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EWEB Board Meeting

December 2, 2025

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Items from Board Members & General Manager



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- Board Officer and Liaison Positions
 - Provided in preparation for January 2026 Board Meeting
- 2. General Manager Recruitment Internal Feedback Questionnaire Results
- 3. Present Year-End (2025) Audit Planning
- 4. Quarterly Operational & Strategic Goals Report for Q3
 - Incorporates EWEB Business Management System Structure (Core Work, Strategic Compass/Goals)
 - Continue solid financial/operational performance; 15 of 18 goals on track (1 complete, 2 behind)
- 5. Willamette Treatment Plant Progress Report November 2025

Authors	Objective
Frank Lawson, Anne Kah	Information
Diedre Williams	Information
Deborah Hart, Baker Tilly Auditors	Information
Executive Team and Managers	Information

1. Public Hearing on Upcoming-Year (2026) Proposed Budgets and Prices

2. General Public Input

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Approval of Consent Calendar A



Approval of Consent Calendar B



Items removed from Consent Calendar



Resolution No. 2524 McKenzie Valley Service Territory

Frank Lawson, CEO & General Manager

December 2, 2025





Motion - McKenzie Valley Service Territory

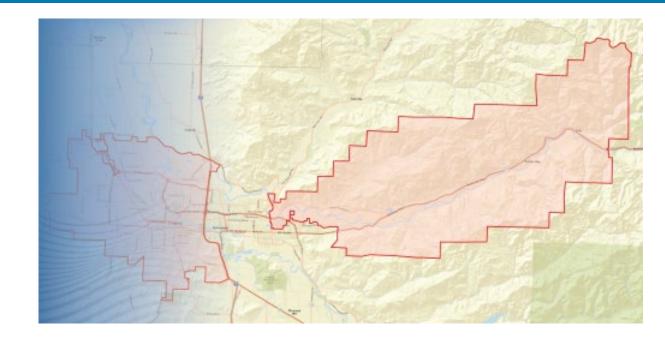
Transfer of Distribution "Delivery" Assets (Typically 12KV or less)...no Generation or Substation Assets

Rights to Serve ~3,200 Customers (Requires Regulatory Approval) – Robust Communications Planned

Federal power allocation to cover entire load

Terms & Conditions (multiple agreements including Asset Sale, Service Allocation)

Timeline/Schedule (May / October)



Motion: "...move to approve Resolution No. 2524 authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute agreements, and complete potential regulatory filings, necessary to transfer EWEB's McKenzie Valley service territory to Lane Electric Cooperative within guidance as provided by the EWEB Board in executive session."

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Financial Tools: A Holistic Approach

Rates	Fees	Customer Programs
 Charges that customers pay for the consumption of electricity and water Designed to recover costs of 	 Charges related to services or administrative functions, such as connection fees, installation charges, or late 	 Initiatives or incentives to assist customers and encourage actions or investments that support
providing the service (generation, transmission, and distribution)	 payment penalties. Can cover costs and/or generate revenue that offsets 	organizational goals or community values • Efficiency rebates
 Can be structured in various ways (e.g., flat rates, tiered rates, time-of-use rates); inspire beneficial consumption behavior 	retail rates	Bill assistanceEnvironmental programs



Each tool serves a distinct role in helping EWEB meet customer needs, maintain financial stability, and advance broader objectives like sustainability and social equity.

Rate-setting process: Recovering costs



Determine Revenue

Requirement
"How big is the pie?"

How much does EWEB need to collect from customers in a year to cover costs associated with running the utility?



2

Allocate the Revenue Requirement "Who pays?"

How do we ensure various customer classes (residential, business, large industrial, etc.) pay their fair share of the cost for getting water and power to their homes and facilities?



3

Establish Rates

"How do we recover costs from customers?"

How do we set prices that reflect the fixed and variable costs of providing services and incentivize customers to use electricity and water wisely?

Cost- and behavior-based financial principles

- Recover costs of service
- Fairly distribute expenses
- Promote transparency
- Incentivize beneficial behaviors
- Ensure:
 - Financial sustainability
 - Operational efficiency
 - Reliable service



Currin Substation



EWEB customers Annie & Paxton

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Relevance: EWEB Business Management System

Goal Deliverable:

Assess the current state of EWEB's limited income offerings and present recommended next steps to the Board in Q4.

2025 Annual Strategic Goals:

- Evaluate & manage budgets and spending based on prioritized outcomes with rate impacts near levels of inflation.
- Assess and enhance the impact of EWEB's existing programs supporting limited income and tenant customer segments.
- Evaluate and prepare for opportunities to influence consumption behavior.

5-Year Themes:

- Based on customer feedback, improve customer trust and satisfaction relating to affordability.
- Drive consumer participation in products/programs that optimize the use and delivery of energy.



Presentation outline

Objective:

Based on customer feedback, identify options to enhance impact and drive participation in limited income products and programs, while managing budgets and spending.

- 1. Limited-Income Customer Data & Experience
- 2. Understanding the Spectrum of Need
- 3. Program Strategies: A Path Forward



