

## **Bedford Rural Electric 2025 Generation and Distribution Rate Increase**

We strive to provide energy to your homes and businesses as economically as possible. However, rate increases are sometimes necessary due to various factors in the current business climate. The following paragraphs describe the reasons for the rate changes.

The rate increases are nearly evenly split between local distribution and power supply.

**Distribution** rates support our operations, such as poles, wires, trucks, buildings, and personnel. Generation (Power supply) rates cover the costs of producing and transporting energy to the Co-op system via lines that we do not own.

**Generation** – The substantial increase in demand due to data centers, electric vehicles, and heating systems, combined with the politically driven transition away from fossil fuels and the subsequent decommissioning of older coal and nuclear plants, has led to a significant rise in wholesale generation prices. This development has also had a profound impact on the cooperative's financial performance.

**Distribution** - Due to inflation, rising material costs, and supply chain disruptions, our expenses have significantly increased. The Cooperative's costs have surged by over 40% since 2020, whereas rate increases have averaged approximately 4% during the same period. We have diligently worked to enhance our efficiency and minimize rate hikes, while hoping that prices would return to normal. However, since costs have not stabilized, we are unable to continue absorbing the majority of these increases.

**Weather** - A cold spell in mid-December and an extended polar vortex in January increased kilowatt-hour usage, leading to higher bills. E-Bill users can log onto SmartHub to compare consumption with last year or you may call our office and one of our representatives will assist you.

**New Building** - The construction of our new building has a minimal impact on our rates compared to power supply costs and inflationary pressures. The new facility will be financed and loans repaid over the next 35 years. Most of the potential impact depends on interest rates between now and when the building is complete. After aggressively rebuilding our system for the past 30 years, we have completed replacing poles and wires from the 1930s through the 1970s. The funds previously allocated for line construction will now be redirected to pay for the building.

**Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**2025 Rate Changes**

	2025	2024
<b>Residential Service</b>		
<b>Generation &amp; Transmission Charge:</b>		
All kWh Sold	\$ 0.09104	\$ 0.07919
<b>Distribution Charges:</b>		
Service Charges:		
Single Phase	\$ 36.00	\$ 33.00
Multi Phase	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00
All kWh Delivered	\$ 0.03970	\$ 0.02980
Cost of 1000 kWhs	\$ 166.74	\$ 141.99
<b>Small General Service</b>		
<b>Generation &amp; Transmission Charge:</b>		
First 200 kW Delivered		
Over 200 kW Delivered		
All kWh Sold	\$ 0.07980	\$ 0.06880
<b>Distribution Charges:</b>		
Service Charges:		
Single Phase	\$ 36.00	\$ 33.00
Multi Phase	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00
Demand Charges:		
First 5 kW Delivered	\$ -	\$ -
Next 15 kW Delivered	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.25
Over 20 kW Delivered	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.75
Energy Charges:		
First 200 kWh/kW Delivered	\$ 0.06000	\$ 0.05165
Next 200 kWh/kW Delivered	\$ 0.03900	\$ 0.03065
Over 400 kWh/kW Delivered	\$ 0.03200	\$ 0.02365
<b>General Commercial Service</b>		
<b>Generation &amp; Transmission Charge:</b>		
Energy Charges:		
First 200 kWh/kW sold	\$ 0.09050	\$ 0.07290
Next 200 kWh/kW sold	\$ 0.06480	\$ 0.06060
Over 400 kWh/kW sold	\$ 0.04720	\$ 0.04720
<b>Distribution Charges:</b>		
Service Charge	\$ 80.00	\$ 70.00
Demand Charges:	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Energy Charges:		
First 200 kWh/kW	\$ 0.03800	\$ 0.03450
Next 200 kWh/kW	\$ 0.02800	\$ 0.02450
Over 400 kWh/kW	\$ 0.02400	\$ 0.02050
<b>Seasonal Service</b>		
<b>Generation &amp; Transmission Charge:</b>		
All kWh Sold	\$ 0.09104	\$ 0.07919
<b>Distribution Charges:</b>		
Service Charges:		
Single Phase	\$ 36.00	\$ 33.00
Multi Phase	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00
All kWh Delivered	\$ 0.03970	\$ 0.02980
<b>ETS and Dual Fuel</b>		
<b>Generation &amp; Transmission Charge:</b>		
All kWh Sold	\$ 0.06300	\$ 0.05984
<b>Distribution Charges:</b>		
Service Charge	\$ -	\$ -
All kWh Delivered	\$ 0.01462	\$ 0.01462
<b>Outdoor Lighting</b>		
LED Area Light	\$ 9.20	\$ 8.00
LED - Small Flood Light	\$ 21.45	\$ 18.65
LED Large Flood Light	\$ 28.05	\$ 24.40
400 Watt HPS/MV	\$ 28.05	\$ 24.40
175 Watt MV	\$ 11.05	\$ 9.60
250 Watt HPS/MV	\$ 21.45	\$ 18.65
1,000 Watt HPS/MV	\$ 54.80	\$ 47.65
100 Watt HPS	\$ 9.20	\$ 8.00
Poles	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Additional Pole	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50
Transformer	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20