

Coastlines

News and Information for Central Lincoln People's Utility District Customers

got wind?

We do—and you can buy more—from us!

Central Lincoln buys all of the electricity we sell to you from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), a federal agency headquartered in Portland. The BPA sells electricity to the Pacific Northwest's public utilities such as Central Lincoln, and investor-owned utilities, as well as to some large industries.

The BPA provides about half the electricity used in the Northwest and operates over three-fourths of the region's high-voltage transmission.

More and more of BPA's power is coming from wind power from turbines located along the Oregon-Washington border area, and thus you are using wind power.

While the BPA is part of the U.S. Dept. of Energy, it isn't tax-supported. The BPA covers all of its costs through sales of electricity and transmission.

The BPA sells hydropower generated from dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers, from the Columbia Generating Station, and from wind power.



Some Central Lincoln customers want all of their electricity to come from wind power. We can sell you more

*The electricity we provide to you comes from a mix of sources, and is **93%** greenhouse gas-free—one of the highest rates of clean energy in the United States.*

wind power, but unfortunately, wind power costs more to produce than hydropower, and the BPA charges more for it. So we have to charge more for wind power as well.

Wind power from Central Lincoln is an extra \$5 per 250 kilowatt hours.



YES! I want MORE wind power!

Customer Name _____

Customer Number _____

I want to order _____ 250 kWh increments of wind power a month at \$5 per increment. (\$5 for each increment of 250 kWh for a total of 8.14 cents a kWh.) (Complete, cut out and return with your monthly payment.) Thank you.



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“Extra” means “in addition to” our current 6.14 cents an hour. So buying wind power from Central Lincoln will cost you 8.14 cents an hour.

So, if you'd like to buy more wind power than what you currently receive as part of our power mix, look at your Central Lincoln bill to see how many “kWh” (kilowatt hours) you use, divide that number by 250, and you'll know how many increments to purchase at \$5 each.

You may order wind power from Central Lincoln by filling out the form on Page One, or by calling your closest Central Lincoln office--the numbers for each of our six offices is on the back of your bill.

You can also send us an email to order wind power to: webmaster@clpud.org

Please include your customer number (which is highlighted in blue at the top of your bill) and let the webmaster know which community you live in.

Update:

Last month we launched “**Credit for Clunkers**,” a program to reduce electricity by getting old but working “energy hog” refrigerators or freezers unplugged, meaning out of service. At last count, **123 Central Lincoln customers have called us to take us up on our offer to have their “energy hog” hauled away for free. In addition, they will receive a \$30 credit on their next electricity bill!**

If you have a working fridge or freezer you'd like to get rid of that isn't an “Energy Star” appliance, call **1-866-265-7231 to arrange for pick up.** And--thanks for saving electricity--we want to help you conserve!

Spring... the perfect time to check out your outdoor electric set-up!

Coastal weather can ruin almost anything that is metal. Our workers spend many hours trying to stay ahead of the corrosion of expensive electricity transformers, lines, and insulators to prevent outages.

We bring electric service to your property and are responsible for the meter and the service line, but you are responsible for the condition of the meter base, the service mast, and the weatherhead (see diagram at right).

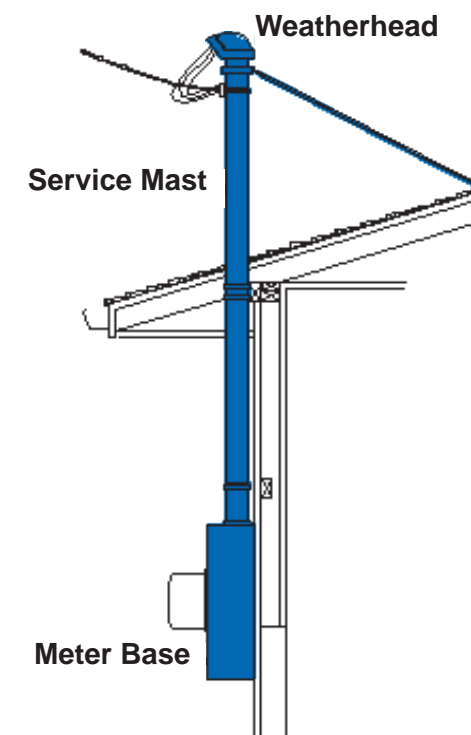
This equipment can wear out over time, become damaged by tree limbs (for example), or corrode. **If it fails, your home could be without power until you have it repaired.** And, **if our meter readers find that your meter base is unstable, we could be forced to disconnect your service until it is repaired, due to safety concerns.** We never want to do this, and it can be prevented if the equipment is maintained properly.

(Customers whose homes are served by underground lines will not have a weatherhead or service mast, but will have the meter base.)

Checking your electrical service equipment is easy. Just walk over to your electric meter and look for the following:

- Advanced rust or corrosion on any metal assembly.
- A service mast that's bent or pulled away from the house.
- A missing or severely rusted weatherhead that might allow water to collect in the meter base.
- A meter base with a hole in it or rust.

If you notice any of these signs, or if you think there may be a problem with the equipment, contact your



local Central Lincoln office, or a licensed electrician for assistance.

While this equipment is built for the outdoors, repair or replacement is sometimes necessary. Please check it out every few months.

If your power goes out please call us at:
1-866-484-3783