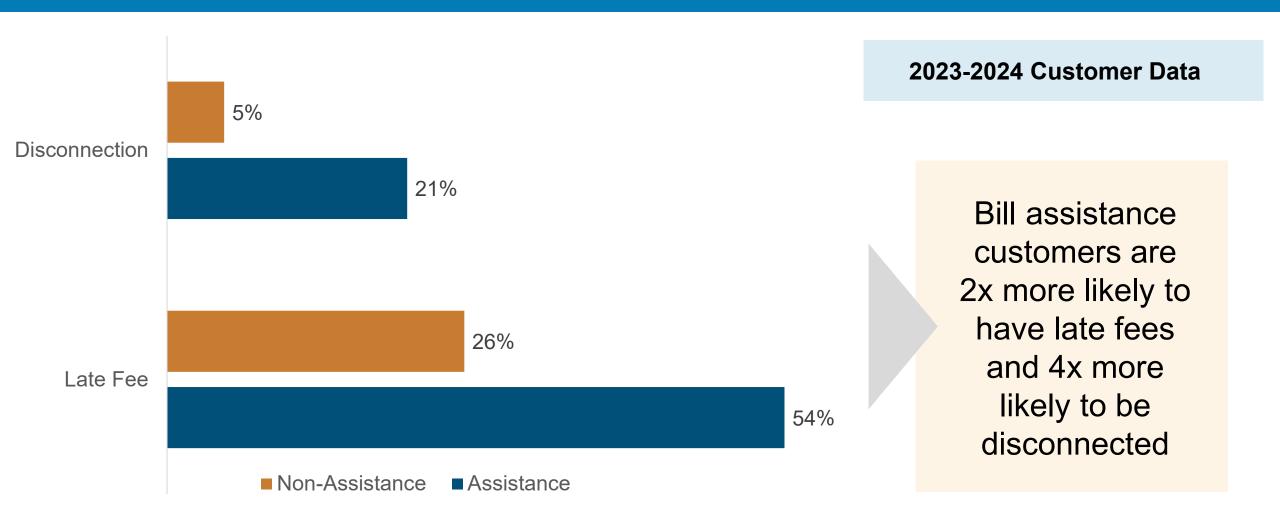
Limited-Income Customer Data & Experience

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Even with help, some customers struggle
- Some who need help are not getting it
- Scheduling & documentation demands create friction



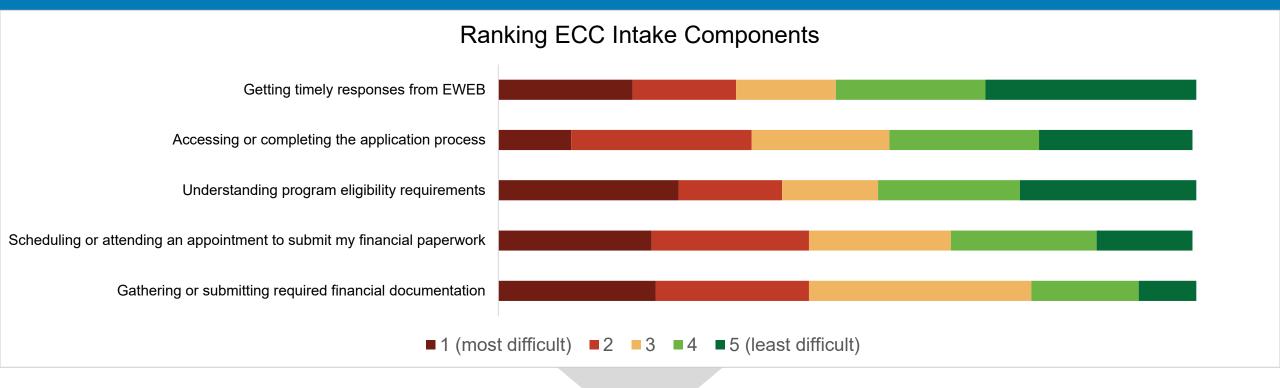
Even with assistance, customers face payment challenges



Many Customers Who Need Help Don't Receive It

=**	Eligibility	500 customers apply but do not receive assistance	> Identify points of friction
	Access	43% of applicants are not registered in the EWEB portal	> Get customers onboarded
	Awareness	2/3 of disconnected customers are not receiving assistance	> Direct engagement strategies

Customer Survey: Process matters



Income verification presents challenges and delays for customers

Understanding the spectrum of need

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Limited Income is not a monolith
- One size does NOT fit all
- Different needs require different tools



Different needs require different tools

Chronic Financial Burden

Need: Persistent



- Lowest income customers
- Limited economic mobility
- Challenges persist, regardless of bill amount

Financial Hardship

Need: Intermittent



- Limited & moderate income + ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed)
- May not be eligible for certain social safety net programs
- Urgency

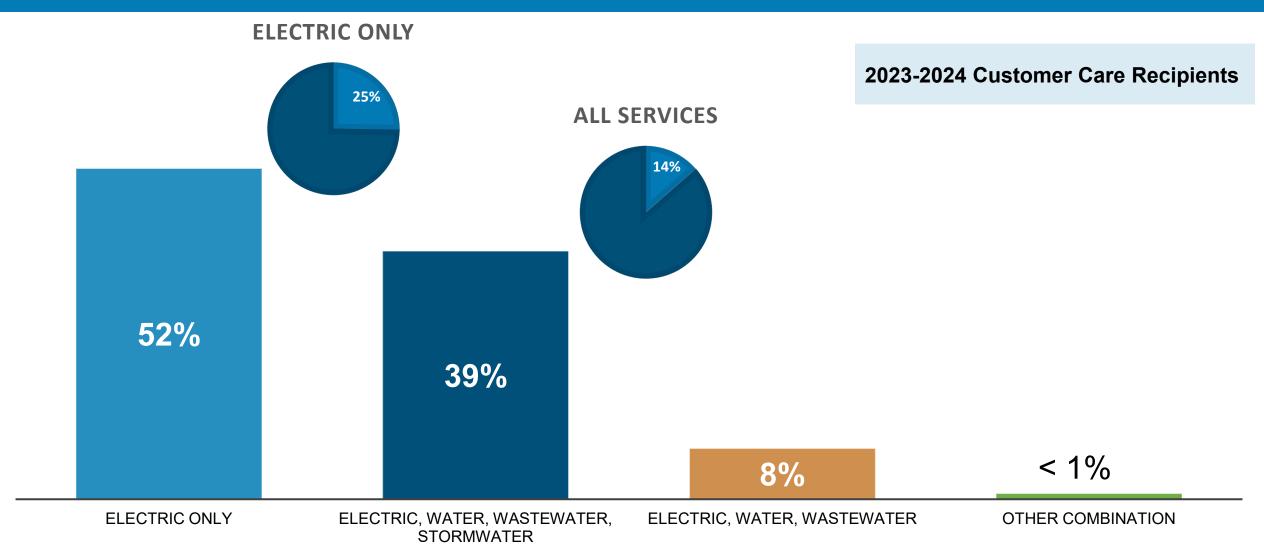
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Need: Crisis

