



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**“Taking Care of Our Member-Owners”**

# Member Information Bulletin

July 2022



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## Rising Power Costs

The PCRf, or Power Cost Recovery Factor, component of your monthly billing statement is a mechanism that Tri-County Electric Cooperative uses to recover the actual cost of wholesale power and transmission services billed to us from our wholesale power supplier, Brazos Electric Power Cooperative (Brazos). Beginning with your June billing statement, the PCRf increased from \$.04/kWh to \$.075/kWh (i.e. 4.0 cents per kWh to 7.5 cents per kWh). 14623001

### The Reason Behind the Change

Tri-County Electric Co-op passes the cost of wholesale power and transmission charges on to you at our cost, without a markup. Over the last several months wholesale power costs have increased substantially across the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) grid and therefore, we must increase the PCRf to recover the costs billed to us by Brazos. The main driver of the increased costs in Texas, and across the nation, is the drastic increase in the price of natural gas. As you may know, natural gas is the predominant fuel used by generators operating in ERCOT. To put things into perspective, in June 2021, natural gas sold for just over \$3.00 per MMBtu and just one year later, June 2022, prices for a similar contract were over \$8.50 per MMBtu. 800771730

### Understanding your Bill

Most residential member bills have a single line item, or a “bundled” electric charge, that includes a kWh Charge, a Monthly Service Charge and a Power Cost Recovery Factor (PCRf) Charge. This can be found on your bill as the “Electric Charge” line item, and you can view your kWh use in the “Electric Use” chart under your service address information. The kWh charge includes \$.048971/kWh of base power costs. In order to calculate the complete cost of wholesale generation and transmission, you need to add the base power costs (\$.048971) plus the PCRf (\$.075) and multiply that number by your total kWh used during your billing period. To sum it up, the base power cost rate plus the entire PCRf rate—approximately 75% of your bill—go directly back to Brazos. The only money that stays with Tri-County Electric Co-op to operate and maintain the co-op comes from the Monthly Service Charge and the remainder of the kWh charge, approximately 25% of your overall bill. Learn more about your bill at [tcectexas.com/my-bill](https://tcectexas.com/my-bill).

### Power Cost Update

Tri-County Electric Co-op is here for our member-owners. Power costs are at a record high across the state.

July’s Power Cost Recovery Factor (PCRf) remains at 7.5 cents per kilowatt-hour consumed.

Reduce your electric use with the numerous energy-saving tips on our website: [tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency](https://tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency)

Need help paying your bill? Let us know. Your co-op is here for you. We are in this together. 8003225601

Questions? Visit [tcectexas.com/contact-us](https://tcectexas.com/contact-us).

# Gramma Peach's Banana Bread

Jamie Petersen of Keller

- 3 ripe Bananas
- 1/2 cup Light Olive Oil
- 2/3 cup Sugar
- 3 Eggs
- 1 3/4 cups Flour
- 1 tsp Baking Soda
- 5 tsps Lemon Juice
- 1/2 tsp Salt



Cream together ripe bananas, oil and sugar. Add eggs, mixing well.

In another bowl mix together flour, baking soda, lemon juice and salt.

Add flour mixture alternately with banana mixture, mixing well after each addition.

Turn into oiled (light olive oil) 9×13 pan.

Bake at 350°F for 23 minutes until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

Place baking dish on cooling rack.

Enjoy!

## Share your Favorite Recipe!

**Please submit your favorite recipe and this form to the Communications Department.**

The recipe submission is a free and voluntary service provided by Tri-County Electric Cooperative. As we have more than 100,000 member-owners, we may receive high volumes of submissions. Recipes must be submitted before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to be considered for the next Member Bulletin or issue of the *Texas Co-op Power* (i.e., June 20th for the August issue). We reserve the right to refuse any recipe. Please submit recipes through the postal service or email and not on the back of your payment stub. These stubs are processed automatically because we receive hundreds daily. 8000808202

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: Please include the above information with your recipe and send to [pr@tcectexas.com](mailto:pr@tcectexas.com)

Online:  
[tcectexas.com/recipe-submission](http://tcectexas.com/recipe-submission)

Postal service: Please detach and submit this form with your recipe and mail to

Tri-County Electric Cooperative  
Attn: Recipe Submission  
200 Bailey Ranch Road  
Aledo, Texas 76008

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Regularly changing your cooling system's air filter provides multiple benefits.

- Improved indoor air quality
- Cleaner home
- Fewer indoor allergens
- Improved system efficiency



## It Pays to Stay Informed!

Find your account number in our Member Information Bulletin or the *Texas Co-op Power* and you will receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill! **Simply contact our Member Services team at 817-444-3201 to claim your credit.**



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