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Local Task Force holds second public meeting Wednesday

Written by Kathy Rhoads
Tue, 15 Jan 2008

Informing the public of the many benefits of developing the Paris Public Power project is the job of a group of individuals known as the Citizens' Municipal Utility Task Force.

As the Feb. 5 election nears the group is busy doing their jobs with several presentations scheduled in the Paris community during the next several weeks.

According to Doyle Rhoads, chairman of the CMUTF, a second public presentation will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Paris YMCA.

Attending Wednesday's public presentation will be Brian McDaniel of the Citizens Utility Board.

McDaniel will provide information on the work of the CUB and the current status of the cost of utilities.

The local task force has spent the past several months visiting local groups and organizations and presenting information gathered during the Electric Utility Municipalization preliminary feasibility study conducted by Latham & Associates, Inc. in September, 2007.

According to Rhoads, there have been rate changes by Ameren that took place Dec. 1st and

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Jan. 1st that affect people.

"December 1st they lowered the rates for the all electric homes (Space Heat) but raised the rates for small businesses to make up the difference. January 1st they raised the distribution rates by 4+ %," Rhoads explained.

These rate changes have recieved little or no press. Below is some examples of the

Space Heat		
KWH Used	Old	New
500	\$ 38.25	\$ 43.32
1000	\$ 67.79	\$ 57.02
1500	\$ 97.33	\$ 70.72
2000	\$ 126.87	\$ 84.42
2500	\$ 156.41	\$ 98.12

December 1st rate changes:

Small Business		
KWH Used	Old	New
500	\$ 36.47	\$ 55.22
1000	\$ 72.94	\$ 110.44
1500	\$ 109.41	\$ 165.66
2000	\$ 145.88	\$ 220.88
2500	\$ 182.35	\$ 302.30

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