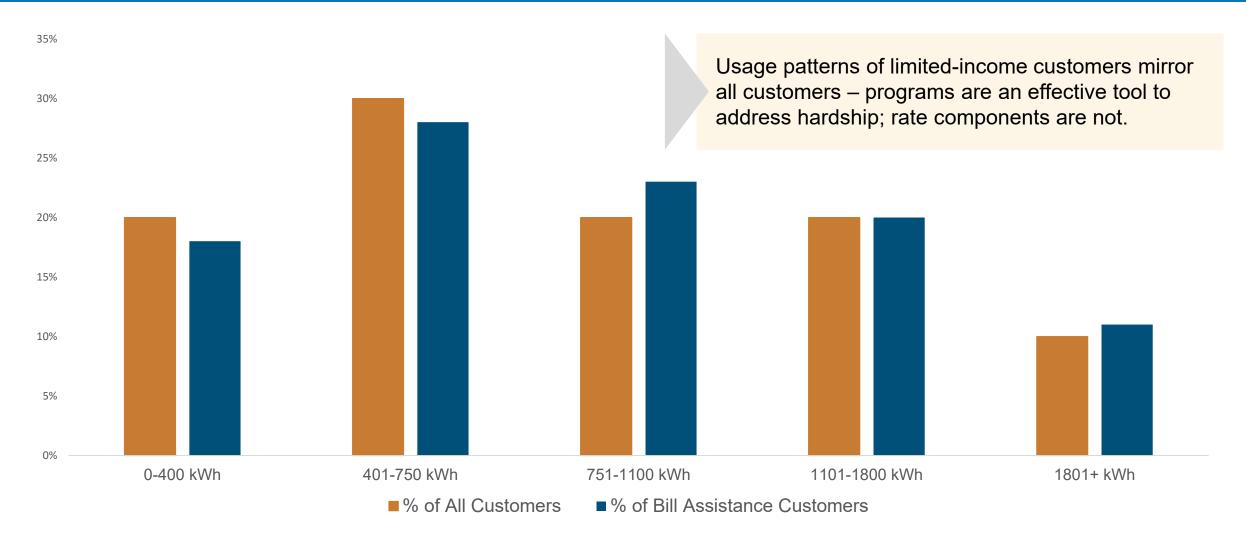


- Financial & psychological impact
- Can affect ability to pay for a broad range of income
- Examples include death, critical illness, medical bills, job loss, domestic violence or divorce

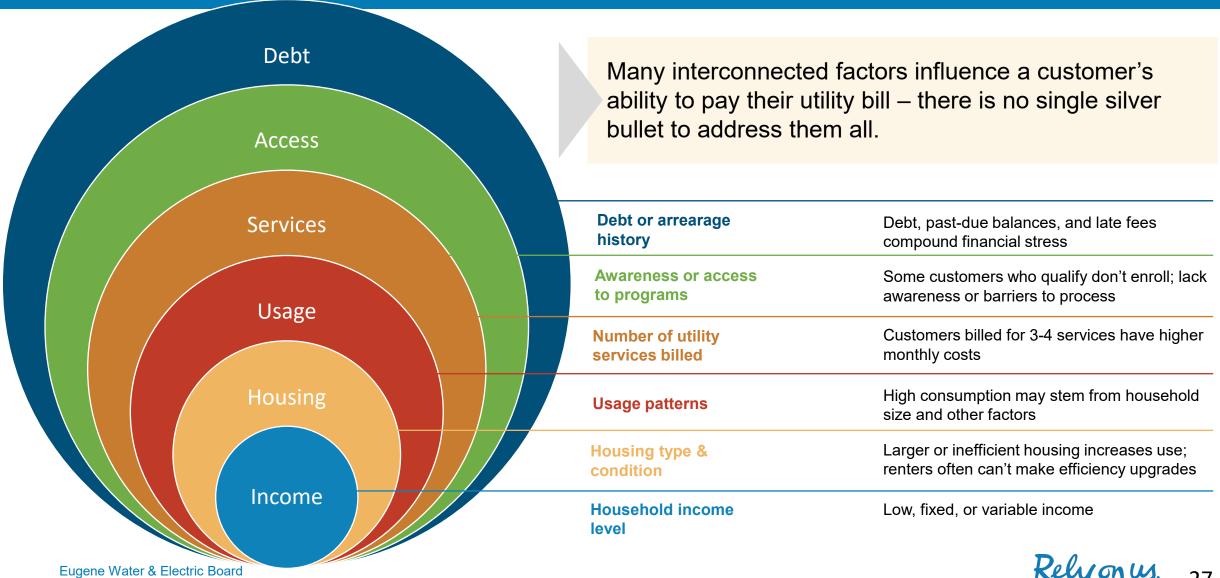
\$280 does not support customers equally



Limited-Income # Low Usage



Taking Aim at Customer Experience



Program Strategies:

Financial assistance, complimentary programs, engagement & access

KEY TAKEAWAY:

To ensure reliable, sustainable, and responsible service, we need multiple tools that maintain cost-based rates while aligning with different needs and are more structurally tailored to income, situation, and scope of services.

Program Strategies: Financial Assistance

Chronic Financial Burden

Need: Persistent

Goal: Consistent, predictable support

Strategy: Affordability Program

New

- Monthly billing credits (tiered)
- Lowest income customers
- Increased renewal cycle
- Budget cap

Financial Hardship

Need: Intermittent

Strategy: EWEB Customer Care

Goal: Timely, targeted support

Strategy: EWEB Customer Care

Enhanced

- One-time bill credit
- Final Notice customers
- Low to moderate income
- Self-attestation (audited)
- Budget cap

Life Events

Need: Crisis

Strategy: Energy Share

Goal: Immediate, compassionate relief

Strategy: Energy Share

Existing

- One-time bill credit
- No income verification required
- Offers same-day, first-call resolution
- Develop equity-focused guidelines
- Donation funded, as available



Program Strategies: Complimentary Programs

Prepay

Need: Late fee and deposit relief

Strategy: Prepay + Affordability Program

Goal: Alleviate admin expenses

Limited-income customers are often subject to a disproportionate share of late fees and deposits. Prepay can eliminate this burden without shifting costs to other customers.

