



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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

# Member Information Bulletin

## February 2023



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*Look for your account number on pages 18-25 for a chance to claim a \$20 bill credit!*

## Brazos Financing Utility Plan Rider

Starting January 3, 2023, members will see a new line item on billing statements labeled Brazos Financing Rider. This new tariff recovers Brazos Winter Storm Uri costs and the cost of exiting our all-requirements wholesale power contract with Brazos.

The Brazos Financing Rider is a per kilowatt-hour tariff. Based on calculations in the tariff, the amount will be 1.2 cents/kWh beginning in January 2023 and will be re-evaluated every six months. As the co-op grows, the Brazos Financing Rider kWh amount is expected to decrease. 8002157403

Tri-County Electric Cooperative chose to list out the Brazos Financing Rider on member billing statements so members can see every change included in the billed amount. These costs could have been rolled into PCRF, but the leadership team and board wants to maintain utmost transparency. 800831618

A hardship fund was established as a result of the Brazos bankruptcy proceedings to help offset costs for low-income members. Tri-County Electric Co-op expects to have the application and eligibility requirements in the first half of 2023.

Tri-County Electric Co-op compiled resources to address all member questions, including: 800901555

- A list of frequently asked questions
- Member communications on power costs and the Brazos bankruptcy
- What happened during Winter Storm Uri
- Why Brazos went bankrupt
- Member financial impact
- Future power cost outlook

**For more information,  
visit [tcectexas.com/Brazos](https://tcectexas.com/Brazos)**

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

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

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

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

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

Please visit [tcectexas.com/recipe-submission](http://tcectexas.com/recipe-submission) for submission rules, terms and conditions.



## Double Chocolate Banana Muffins

Deb Kendal of Fort Worth

- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/3 cup mashed ripe bananas
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Mix dry ingredients. Stir in wet ingredients until just moistened.

Fold in chocolate chips.

Bake in paper muffin cups in pan at 350°F for 25 minutes.

Enjoy!

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# \$2,000



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## Virtual Rate Hearing

Miss the virtual Rate Hearing on December 12 that covered the new Brazos Financing Utility Plan Rider?

Watch the recording online at [tcectexas.com/brazos](http://tcectexas.com/brazos)

## 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 by March 31st!



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