

Your I&M Residential Bill in Michigan

An explanation of charges on your Michigan residential bill:

Under Michigan law and Michigan Public Service Commission regulations, the amount of customers' monthly energy costs going to specific purposes are listed on your bills. While this can seem daunting, the separate items offer continuous transparency of where your bill payments go.

This explains the various line items:

Power Supply Services: An amount based on your usage of electricity, determined by the general rate authorized by the state.

Power Supply Cost Recovery: This is based on the cost of coal, uranium and other fuels used to generate power at our generation facilities.

Rate Realignment Surcharge/Credit: A gradual adjustment of rates required by Michigan law that mandates the equalization of rates among customer classes (such as residential and industrial).

Delivery Services: Based on the amount of kilowatt hours (kWh) a customer uses each month, this recovers costs for delivering electricity over transmission and distribution lines to a customer.

Monthly Service Charge: A flat monthly fee that recovers costs for meters, meter reading, billing and other fixed costs. It is not based on amount of energy consumption.

Nuclear Decommissioning Charge: This goes into a restricted fund only to be used for a future time when the Cook plant permanently ceases generating energy and will finance costs to remove the plant from service and return the site to a state for future use. The federal government requires this charge for all nuclear plants.

Energy Optimization Surcharge: Allows for recovery of costs to finance energy efficiency programs required by the State of Michigan.

Renewable Energy Surcharge: Recovers some costs of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar under a renewable energy plan required by the State of Michigan.

Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund: Finances Michigan's Low Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF).

State Sales Tax: This item is calculated in accordance with the state's 6% sales tax.