Average Monthly Billing

Need: Seasonal Smoothing

Strategy: ECC + AMB

Goal: Alleviate a source of financial hardship

As with Budget Billing, AMB provides seasonal smoothing but does not carry the risk of large balance accrual and therefore requires fewer eligibility requirements.

Categorical Eligibility

Need: Improve program accessibility

Strategy: Expand options

Goal: Reduce referrals

Categorical Eligibility is an effective way to improve customer experience and reduce administrative burden on EWEB. Explore opportunities to expand beyond LIHEAP

Program Strategies: Strengthening Engagement and Access

Community Partners

Need: Cooperative Opportunities

Strategy: Community Table

Goal: Tap into pre-existing communities

- Convene community organizations that serve limited-income households to strengthen coordination and collaboration
- Leverage shared channels and resources to expand awareness and reach underrepresented groups
- Identify and address barriers such as access, language, and technology

Customer Engagement

Need: Direct customer input

Strategy: Multipronged

Goal: Drive participation & impact

- Conduct focused follow-up outreach to gather deeper insights
- Develop targeted communication campaigns
- Build ongoing feedback loops to continuously refine programs

Portal Enrollment Drive

Need: Improve program accessibility

Strategy: Direct customer engagement

Goal: Reduce referrals

- Promote portal enrollment as key access point
- Increase digital participation to streamline program delivery
- Assist customers with low digital literacy or limited internet access



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- Evaluate and prepare for opportunities to influence consumption behavior.

5-Year Themes:

- Based on customer feedback, improve customer trust and satisfaction relating to affordability.
- Modernize enterprise systems & strategic use of data to improve business insights on customer attributes and utilization of our assets.
- Drive consumer participation in products/programs that optimize the use and delivery of energy.

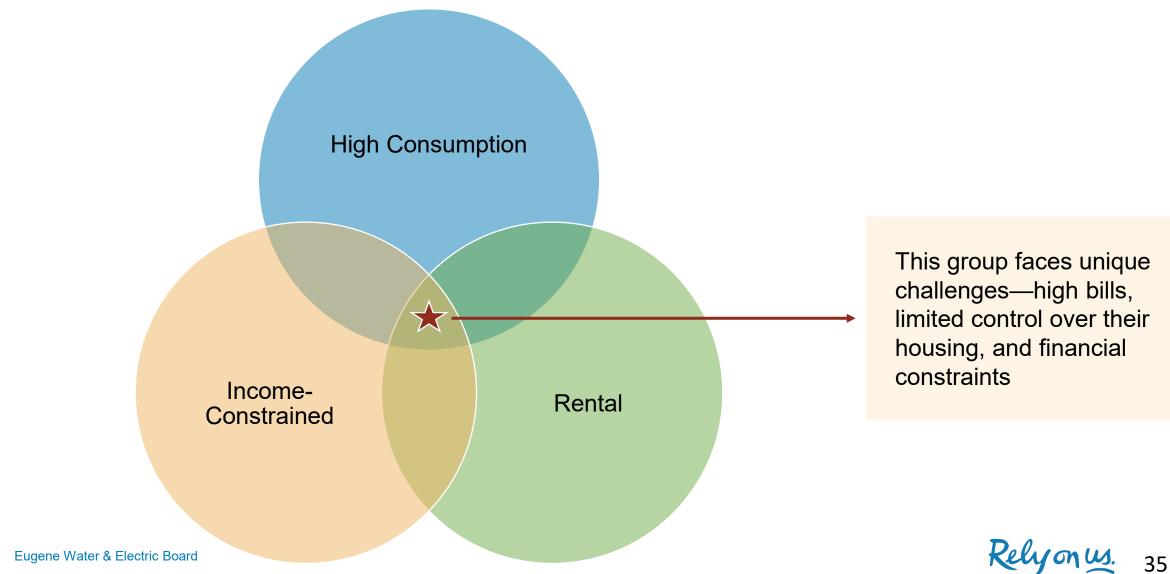


Presentation outline

- 1. Focus: Income-constrained tenants with high bills
- 2. Myths about rental energy usage
- 3. Tenants: What the data shows
- 4. Key insight: Hardship is not driven by usage
- 5. Implications for EWEB programs



Our focus for this work



Common assumptions about rentals don't match the data

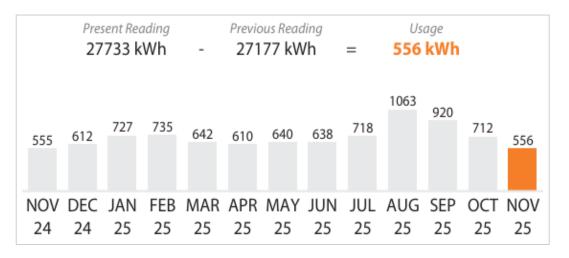
Common Assumptions		What the Data Shows*	
0	Limited income = low consumption	Limited-income households use 5-10% more electricity on average	
0	Tenants use more energy than homeowners	Tenant households use on average 2-5% less energy when comparing dwellings of the same type	
0	Rental properties are underserved by EWEB programs	EWEB completes a higher share of efficiency projects in detached rental properties	
0	Energy efficiency upgrades always reduce bills significantly	Savings depend on housing type, system condition, and occupant behavior	
0	Energy efficiency is the best or only way to help	Efficiency is one tool, but bill assistance, education, and rate design can deliver greater impact per dollar	

^{*}Source: One-year sample of EWEB residential premises (12/23 – 11/24), excluding those with PV, multiple meters, or less than 12 months of data.

