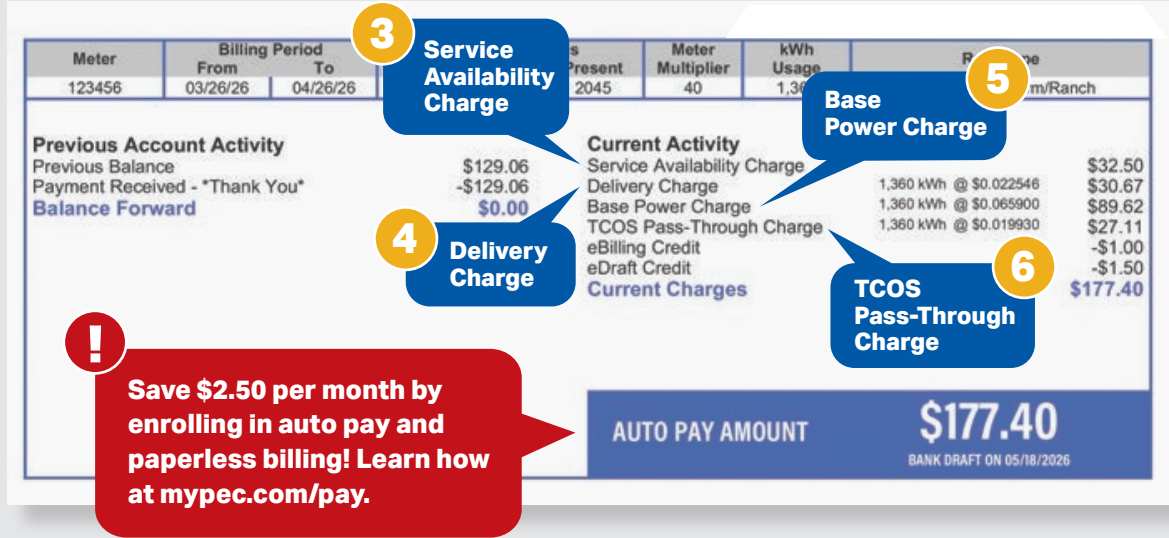
6 TCOS Pass-Through Charge

PEC must pay for access to the ERCOT transmission system. The rate is set by the Public Utility Commission and charged to PEC. The cost is passed through to members without any changes.

FRONT OF BILL



BACK OF BILL



DID YOU KNOW



YOU CAN SAVE UP TO 3% FOR EACH DEGREE YOUR THERMOSTAT IS RAISED IN THE SUMMER.

For informational use only. The bill shown here is an example.



PEC Lineworker Apprentices Honored for 2025 Performance

CANYON LAKE'S BEN KENT EARNS PEC APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Being a lineworker means much more than just climbing poles. It's the everyday duties that define the job: helping a member during an outage, stepping in to help a teammate, or taking on challenges no one sees coming.

That idea took center stage at PEC's Apprentice of the Year ceremony, where apprentices from across the cooperative were recognized for their accomplishments.

PEC Operations Vice President Virgil Maldonado drove the point home at the ceremony.

"I remember a coworker telling me there are things you just have to do when you start at the bottom, and that's a good thing, because it's going to build character," he said. "When your supervisors and journeyworkers ask you to do something out in the field, they aren't doing it to pick on you. They're trying to teach you something, and they've got a lot of knowledge to share."

That message clearly resonates with Canyon Lake Lineworker Apprentice Ben Kent, who earned the title of Apprentice of the Year after achieving an impressive 96

overall performance grade across all four years of his time in the PEC Lineworker Apprenticeship Program.

"I take a lot of pride in my work here," Kent said. "It's been a long journey, and I'm glad I've gotten to this, and I want to thank all of the trainers, supervisors, and family who helped me get here."

Today's apprentices are tomorrow's leaders, and the future looks bright!

Read more at
myPEC.com/news.



PEC LINeworker APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR BEN KENT (MIDDLE) WAS RECOGNIZED ALONGSIDE EIGHT OTHER OUTSTANDING APPRENTICES, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CLARK HORINKA, MARIO KARAM, TREY REESE, CHASE MOORE, BEN KENT, QUENTIN SCHULZE, AURELIO HERNANDEZ, SULLY TAYLOR, NICK ARELLANO.



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