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Tahlequah Public Works Authority Trustees voted to begin a rate adjustment for electric, sewer and water effective October 1, 2020. The adjustment will be on the October statement, but reflect usage during September.

The rate increase represents a long-term business decision which has been extensively and thoroughly studied in order that Tahlequah Public Works Authority maintains the financial stability to continue to provide the best possible services. TPWA has always maintained the philosophy of being a top tier service provider while maintaining a low cost of service. The TPWA has not increased electric rates since 2004. The cost of expenditures is not the same as 2004.

TPWA remains one of the lowest cost of service providers of like communities based on OMA/MESO's 2019 rate survey. The rate adjustment for this year will be 8%. In 2021, the adjustment will be 4% and in 2022 the adjustment will be 3%. For a TPWA customer with an average \$100 a month bill, the adjustment will increase the bill to \$108.

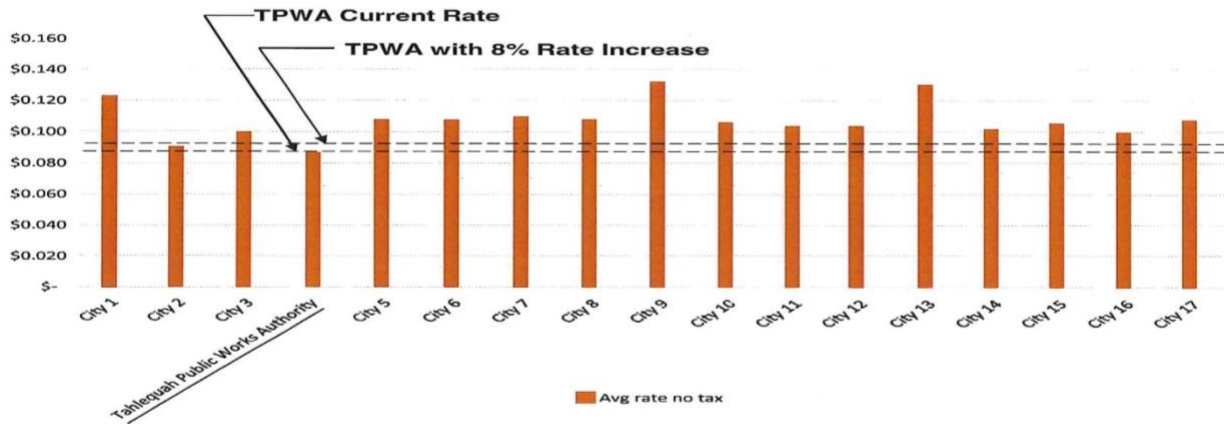
Our community is growing and expanding, and we will incur expenses in extending our services to the customers. We are constantly investing in the infrastructure of our systems in order to keep our services up and running.

TPWA has been recognized for having outstanding reliability by The Municipal Electric Systems of Oklahoma in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and most recently in 2020. We are invested in our community and committed to maintaining a high level of service. In 2019, TPWA was awarded America's Best Tasting water at the 20th Anniversary of the Great American Water Taste Test.

CONSERVATION TIPS:

- Check windows and doors, add caulk and/or weather strips
- Install a programmable thermostat
- Unplug electronics when not in use
- Check all faucets for leaks
- Check air filters
- Check to make sure lights are off when leaving a room
- Shut off the water while brushing your teeth

**PROPOSAL FOR INCREASE OF TPWA UTILITY RATES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020.
RATE COMPARISON TO OTHER OKLAHOMA CITIES SERVICED BY GRDA**



**This Chart based upon information provided by GRDA for Comparison of Electric Rates for the Cities Serviced by GRDA 7-2020*

Electric Company	Base/Availability Charge	Cost per kWh	Total Bill for 1000 kWh
TPWA	\$10.00	.0675	\$77.50
CO-OP A	\$32.50	.07974/Winter .08474/Summer	\$111.90/Winter \$117.24/Summer
CO-OP B	\$18.00	.0867/Winter .0967/Summer	\$104.70/Winter \$114.70/Summer

Water Company	Base/Availability Charge	Cost per 1000 gallons	Total Bill for 3000 gallons
TPWA	\$8.00 Inside City \$10.00 Outside City	\$3.62	\$18.86 Inside City \$20.86 Outside City
Water Provider A	\$34.50 includes 1000 gal	\$6.70	\$54.35
Water Provider B	\$32.00 includes 1500 gal	\$9.60	\$46.40