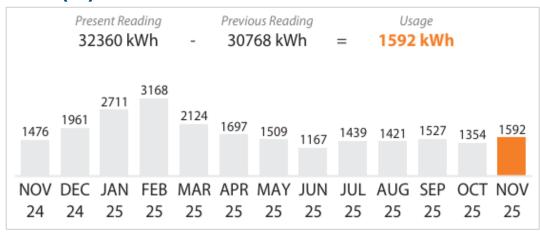


Consumption From Real World Bills

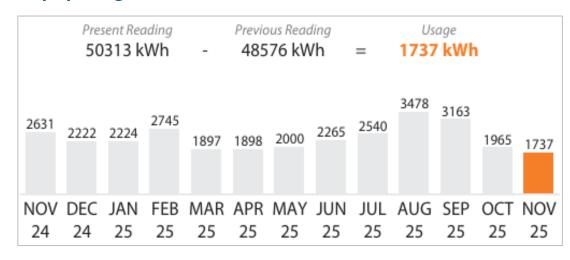
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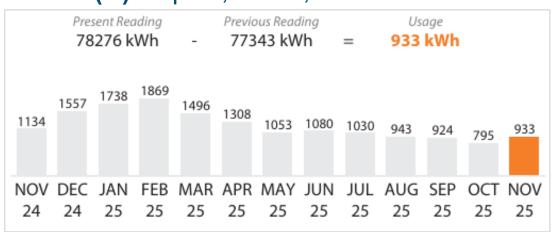
(C) SF home, electric heat, owner occ



(B) Mfg home, rental, electric heat and A/C

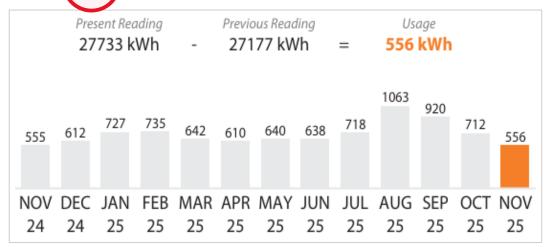


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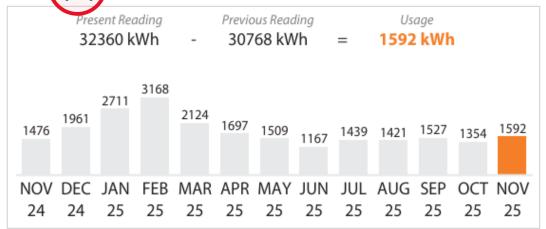


All of these bills are Limited Income

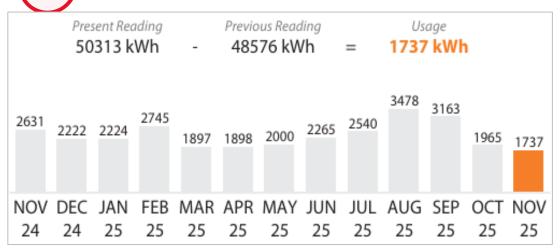
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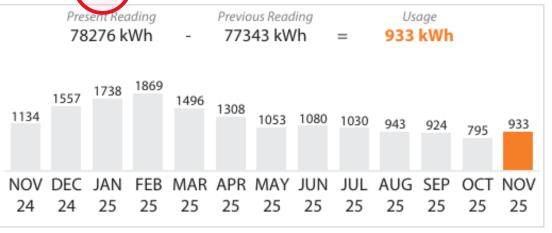
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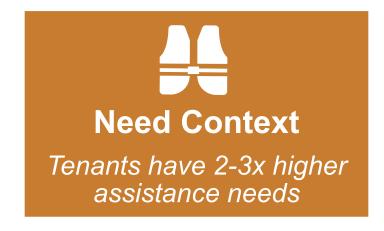
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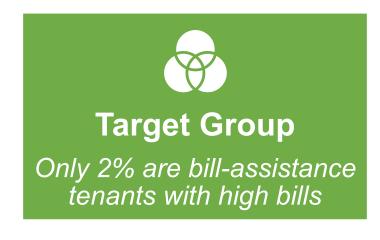
Tenants: What the data reveals about usage and need









