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Dear Residents,

We would like to take a moment to inform you about an increase reflected on the electric portion of your February 28, 2026 bill. As a reminder, the City bills one month behind which means this would be your January usage.

Electric costs have risen throughout the country, and unfortunately, our community is not immune to these increases. The change you are seeing is due to a higher **fuel charge**. This fuel charge is a pass-through cost based on the price of fuel used to generate electricity.

The City of St. Martinville purchases its power from Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA). The fuel charge fluctuates monthly and is determined by market conditions that are outside of the City's direct control. This charge is assessed to the City by LEPA, and the City is required to pass it through to customers without markup.

Please note that this increase is **not** unique to St. Martinville. Fuel cost adjustments are a reality that **all** energy providers **across the state and nation** must manage, including but not limited to Slemco, Cleco and Entergy.

Residents who wish to compare utility rates statewide may visit the Louisiana Public Service Commission website for utility comparisons at:

https://lpsc.louisiana.gov/Utilities_Comparisons

We understand that higher utility bills can be concerning, especially for families on fixed incomes. Please know that the City of St. Martinville remains committed to providing reliable electric service while working diligently to keep costs as reasonable and stable as possible.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and continued support

Best Regards,

Shika Hector
Billing Supervisor