

ELECTRIC TARIFF

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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to all electricity supply customers of the Utility. Electric supply provided under this tariff is for the Customer's end use; and is prohibited from being remarketed by the Customer.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Rate Schedule is to recover the market costs of electric supply costs associated with Electricity Supply requirements, and to recover current MPSC-based retail transmission costs.

RATES:

Supply Monthly Billing: Each month, the Electricity Supply Service Supply Charge and the Deferred Electricity Supply Charge shall be the product of the actual monthly consumption, in kWh, delivered at the Customer's meter, times the applicable Supply rate set forth as follows:

<u>Rate Classes:</u>	<u>Supply</u> <u>Monthly \$/kWh</u>		<u>Supply</u> <u>Deferred Charge</u> <u>Monthly \$/kWh</u>
Residential	\$ 0.060867	(R)	\$ (0.000640)
Residential - Employee	\$ 0.036520	(R)	\$ (0.000384)
General Service - 1 Secondary Non-Demand	\$ 0.057267	(R)	\$ (0.000640)
General Service - 1 Secondary Demand	\$ 0.060867	(R)	\$ (0.000640)
General Service - 1 Primary Non-Demand	\$ 0.059198	(R)	\$ (0.000623)
General Service - 1 Primary Demand	\$ 0.056009	(R)	\$ (0.000623)
General Service - 2 Substation	\$ 0.058690	(R)	\$ (0.000617)
General Service - 2 Transmission	\$ 0.058337	(R)	\$ (0.000614)
Irrigation	\$ 0.057267	(R)	\$ (0.000640)
Lighting	\$ 0.057267	(R)	\$ (0.000640)

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Transmission Monthly Billing: Each month, the Electricity Supply Service Transmission shall be the product of the actual monthly consumption, in kWh, or actual monthly demand, in kW, delivered at the Customer's meter, times the applicable Transmission rate as set forth below:

<u>Rate Classes:</u> (Monthly \$/kWh or /kW)	<u>Transmission</u>		
Residential	\$ 0.008866	/kWh	(R)
Residential - Employee	\$ 0.005320	/kWh	(R)
General Service – 1 Secondary Non-Demand	\$ 0.007719	/kWh	(R)
General Service – 1 Secondary Demand	\$ 2.949439	/kW	(R)
General Service – 1 Primary Non-Demand	\$ 0.008075	/kWh	(R)
General Service – 1 Primary Demand	\$ 3.584870	/kW	(R)
General Service – 2 Substation	\$ 3.691349	/kW	(R)
General Service – 2 Transmission	\$ 2.079025	/kW	(R)
Irrigation Non-Demand	\$ 0.011248	/kWh	(R)
Irrigation Demand	\$ 1.929804	/kW	(R)
Lighting	\$ 0.003280	/kWh	(R)

CUSTOMER GUIDELINES: A Customer, electing to move between Electricity Supply Service and Competitive Electric Supply Service shall follow the Electric Customer Choice Guidelines and Procedures established by the Public Service Commission as set forth in Schedule No. ECCGP-1

APPLICATION OF RATES:

Monthly Bill Components: Each month, Customers' bills shall include an Electric Supply and Supply Deferred Charge; a Transmission Charge; all relevant charges contained on other applicable rate schedules including, but not limited to, competitive transition charges (CTC) and universal systems benefits programs (USBC); and Delivery Services Charge(s) (DSC).

1. Electric Supply and Supply Deferred Charge: The Electric Supply Charge shall be the charges in accordance with this Rate Schedule.
2. Transmission Charges: The monthly Transmission Charge shall be the charges in accordance with this rate schedule.

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3. Other Applicable Charges: The Utility shall bill all Customers served under this Rate Schedule, the pertinent charges applied as defined on all other applicable rate schedules.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Definitions:

- A. Competitive Supply Service: Electric Supply Service provided to a Customer through a contract between the Customer and a Licensed Electric Supplier pursuant to Montana Law, PSC rules, and the Utility's Competitive Electric Supply Service rules.
- B. Electricity Supply Service: Electric Supply Service provided to a Customer who has not entered into a contract with a Competitive Electric Supplier.
- C. Electric Supply Service: Service provided to Customer receiving electric supply either from the Utility as Electricity Supplier or a Competitive Electric Supplier.
(See also CESGTC-1 and ECCGP-1)
- D. Load Profiling: A process that utilizes typical customer load shapes, monthly meter reads, and other data, to estimate the hourly power supply needs of customers without hourly demand meters.
- E. Transmission Service: Service provided to Customer to deliver electricity from the supplier through the electric transmission system to the local distribution wires near the Customer's point of service.

2. Special Metering Requirements:

- A) A customer whose previous calendar year's average monthly billing demand is less than 500 kW shall not require any special metering and the customers' scheduling and balancing data will be provided through load profiling.
- B) A customer may request the Utility to install an interval meter for a service that is less than 500 kW. The Utility will install the interval meter for the service and bill the customer for the cost of the meter and its installation.
- C) For any customer with an interval meter, the Utility will bill the customer a monthly fee to cover the costs related to data collection, processing and reporting.

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- D) The customer will be required to provide and maintain a phone connection to the interval meter. In this case, the actual hourly interval data will be used for load balancing.
- E) A customer whose previous calendar year's monthly average billing demand is 500 kW or greater shall use interval metering. The schedule and balancing data will exist hourly. Customer will be required to provide and maintain a phone connection to the interval meter.
- F) A customer's un-metered service kWhs will be equal to operating hours per month times the load in watts, divided by 1000. The customer's scheduling and balancing data will be provided through load profiling.

SERVICE AND RATES SUBJECT TO COMMISSION JURISDICTION: All rates and service conditions under this Schedule are governed by the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of Montana and are subject to revision as the Commission may duly authorize in the exercise of its jurisdiction.