Following a review of electric rates and a public comment period, which concluded at a public open house on Monday, Oct. 26, the Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities Commission approved changes to the 2016 electric rate schedule at their meeting on November 3. The primary changes are as follows:

- The overall revenues of the electric utility will be unchanged (i.e., no general rate increase).
- The existing “Electric Power Cost Adjustment” feature will be eliminated. The cost of energy per kWh will no longer vary month to month.
- For Residential and Small Commercial customers, the rates will be simplified by removing the multi-step rate structure, and implementing a single rate for all energy used.
- The rate structure for the 23 largest commercial and industrial customers will be changed to include a demand charge coupled with a lower energy charge.

The changes will take effect on Jan. 1, 2016 and be present on your February utility bill. The rate schedule for residential and small commercial customers (usage of under 5,000 kWh / month) are below. The full rate schedule is posted on the City’s website. It is the intent of the Commission to closely monitor the performance of the new rates in light of the overall financial status of the electric utility, and make annual adjustments only as necessary in order to keep the utility on a solid financial footing in the future. Feel free to contact Utility Offices with any questions.

### Residential
- Monthly rate:
- Customer Charge: $10.35 per meter
- Energy Charge: 16.2¢ / kWh
- (PCA eliminated)

### Small Commercial
- Monthly rate:
- Customer Charge: $19.00 per meter
- Energy Charge: 15.9¢ / kWh
- (PCA eliminated)