## UNDERSTANDING YOUR RESIDENTIAL BILL

Here are some explanations for the terms, abbreviations and numbers you see on your residential bill.

**Total Amount Due** — The box at the top highlights the information you want most — the total amount due, due date and total due after the due date. Information is also on the pay stub at the bottom of the bill.

Meter Number – Number assigned by Bluebonnet to each meter on your account. A member may have more than one meter on their account.

**3** Rate — Residential is your rate classification. About 80 percent of Bluebonnet's members are billed at the residential rate. Other rates include commercial, large power, pumping service and lighting service.

Meter Readings — The numbers on your meter that show how many kilowatt-hours (kWh) you used during this billing cycle and determine how much you will be billed.

**5** Days — The number of days in this billing period.

**6 Kilowatt-hours** – Unit of measurement for electricity consumed. A watt is a measurement of energy. One kilowatt equals 1,000 watts. A kilowatt-hour is the amount of electricity ten 100-watt light bulbs use in one hour.



Wholesale Power Cost – What Bluebonnet pays for power generated at a plant. The majority of our wholesale power, more than 86 percent, comes from the Lower Colorado River Authority. The remainder comes from other energy providers.

**8 13-Month Rolling Usage** – Your electric use in kWh for the past 13 months.

**9** Pay stub — If paying by mail, include the bottom portion of your bill.

**Capital Credits** — Once a year, most members will receive Capital Credits, generally on the May bill. The credit is your share of Bluebonnet's excess revenue, based primarily on your power use in the last year and how long you've been a co-op member. Capital credits are a great benefit of co-op membership!