



DUAL FUEL LOAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Members of Price Electric Cooperative can receive a special low Dual Fuel electric rate for electric heating systems that are wired for load control management under the Dual Fuel Program. Under this program, electric heat is metered separately (dual (two) meters) and is switched off during peak demand or price periods via a load control receiver installed by a Price Electric Cooperative technician. The low rate received under this program is possible by the cost savings that occur when heating loads are switched off during periods of high electricity demand or prices.

What Is a Dual Fuel Heating System?

A Dual Fuel heating system is any arrangement of electric heat that is installed in combination with an automatic, non-electric backup source of heat. When a peak control period occurs, the electric heat is switched off and the automatic, non-electric back-up heating system is activated to provide heat during the control period.

What Is Permitted On The Heat Meter?

All hard-wired electric space heating is permitted on the Dual Fuel program. No other loads such as dryers, stoves, hot tubs, etc. are allowed on the load management program.

How Often Is Heat Controlled?

Electric heat is controlled during peak system demand times as well as for economic reasons. Both are outlined below. There is not a limit to the number of controls that can occur as they are subject to market and weather conditions, but on average 20-30 controls can be expected throughout the heating season.

Peak Load Controls – Peak controls are designed to reduce the overall load on the system at maximum usage times. Load management control periods usually occur on the coldest days of the year. **Winter control periods** typically start about 5:00 p.m. and end about 10:00 p.m.

Economic Load Controls - Economic controls are designed to assist in lowering operating costs by controlling loads when it is economically desirable to defer loads that can be interrupted with little inconvenience to the member. An economic control will never occur on the same day as a peak load control.

Program Costs and Commitments

- There is a \$5.00 monthly charge for a second meter needed to record and report heat usage. This charge is in addition to the required year-round facility charge for electrical service. Please contact Price Electric Cooperative for wiring specifications.
- The member must have a signed [Load Management Agreement](#) on file with the Cooperative.
- The Dual Fuel meter must be connected and energized year round.
- The member may cancel the Dual Fuel service after one full heating season (October-April).
- Consumer must allow for visual inspection by Price Electric Cooperative personnel upon request.
- Price Electric Cooperative reserves the right to revoke Dual Fuel service if program parameters are broken.
- Dual Fuel rates and charges are subject to annual review and may be altered to reflect costs associated with the program.

Here Are Some Electric Home Heating Options:

In-Floor Radiant Heat

Baseboard Electric and Radiant Cove Heat

Plenum Heater

Electric Boiler

Heat Pumps

Note: Price Electric Cooperative does not sell or install heating systems