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Jamestown BPU Plans to Accept On-line Payments in First Quarter of 2012

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) expects to accept on-line payments via the internet sometime during the first quarter of 2012, in late winter or early spring.

The on-line billing program will allow customers to make payments each month from a checking account or credit card via the internet. Customers also will be able to view their accounts confidentially on the computer.

The utility already has converted to new software in its inventory, accounting, payroll and customer billing areas. Acceptance of on-line payments is the next step in the overall software changes at the BPU.

After the first of 2012, BPU employees will install the server and software to create a customer website portal on www.jamestownbpu.com. After this phase is completed, there will be a testing period before registration for the actual service is made available sometime between mid-February and mid-April.

The availability of the new service will be communicated through local media, in the BPU customer newsletter, on www.jamestownbpu.com and the BPU's FACEBOOK and Twitter pages.