



**BREAKING DOWN YOUR ELECTRIC BILL**

Here is a simple breakdown of the various lines that comprise your monthly MEC electric bill.

**MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE**

This is a fixed monthly fee designed to represent everything that must be in place 24/7 for you to access service, regardless of how much or how little actual energy you use. It includes things like substations, poles and wire, labor, vehicles, offices, and annual capital investments to improve reliability and service.

Based on our 2016 Cost of Service Study, the residential service charge should be \$39/month. In 2017 the Board of Directors approved a plan to increase the charge by \$5.25/year over four years to reach \$39/month by 2020.

**DISTRIBUTION CHARGE**

Because we don't recover all fixed costs in our Monthly Service Charge, the remainder of those costs are rolled into the Distribution Charge. This charge is variable, meaning it's based on your monthly consumption. As a result, members using more energy pay more for fixed costs and subsidize members who use less. As the Monthly Service Charge increases, the Distribution Charge will decrease.

**ENERGY CHARGE**

The Energy Charge represents the cost of generating and transmitting the power you used during that billing cycle based on established rates. We do not generate electricity. The energy comes into our substations over transmission lines, and we distribute from there. We collect the money as part of your monthly bill, and pay that back out to our power supply partner.

**MI ENERGY OPTIMIZATION**

Energy Optimization is Michigan's mandated charge for energy efficiency education, programs and services. It is a variable charge, designed to help achieve greater energy security.

**MI LOW INCOME ENERGY FUND**

This was established by the Michigan legislature in 2013 as a long-term solution to assist low-income, at-risk residents with their utility bills. We collect the funds, then turn them over to be managed by the State Department of Human Services. This fixed monthly fee is capped at \$1.

Detail of Charges		
Monthly Service Charge		28.50
Distribution Charge	1000 kWh@ \$.036128	36.13
Energy Charge	1000 kWh@ \$.076260	76.26
MI Energy Optimization	1000 kWh@ \$.001980	1.98
State Tax		5.71
MI Low Income Energy Fund		0.93
<b>Service Subtotal</b>		<b>149.51</b>
<b>Current Balance Due 07/12/2018</b>		<b>149.51</b>
<b>Paid After 07/12/2018</b>		<b>154.51</b>

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**MIDWEST MESSAGE**

Our offices will be closed on Wed., July 4th for Independence Day. Call 800.492.5989 or use SmartHub to report outages or make payments, and have a safe holiday.

**ACCOUNT MESSAGE**

Enjoy MORE for LESS with reduced pricing on our fastest internet packages. Sign up for Ultra or Gig service today and receive a \$30 Netflix card. Visit teammidwest.com to enjoy more.

Service Address	Rate	Meter Number	Days	Readings Previous	Readings Present	Multiplying Factor	kWh Usage	Reading Actual
12345 MIDWEST BLVD	RES-M	1234567	31	33378	34378	1	1000	

**kWh Usage History**

PERIOD ENDING Jun 2018 Jun 2017  
Days 31 31  
Avg Daily Temp 70° 67°  
Avg Daily kWh 32 27  
Avg Daily Cost \$5.17 \$4.42

\*\* Note - Months reflect Statement Read Dates Above

Account Number	123456
**Statement Read Dates	05/15/2018 - 06/15/2018
Payment Due	07/12/18

**Billing Summary**

Previous Balance	\$133.29
Adjustments	\$0.00
Payments	-\$133.29
Balance Forward	\$0.00
Current Balance Due 07/12/2018	\$149.51
<b>Total Amount Due</b>	<b>\$149.51</b>

MPSC estimates EOU will create average residential savings of \$2.92 per month

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