HOW TO CALCULATE NON-RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC BILLS (Washington)



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Calculating, or Estimating, Your Monthly Non-Residential Electric Bill

- 1. Find, or estimate, the number of kilowatt hours (kWhs), and kilowatts (kws) if applicable, you used for the billing month. (Your bill shows them under "metering information.")
- Find the appropriate rate schedule below.
 (Your bill identifies the rate schedule each meter is billed under.)
- 3. Compute the charges for your electrical usage, or estimated usage, by following the steps outlined for the appropriate rate schedule.
- 4. Calculate and add any franchise fees that you may have to pay for your electricity usage. (The various franchise fees are identified below, as well as on your monthly bill.)

Computing Your Electric Usage

- * Subtract your previous meter reading from your present meter reading.
- Multiply the difference by the multifactor shown for your meter.
 This is your electricity (kilowatt hour) usage for the period.
- * Compute the charges by using the rate schedule shown on your bill, or an example shown below.

Explanation of Terms

Basic Charge:

Customers billed under some rate schedules are charged a fee which helps to pay the basic costs which are a natural part of keeping electricity available to all our customers. Examples include meter reading and billing costs and the cost of maintaining company equipment on the customer's premises. The basic charge is added into the total charge for your use.

Minimum Charge:

If a rate schedule lists a minimum charge we will bill at least that amount each month, even if the actual charges for your use were less than that amount. The minimum charge, like the basic charge, is designed to help pay basic costs of keeping electric energy available to our customers.

Kilowatt Hour (kWh):

The measure used to determine how much electricity is used. The kilowatt hours on your bill equal the rate, or speed, of use (kilowatts) x the length of time (hours) electricity was used. One kilowatt hour equals 1000 watt hours. Burning a 100 watt light bulb for ten hours uses one kilowatt hour of electricity. Running a 5000 watt (5 kilowatt) dryer for two hours uses 10 kilowatt hours.

Multifactor:

Each electric meter has its own multifactor. Meters which count each kilowatt hour have a multifactor of 1. Meters which count kilowatt hours by tens have a multifactor of 10. Other common multifactors are 40, 120, and 240. Your bill tells what the multifactor of your meter is.

Demand:

Demand is another word for the rate or speed at which electricity is used. It is measured in kilowatts (kws). Most residential accounts use electricity at a low rate and do not have demand meters. Accounts which require a high rate of energy at certain times are measured and billed for their demand (kilowatts) as well as for their total kilowatt hour use. Generally speaking, demand meters are present on commercial and industrial accounts only. If demand is being measured and charged on an account, it will be clearly stated on monthly bills.

CITY	%	CITY	%	CITY	%
Airway Heights	6.0	Lacrosse	6.0	Palouse	6.0
Albion	6.0	Latah	6.0	Pullman	8.0
Asotin	6.0	Lind	6.0	Ritzville	6.0
Chewelah	6.0	Malden	6.0	Rockford	6.0
Clarkston	6.0	Marcus	6.0	Rosalia	6.0
Colfax	6.0	Medical Lake	6.0	Spangle	6.0
Colville	6.0	Millwood	6.0	Spokane	6.38
Deer Park	6.0	Millwood (Sch 25)	0.65	Sprague	6.0
Farmington	6.0	Northport	6.0	Springdale	6.0
Fairfield	6.0	Oakesdale	6.0	Tekoa	6.0
Garfield	4.0	Odessa	6.0	Uniontown	6.0
Kettle Falls	6.0	Othello (1st \$76,000)	6.0	Washtucna	6.0
		-		Waverly	6.0

Electric Rate Schedules Available To Non-Residential Customers

<u>Schedule 11</u> is for general service supplied through a single kilowatt-hour meter.

- <u>Schedule 21</u> is for large general service supplied through one meter installation.
- Schedule 25

is for extra-large general service supplied through one meter installation for a demand of 3,000 kva or more. Customers must sign a contract to pay a minimum annual bill amount for at least five (5) years. The contract will specify a limit on both fixed energy and demand.

<u>Schedule 31</u> is for pumping service used for water pump operations including necessary lighting and other equipment. Customers must sign a five (5) year contract for service.

Customers served under Schedules 11 and 21 are eligible for service under either Schedule. If you take service under either of these Schedules, and you believe your bill would be considerably less by taking service under the other Schedule for an entire year, please contact one of our customer service representatives at the office shown on your bill.

Rate Schedule 11 - Gener	al Service *	
Monthly Charges -		(Includes effect of Schedules 59, 64, 66, 75, 78, 88, 91, 92, 93, 98, & 99)
Basic Charge	\$25.00	
Energy Charge	\$14.89300	per kWh for first 3650 kWh
	\$11.55400	per kWh for all over 3650 kWh
Demand Charge	\$0.00	for the first 20 kw
· ·	\$9.00	per kw for each additional kw of demand.

(Minimum Charge is the demand charge, but not less than \$21.00 for single phase service, and \$28.35 for 3-phase service.)

