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Electric rates to jump

by Kelley Smith
Battalion Reporter

Electricity bills for College residents will increase over the next five months from 1.5 cents per kilowatt hour to as much as 3.45 cents per kilowatt hour because of a reactive wholesale rate increase by Gulf States Utilities.

The city will be billed an additional \$886,000 by Gulf States Utilities to cover the 28 percent increase. The increase is retroactive to July 11.

"We have to pay the bill all at once but we are going to spread the cost to the consumer over a five-month billing period," said Linda Piwonka, manager of the city utility office.

After the five-month adjustment period, rates per kilowatt hour will decrease to about 2.5 cents. The rate increase is passed to consumers through the power cost adjustment charge which compensates for utility costs which exceed the base rate of 1.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

The increase in residential utility bills will vary depending on how many kilowatt hours are used after the rate increase. Based on estimates by the city's consulting electrical firm, the bill for an average customer who uses 1,700 kilowatt hours of electricity will increase from about \$116 to \$133.

The rate increase, which has been under discussion since July, has not been approved but city officials are certain that the request by Gulf States Utilities will be approved, Piwonka said. A hearing by the Federal Electric Rate Commission on the rate increase is set for Nov. 23.

"We began (the increase) with the bills sent out yesterday so we could collect before our fiscal year and the semester ended because of a high customer turnover," Piwonka said. "We didn't want to wait another month because it would shorten the period of adjustment. It would be harder on the customer the longer we had to wait."

If the rate increase is denied, next month's bills will be adjusted to refund any overcharge to the customer, Piwonka said.

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Officials named in voting suit

United Press International

DALLAS — Eight state officials have been named in a suit filed by two black voters who claim they were denied their right to vote in the Nov. 2 general election.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Isaac Jackson, a Steelworkers union representative, and Joyce Washington, a Southwestern Bell Co. employee.

They charge in the suit that the polls were turned away from the black precincts because of ballot shortages and that the posting of voter fraud warning signs in heavily black precincts was "the result of a conspiracy to intimidate, threaten and coerce voters" because of their race.

The suit says that, because of these irregularities, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and their rights to due process and equal protection under the law were violated.

Named in the suit were Conny Drake, Dallas County elections administrator; Texas Secretary of State David Dean; Dallas County Sheriff Don Byrd; associate Justice Patrick Guillot; Dallas County District Judges Jack Hampton, Craig Enoch and Sid Fitzwater; and David Mosely, state co-chairman of Gov. William P. Clements Jr.'s "ballot security" operation.

The attorney for the voters, Ed Cloutman, said his clients are not seeking money from the state, but changes in the voting process.

The lawsuit asks that in future elections ballots be provided for every registered voter in the precincts where shortages occurred Nov. 2. The suit also seeks to have ballots available immediately to any precinct that runs out.

Braniff, unions talk contracts

United Press International

DALLAS — A second union reached a contract agreement with Braniff International while talks continued Wednesday under a new Jan. 4 deadline with two other unions.

On Tuesday, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge John Flowers approved Braniff's request for extension to Jan. 4 for filing a reorganization plan. Braniff, her doctor stopped flying May 12, is trying to complete requirements for a joint-venture plan with Pacific Southwest Airlines.

Braniff must persuade employees to accept contracts calling for lower pay, longer hours and more liberal work rules before the agreement will be finalized.

Late Tuesday, officials of Braniff and the flight attendants union reached an agreement

and talks continued with the pilots and Teamsters.

The machinists' union left the bargaining table late Monday and has not returned. M. Philip Guthrie, Braniff chief financial officer, said Braniff hopes the machinists return.

If they do not, and if the court disapproves the current contract, then Guthrie said he doesn't know if the future machinists would be IAM members or not. It would probably be the subject of future litigation, he said.

Braniff already has reached agreement with the dispatcher's union, the smallest of the labor groups representing employees of the now-grounded line.

Braniff's planes and other assets have been protected from the claims of debtors by the bankruptcy court.

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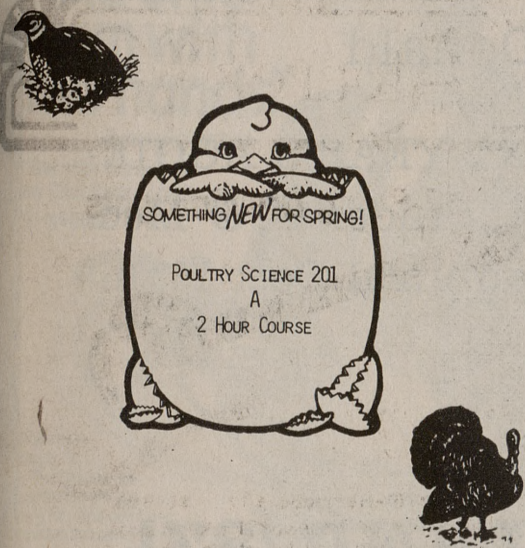
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