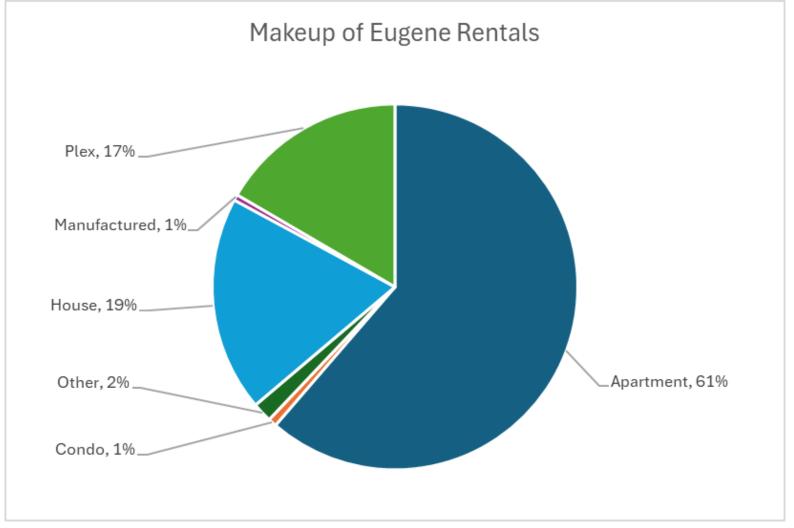








Most tenants live in apartments and plexes

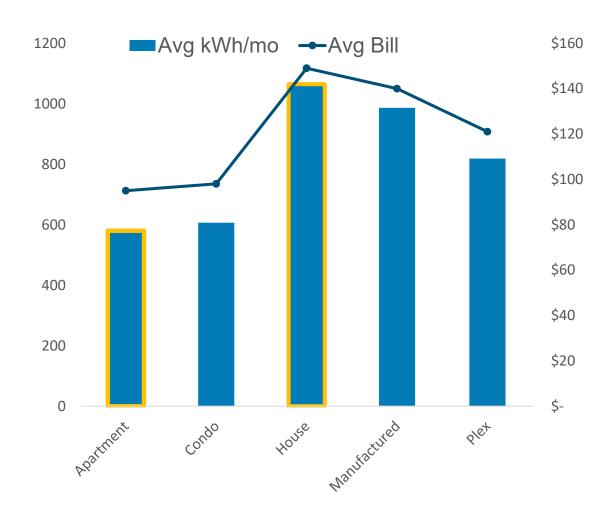








Apartments use less energy than other homes



And apartment utility bills have less variation than houses







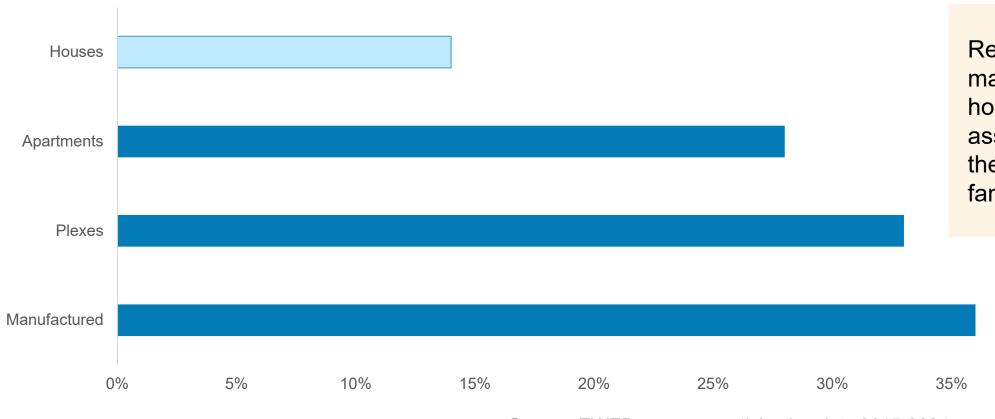
Source: EWEB consumption & billing data.





Assistance levels vary by dwelling type





Rentals and manufactured homes access assistance at 2-3x the rate of single-family houses



Source: EWEB program participation data 2015-2024



What does this data tell us?

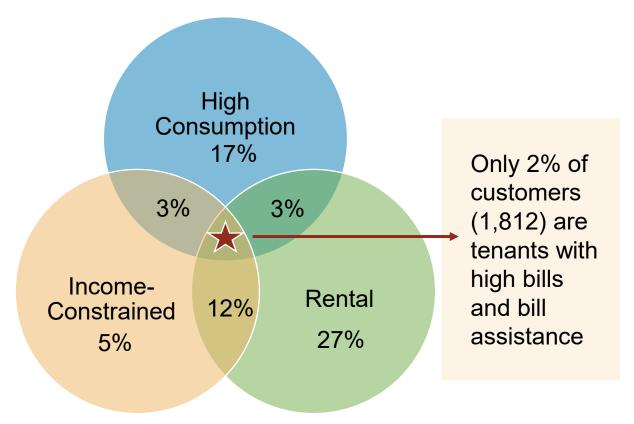
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Insight

- Apartment occupants have lower and more consistent bills than those of single-family homes
- Energy usage is only one of many factors that can contribute to customer hardship



Target Group



None of these categories: 31%





Implications for EWEB programs

Efficiency delivers higher savings per dollar in single-family & manufactured homes

Efficiency has limited savings per dollar in most apartments

- 60% of dwellings
- Mostly owner-occupied
- Robust programs already exist

- 28% of dwellings
- Almost exclusively tenant-occupied
- Bills are low and consistent
- Owners may lack incentive to invest



What We Are Doing

- Higher EE incentives for LI-occupied dwellings, regardless of owner
 - Heating/cooling, water heating, windows, 100% of insulation cost
- Free Home Energy Scores (HES) for rentals
- Projects for detached rentals are keeping pace with owner-occupied.
- New construction incentives for apartments built better than code
 - 2025 so far: \$450k incentives for 332 new apartments Earth Advantage (20-30% over code), and nearly 300 heating retrofits in existing multifamily units, including agency owned.

What We Are Planning

- Continue all existing programs for multifamily, LI and rentals
- Increase multifamily New Construction targeted outreach and assistance
- Increase heat pump water heater incentives
- New: EE incentives for low middle-income (ALICE) customers
- New: Bulk retrofit targeted outreach and incentives for existing multifamily



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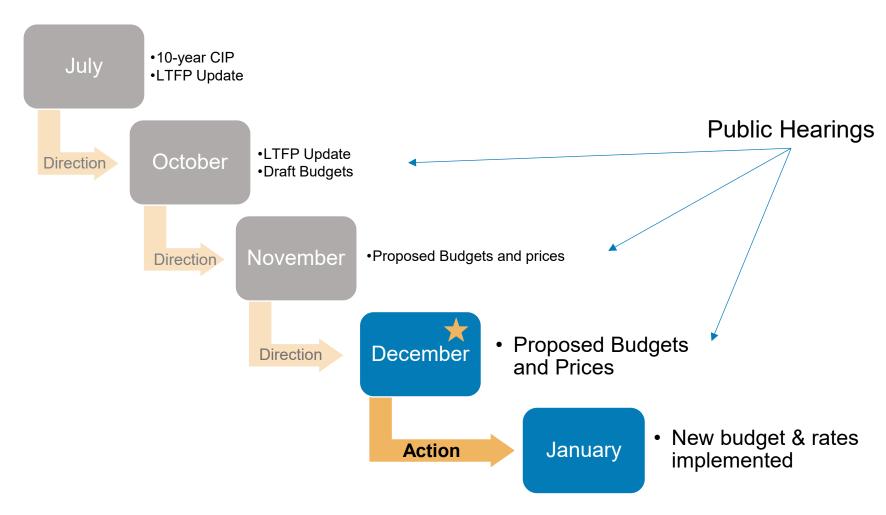
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Overview – Financial Planning Process



2026 Proposed Budgets

	Electric	Water	Combined
Capital & Debt Service	\$108.7 million	\$54.7million	\$163.4 million
	(A \$10.9 M)	(▲\$6.5 M)	(▲ \$17.4M)
Operations & Maintenance	\$292.0 million	\$31.9 million	\$323.9 million
	(\$16.3 M)	(▼ \$3.4 M)	(v \$19.7 M)
Total	\$400.7 million	\$86.6 million	\$487.3 million
	(▼ \$5.4 M)	(<u>**</u> \$3.1 M)	(v \$2.3 M)

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2026 Overall Revenue Requirements



How much does EWEB need to collect from customers in a year to cover costs associated with running the utility?

