

# PEAK ALERTS

HELP US CONTROL FUTURE ENERGY COSTS

Peak Alerts are issued when the demand for electricity is at an all-time high and rising toward a new peak. They typically occur on hot summer days from approximately 2 to 7 p.m., depending on weather conditions. We ask our members to reduce their energy consumption during this time in order to help avoid reaching a new peak. If you have a radio-controlled switch on your water heater or central air conditioning system, it will be activated during summer Peak Alerts.

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Avoiding a new electric demand peak is important. When a new peak is established, it may affect future transmission and generation costs. A Peak Alert does not indicate a shortage of electricity— it is a way for members to help hold down electric costs.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP CONSERVE ENERGY:

### 1. Install a radio-controlled switch on your air conditioner.

A radio-controlled switch can be installed on central air conditioners, heat pumps and geothermal systems. During a peak alert, the compressor is cycled off and on for brief periods of time. Members receive a \$100 one-time bill credit\* for having the switch installed and a \$2 credit on their bill each month. \*two-year minimum contract

### 2. Install a radio-controlled switch on your electric water heater.

A radio-controlled switch can be installed on electric water heaters that are 50 gallons or more. During the peak alert, the elements on the water heater are shut off. Members receive a \$4 credit on their bill each month for having a water heater radio-controlled switch installed.

### 3. Reduce your electric use during the Peak Alert.

Raise your thermostat 2-5 degrees, turn off lights in the home, and postpone household chores that use electricity such as laundry, dishes, and showers. These are just a few changes that you can implement to help reduce energy consumption during a peak.

## PEAK ALERT NOTICES

When we are notified that the demand for electricity is reaching an all-time high, we inform members by email and text (if registered) and post the Peak Alert message on SmartHub, our Facebook page and on the front page of our website.

