

# What's It About

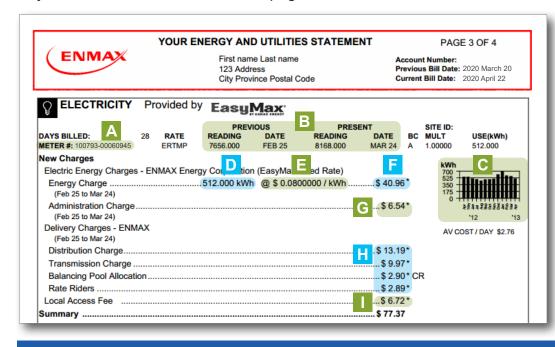
**UNDERSTANDING** Residential

**Electricity Costs** 

**ENMA** 

Electric bills can be a bit confusing, especially if you are trying to find out how you are being charged and how to reduce it.

If you have an ENMAX bill, look at page 3 of the bill for these details.



# 2 Types of Costs

#### **Variable Costs**

These are based on the amount of electricity you use each month. If you use less electricity, your bill will be lower.

#### **Fixed Costs**

These are charged monthly and are NOT affected by how much electricity you use.

#### Lower your bill!

Reduce your electricity use to reduce all the the Variable Costs (marked in blue)

- Meter #: the unique number for your household electrical meter
- B Reading: the meter reading before and at the end of the billing period.
  - The difference between the 2 meter readings is the amount of energy you will be charged for (see D).
- Bar Graph: shows your electricity use at a glance for the past year.
- D Amount: the electricity that was used during the billing period in kilowatt hours (kWh).

- Rate: what you are being charged for your electricity the same rate as ALL Albertans.
- Cost: the electricity used x your energy rate (This is variable, which means if you use less electricity, this cost will go down.)
- G Administration: covers billing and customer service. This is a fixed cost.
- H These four charges are mostly variable they change with the amount of electricity you use. For descriptions, see page 2.





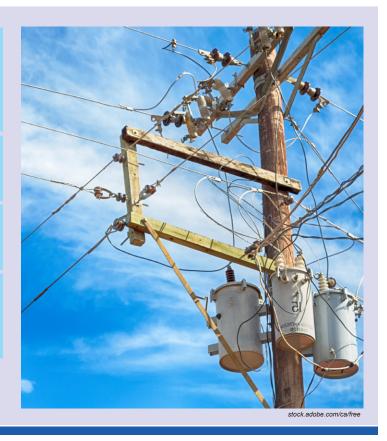
Distribution Charge: The costs of building, operating and maintaining the distribution system (power lines, transformers, substations, etc.) in your area. A portion of this has a fixed cost

Transmission Charge: The costs of building, operating and maintaining the provincial power grid.

Balancing Pool Allocation: This hands back the costs and benefits resulting from deregulation to ratepayers.

Rate Riders: Adjustments to cover differences between the actual cost of electricity and the approved rate. (This can be either a credit or a charge depending on the market conditions.)

Local Access Fee: On behalf of local government, the electric company collects this fee to access municipal land.





# **How to Lower Your Electric Bill**

### Change how you do things:

- Turn off the lights when you're not in a room.
- Only open the fridge door briefly.
- Lower your thermostat when you sleep or when you leave during the day.
- Use a low heat setting on your dryer.
- Clean out your dryer vent.
- Only run full loads in the washing machine or dishwasher.
- Wash clothes with cold water.
- Use an indoor drying rack.

## Consider some energy efficiency improvements:

- Install LED lighting.
- Use a smart or advanced power bar.
- Improve the weatherstripping around doors and windows.
- Change your furnace filters.



# **Useful Links:**

Enmax: https://www.enmax. com/home/understanding-your-bill

Enmax: https://www.enmax. com/business/customer-care/ business-services/billing/howto-read-my-bill-page-3

Link: https://linkenergy.com/ faq/

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