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The latest power bills were available at the end of January 2022. This was the first bill that was entirely in the Winter rate period. I have heard of some Vecinos getting a shockingly high bill that they did not expect. If you are going to spend a significant amount of time in La Cholla during the Winter, it's important to understand how electricity is priced and billed. CFE is a separate company that is owned by the Mexican government. They set the rates for power in the entire country. Because, demand for electricity varies from state to state, they have 7 rate structures. There are areas in Mexico with cold winters and mild summers. Other areas are basically the same all year. Then there are areas like Puerto Peñasco, where we have hot, humid Summers, but relatively mild Winters. We are in the "E" rate. The goal of these rate structures is to provide power to the poorest Mexicans at an inexpensive rate. In rate E, there are two rate "seasons". The Winter season is from roughly from October 15th through May 15th. During the Winter season, we get 400KW at 5¢ per Kilo-Watt. After exceeding 400KW, the rest is billed at 15¢ per KW. Remember, they bill bi-monthly, so to stay at the basic level, don't exceed 200KW per month. Ever wonder why the stores and restaurants are freezing cold in the winter? It's because they pay a commercial rate that is even higher than the 15¢ per KW and there are no governmental subsidies. During the Summer season, we get 1800KW at the basic and intermediate rate; again roughly 5¢ per KW. When your usage rises above 1800KW, the 15¢ rate applies.



They also have a rate for high domestic consumption (DAC). You do NOT want to get classified as a high power user. The rates are basically extortion; There is no governmental subsidy at all. Once you are classified DAC, it is hard to get classified back to the normal domestic rates. Attached is an explanation of the DAC rates.

As you know, Oomislim has chosen not to continue our pay-as-you-go red bags system for 2022. The final payment of \$10,260.00MX was made Thursday, February 3rd. The program generated \$47,360.00MX through the life of the program (April 1 - Dec 31, 2021). These payments added approximately \$2,400USD to Oomislim's annual budget. We sold nearly 300 bags to our many La Cholla part-timers and week-enders. From our view point, it was a great way to generate revenue for Oomislim without gouging our infrequently visiting homeowners. But, the decision makers didn't agree. In the past, Oomislim has reported counterfeit stickers being used in La Cholla. This year the stickers are numbered and have a hologram that would be extremely difficult to copy. It will be interesting to see how many \$265USD annual stickers will be sold in 2022.

