

Understanding Your Electric Bill

1. Account # or Invoice # - Number used to identify you as a member.
2. Due Date – Last day current charges can be paid before a late charge is assessed.
3. Bill Type – Describes the type of bill such as Budget or Final.
4. Service Address – The address where the meter is located / Description of what meter serves. The mailing address is where the bill is sent.
5. Rate – Identifies the billing value that applies to the metered service.
6. Multiplier – Used in certain metering applications to multiply the kWh & kW reading for actual usage.
7. Reading Previous/Present – Readings used to calculate the kWh usage for the current billing period.
8. Service From/To – Represents the beginning and ending reading dates for the current billing period.
9. kWh Used – Amount of kilowatts used during the current billing period.
10. Demand Usage – Maximum kW demand used during the current billing period (Not used on residential services).
11. Delivery Charge – SBEC's cost to distribute electricity to your location (per kWh).
12. G&T Charge – The wholesale power cost to SBEC. This includes Generation (energy) and Transmission (transportation) charges that are passed onto the member.
13. Base Charge – A fixed monthly charge that reflects cost to have facilities in place and available for use. This monthly charge remains the same, regardless if electricity is used. The facilities charge helps to cover the cost of billing and maintenance of electrical equipment and meters.
14. Area Light Charge – Monthly charges for area light(s) plus G&T charges.
15. Sales Tax – State and local sales tax (if applicable) based on current charges.
16. Misc Charge/Credit – A monthly billing charge not associated with electric usage such as Internet Service or Deferred Payments.
17. Current Charges – Total charges for the current billing period only.
18. Total Amount Due – Total amount of current charges and prior balances (if any).