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Comments: Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative serves Corson, Dewey and Ziebach Counties in South Dakota. Our service area is within the boundaries of the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation and the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

Having said that, Moreau-Grand Electric implements a bill credit to members from a designated beneficiary list furnished from each Tribe on a monthly basis. I do wish to emphasize that this system has been working very well since inception in January of 2001.

To save confusion when calculating the monthly bill credit going forward, I am in support of one-step rate change in January, 2004. A two-step change both in January and again in October of 2004 would require a change to the bill credit contract twice within one year. Each time change is implemented, it requires an education process to explain the end results. As you are aware, the rate increase will result in a decrease of WAPA bill credit. This change will cause some emotional response - once in a year is adequate to explain to our members!

Thank you for allowing my comments.