Water

- 2026 Revenue Requirement increase of 6%
- Rate increases applied to both basic and volume
- Higher increase related to pumping costs for elevation classes
- Residential and General Service consistent with overall increase

Electric

- 2026 Revenue Requirement increase of 3.9% and BPA Power Cost Adjustment of 3.4%
- Establish McKenzie Valley Service Area rate classes
- Increased residential fixed charges to align with COSA
- Updates to Customer Generation Rates





2026 Proposed Allocation of Revenue Requirement



How do we ensure various customer classes (residential, business, large industrial, etc.) pay their fair share of the cost for getting water and power to their homes and facilities?

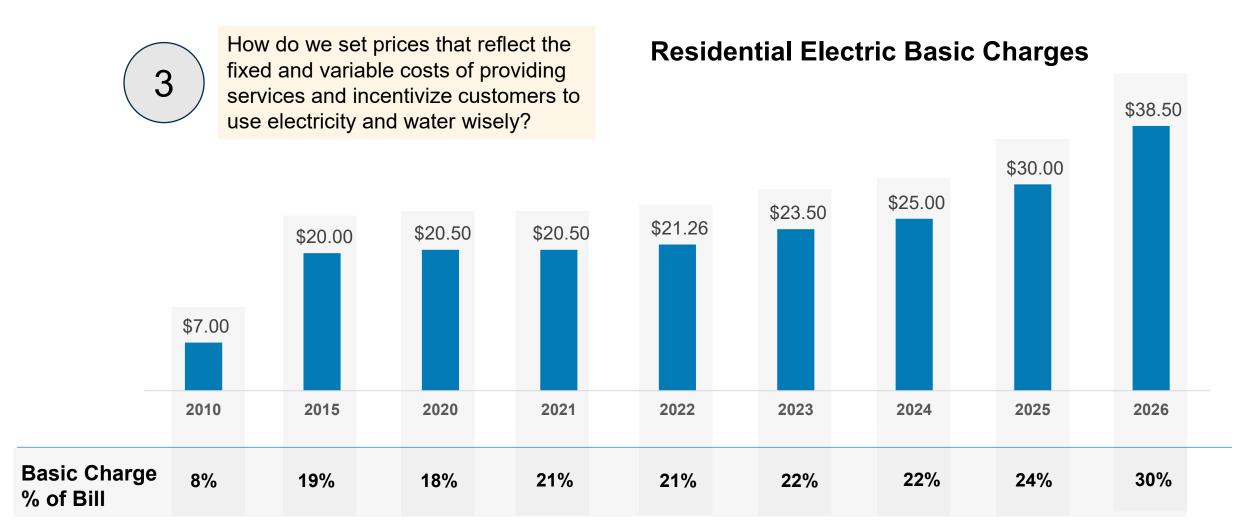
Water Utility	,					
Overall	Residential	General Service	Water Districts	Willamette Water	City of Veneta	Elevation
6.0%	5.1%	6.7%	8.2%	0.0%	4.5%	11.3%

Electric Utility						
Overall	Residential	Small General Service	Medium General Service	Large General Service	Street Lighting	Private Lighting
3.9%	4.4%	1.4%	3.2%	2.3%	5.7%	0.0%
McKenzie Valley*	20.8%	14.4%	9.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{*}If the McKenzie Valley territory realignment is approved, no separate rate is needed; if not, EWEB will implement a new rate structure effective consistent with the COSA findings.



Gradual approach to recovery fixed costs over time





Fixed + Variable: Residential Water



3

How do we set prices that reflect the fixed and variable costs of providing services and incentivize customers to use electricity and water wisely?

Proposed Rate Changes

	2025	Proposed 2026
Basic Charge	\$25 per month	\$26 per month
Usage Charges *	\$1.98 per kgal	\$2.15 per kgal

^{*} Excludes wholesale customers & elevation pumping fees.

Bill Change Illustrations

	Low (~ 3 kgals)	Moderate (~ 9 kgals)	High (~ 13 kgal)	
Examples	Small household or apartment with indoor water use only	Average SFH with low- moderate outdoor use	Large SFH with yard or landscaped areas requiring high irrigation	
Current	\$33	\$46	\$59	
Proposed 2026	\$35, then \$32 in July **	\$48, then \$45 in July **	\$62, then \$59 in July **	
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^{**} Watershed Recovery Fee to sunset in July 2026



Fixed + Variable: Residential Electric



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How do we set prices that reflect the fixed and variable costs of providing services and incentivize customers to use electricity and water wisely?

Proposed Rate Changes

	2025	Proposed 2026	
Basic Charge	\$30 per month	\$38.50 per month	
Usage Charges *	11.16¢ per kWh	10.82¢ per kWh	\blacksquare

