

## Electric Delivery

Res. BPA Exchange Credit:

**(Jan. and Dec.) Res. BPA Exchange Credit = 1417 kWh x \$0.020720 = -\$2.94**

As part of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, a “Residential Exchange Program” was created to provide residential customers of utilities in the Pacific Northwest a form of access to low-cost power. NorthWestern Energy customers share the benefits of that low-cost federal hydropower provided by the Bonneville Power Administration. BPA provided low-cost supply to the region, including much of western Montana, until the 1970s when, because of increased demand, it did not renew contracts with some utilities. Congress established the residential exchange program to address BPA’s inability to satisfy power demands.

NorthWestern files an annual request with the PSC to set the tariff. For example, in May 2013, NorthWestern requested the PSC adjust its rate credits to reflect an amount of \$2,973,482 to be credited to customers for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The request was approved (Docket No. D2013.6.42 Order No. 7287).