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### EPUD BOARD APPROVES RATE INCREASE

Eugene, Ore. – The Emerald People's Utility District Board of Directors approved a rate increase during the Board meeting last night. After review of multiple proposals by staff, the Citizen Advisory Committee, and the public, the Board adopted the average 6.4 percent increase effective for all bills issued on and after June 8, 2009. The average 6.4 percent increase is split between a 5 percent energy charge increase and a flat \$2.50 per month Basic Charge increase. The rate increase will cost the average EPUD residential Customer-Owner an additional \$7 per month.

“The EPUD Board takes this rate increase very seriously, and understands the potential impact it may have on our Customer-Owners,” said Board President Penny Jordan. “We reviewed several possible proposals that would allow the utility to keep pace with rising costs, and in the end believe we chose the best option for our District.”

The EPUD Board of Directors passed the rate increase to offset the rising cost of maintaining EPUD's distribution facilities and the upcoming rate increase from Bonneville Power Administration.

As a not-for-profit public power entity, EPUD provides power to its Customer-Owners at-cost, and raises rates only when necessary to cover the cost of providing power to its District.

For more information on the rate increase, visit [www.epud.org/rates.aspx](http://www.epud.org/rates.aspx)

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