Example - (Schedule	<u>11)</u>						
If you used	<u>3700</u>	kWhs and h	ad a demai	nd of	33 kws, your bi	ill would be ca	lculated like this:
Basic Charge				=		\$25.00	
Energy Charge							
\$14.89300	Х	3650	kWhs	=	\$54,359.45		
\$11.55400	Х	50	kWhs	=	\$577.70		
CI	harge for kV	Vhs		=		\$54,937.15	
Demand Charge	;						
\$0.00	х	20	kws	=	\$0.00		
\$9.00	х	13	kws	=	\$117.00		
C	harge for 33	8 kws		=		\$117.00	
Total Charges for	or service					\$ 55,079.15	(franchise fees not included)

Rate Schedule 21 - Large	General Service	*
Monthly Charges –		(Includes effect of Schedules 59, 64, 66, 75, 78, 88, 91, 92, 93, 98, & 99)
Energy Charge	\$0.09887	per kWh for the <u>first</u> 250,000
	\$0.09064	per kWh for <u>all over</u> 250,000
Demand Charge	\$750.00	for first 50 kw or less.
-	\$9.00	per kw for each additional kw of demand.

Power Factor Adjustment

Where customer's kilowatt demand is 50 kw or more, and customer's maximum 15 minute reactive kilovolt amperes demand for that month is in excess of 48 percent of the kw demand, customer will pay \$0.50 for each reactive kilovolt ampere of excess. The reactive kilovolt ampere demand may be determined by permanently installed instruments or periodic tests.

Primary Voltage Discount

\$0.20 per kw if service is at 11 kv (wye grounded) or higher.

Minimum Charge

The demand charge (\$750.00) unless a higher minimum is required under contract to cover special conditions.

Example -					
If you used <u>260,000</u>	kWhs and ha	d a dem	and of	65kws, your bi	ill would be calculated like this:
Energy Charge					
\$0.09887 x	250,000	kWhs	=	\$24,717.50	
\$0.09064 x	10,000	kWhs	=	\$906.40	
Charge for 26	60,000 kWhs		=		\$25,623.90
Demand Charge					
Charge for 50 kws			=	\$750.00	
Charge for additional kws					
\$9.00 x	15	kws	=	\$135.00	
Charge for 6	5 kws		=		\$885.00
Total Charge for service			=		\$26,508.90 (franchise fees not included)
(Notice: Neither power factor a	adiustment nor pr	imary vo	ltane di	= scount is presen	t on this sample hill

Rate Schedule 25 – Extra Large General Service

Monthly Charges –		(Includes effect of Schedules 66, 78, 91, 92, 98 & 99)
Energy Charge	\$0.06823	per kWh for <u>first</u> 500,000
	\$0.06262	per kWh for 500,000 to 6,000,000
	\$0.04896	per kWh for <u>all over</u> 6,000,000
Demand Charge	\$38,300	for the first 3000 kva or less
-	\$10.35	per kva for all additional kva
Primary Voltage		
Discount	\$0.20	per kva if service is at 11 kv (wye grounded) or higher.
	\$1.52	per kva if service is at 60 kv (wye grounded) or higher.
	\$4.39	per kva if service is at 115 kv (wye grounded) or higher.

(<u>Minimum charge</u> is the demand charge unless a higher minimum is required under contract to cover special conditions.) Annual Minimum: \$1,037,320.

Rate Schedule 31 – Pumping Service

Basic Charge	=	\$25.00	Plus	(Includes effect of Schedules 59, 64, 66, 75, 78, 88, 91, 92, 93, 98, & 99)			
Monthly Charges		\$0.14496	per kWh for the first 85 kWhs per kw of demand.				
		\$0.14496	per kWh for the next 80 kWhs per kw of demand, but not more than 3000				
		\$0.11015	per kWh for additional	kWhs			

Annual Minimum

\$12.00 per kw of the highest demand established in the current year, ending with the November billing cycle. If no demand was established during the year, the annual minimum will be based on the highest demand established during the most recent year having a demand.

Example:								
If you use 15,000 kWhs of el	ectricity and had	a demand	of 90 k	ws, your bill v	vould be calcul	ated like this:		
First 85 kWhs x 90 kws =	kWhs to	bill at	vill at Step 1.					
Next 80 kWhs x 90 kws =	7200	kWhs (lii	mit 300	00 kWhs) to bi	ll at Step 2.			
Total kWhs used -				15,000				
Minus Ste	ep 1 use			-7,650				
Minus ma	aximum Step 2 us	e		-3,000				
kWhs to I	bill at Step 3		=	4,350				
Basic Charge			=	\$25.00	Plus			
Step 1								
\$0.14496	x 7650	kWhs	=	\$1,108.94				
Step 2								
\$0.14496	x 3000	kWhs	=	\$434.88				
Step 3								
\$0.11015	x 4350	kWhs	=	\$479.15				
Charge for 15,000 kW	/hs				\$2,047.97	(franchise fees not included)		