

## Tracking Factor

Customers of the Columbia City Electric Utility are seeing something new on their monthly utility bill; a "Tracking Factor". Although new to the utility bill it is not a new charge. It has always been included in the electric portion of the bill but has never shown as a separate item. The Tracking Factor is a pass through charge from our supplier for what it costs to generate and purchase electricity. The charges passed through to the customer are based off the kilowatts used each month.

Although costs increased dramatically this past winter due to the cost of fuel, etc. the Tracking Factor is set to decrease for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2009.