

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## Lower Light Rates Proposed Here By Decatur Officials

City Asks Maximum Rate of Five Cents Per Each Kilowatt Hour; Benefits All Customers.

### PRODUCTION UP

A maximum five cent per kilowatt electric rate will be given to the new plant, according to the new scale of reduced rates to be used with the Indiana Public Service Commission by the city.

The reduced rates will benefit the customer of the municipal plant in the city, the maximum rate of six cents per kilowatt for the first 50 KWH being reduced to five cents.

Savings will also result to the new user under the residence combination rate, the step-down being as low as 2½ cents per KWH on all kilowatts over 125 a month.

It is estimated that the savings to consumers will amount to \$6,000 a month, based on the five year's consumption. The five rate will also apply to business houses and stores on the first 50 KWH and then the rate drops to four cents per KWH.

The city council in session last night passed a resolution adopting the new schedule of rates and authorizing the electric light committee and the board of public works and safety to file a petition with the public service commission seeking the lower rates.

Production of electric current at the city light and power plant hit an all time record yesterday, a total of 37,500 kilowatts was produced from midnight Monday to midnight Tuesday. This exceeds by more than 2,000 KWH any previous record.

The load was heavy this morning and another new record might be established, Frank Burns, chief engineer at the plant stated.

Work is progressing nicely on the new 2,000 KWH turbine. It will be completed October 16 and will be placed in service as soon as the hook can be made.

The reduction of the light and combination power rates is voluntary on the part of the city and it is believed that the public service commission will offer any reduction to the proposed schedule.

The city administration is determined to reduce electric rates as rapidly as possible.

### The New Schedule

The present schedule, together with the proposed reduced rates are:

Present Residence Light

50 KWH month ..... 6c

over 100 KWH month ..... 5c

over 150 KWH month ..... 4c

Minimum charge 50c month.

Proposed Residence Light

50 KWH month ..... 5c

over 50 KWH month ..... 4c

over 25 KWH month ..... 3c

over 125 KWH month ..... 2½c

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Present

Combination Light & Power

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