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For Many, Electric Usage Will be Estimated Due to Extreme Weather Conditions

Electric meters in Valdez typically kept clear and accessible for Darrell Banner, CVEA's Valdez Meter Reader, are no longer accessible due to the extreme weather conditions and an overabundance of snow. According to CEO Robert Wilkinson, "We are in the process of reading Valdez meters this week. So far approximately 50% have been inaccessible and are being estimated for the month of January."

CVEA reads electric meters each month to determine monthly usage at each service location. In order to provide CVEA members with an accurate bill, the CVEA meter reader must be able to take a precise read of the electric meter.

If conditions exist that impede CVEA's meter reader from seeing the meter, such as the meter being completely buried by snow or excessive snow depth along the access route to the meter, CVEA may send a bill based on estimated usage.

The estimate is determined by taking the average of the previous three months and the same month of the previous year (if applicable). Once conditions improve, an actual meter read will be used to true up the usage.

"If you live in Valdez, there's a high likelihood that your usage will be estimated this month," stated Wilkinson. If you have serious concerns with your usage being estimated, contact your CVEA office at 835-4301.

If you have additional questions, please contact Sharon Crisp at 835-7005 or crisp@cvea.org.