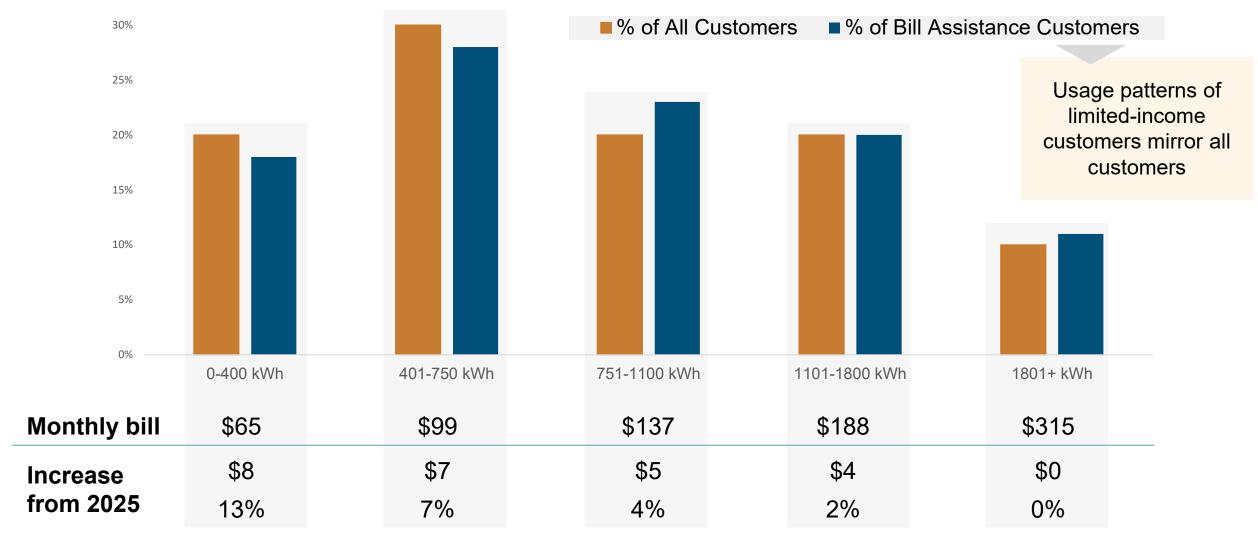
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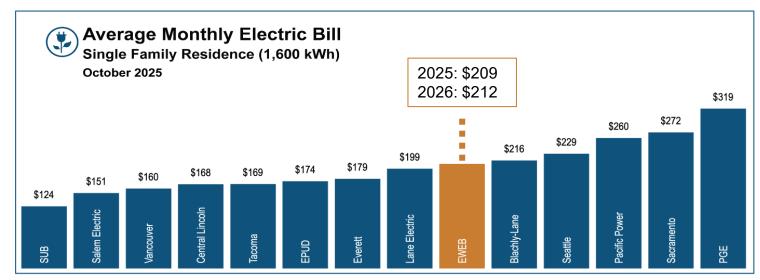
Usage Level	Low (580 kWh)	Moderate (1600 kWh)	High (1800 kWh)
Examples	Small SFH w/ gas heat or apartment	Average SFH w/ electric heat	Large SFH, possible EV charging, multi-tenant rental, or inefficient home
Current	\$95	\$209	\$231
Proposed 2026	\$101	\$212	\$233
2026 w/ ECC	\$78	\$189	\$210

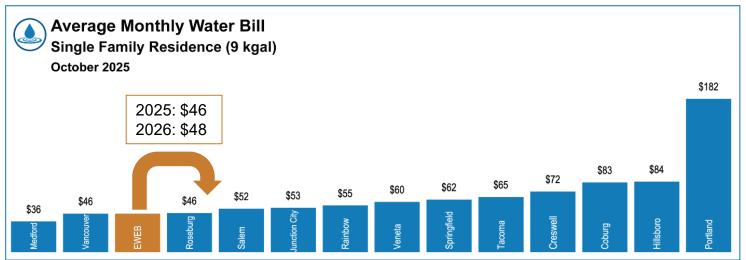


Proposed 2026 Electric Residential Bill Impacts by Usage Range



Price Comparisons





EWEB's prices are comparable to or less than state, regional, and national averages.

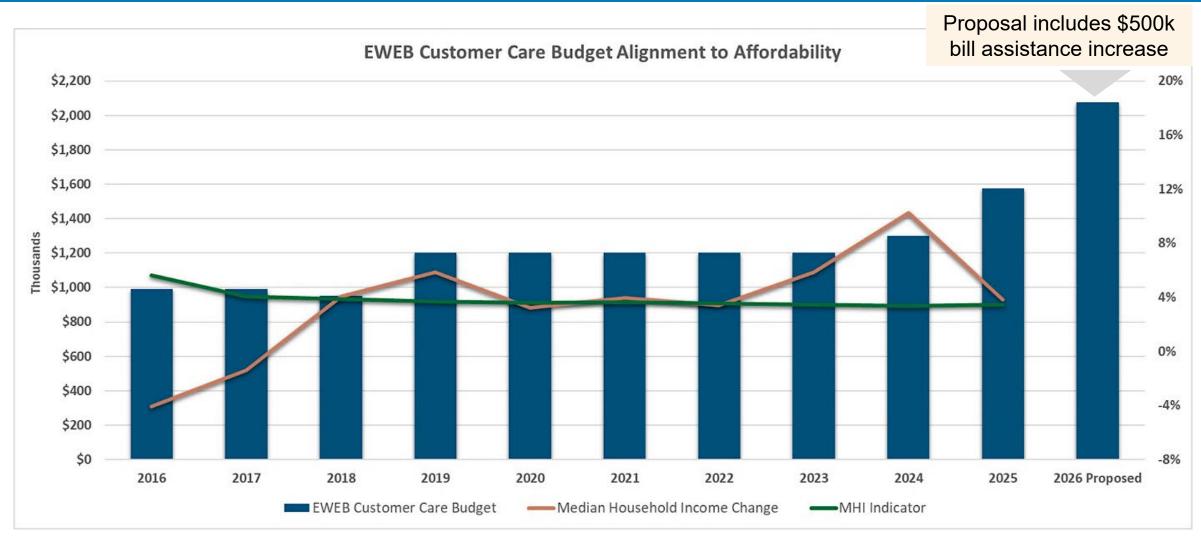
Price per kWh Including Basic Charge		
Idaho	12.07¢	
EWEB 2026 *	13.23¢	
Washington	13.66¢	
Oregon	15.74¢	
U.S.	17.62¢	
California	31.58¢	

^{*} Based on 1600 kWh

Source: EIA Average Price of Electricity by State August 2025 and 2024



Addressing affordability through the budget





Break

(10 minutes)



Commissioner Deliberation: EWEB Programs and 2026 Budget & Prices

Questions / Discussion

Management Recommendation

Board Approval of Proposed Budgets and Prices

- Resolution No. 2520 2026 Budgets
- Resolution No. 2521 2026 Water Prices
- Resolution No. 2522 2026 Electric Prices
- Resolution No. 2525 2026 McKenzie Valley

Future Board Agendas



Board Wrap Up



Adjourn

