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Understanding Your ComEd Electric Bill

When most people open their electric bill, the first thing they look for is the total amount due. Some might also glance at how much electricity they used or check the difference between supply and delivery charges.

But there's more useful info on your bill than you might realize. Taking a closer look can help you understand your energy use, what you're paying for, and your payment options.

We've broken it down to make it easier to follow:



Total Usage

The Electric Usage Chart shows how much electricity you've used each month over the past year. It's measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh), which is just the standard unit for how much electricity you use.

To give you an idea:

- A laptop uses about 0.02 to 0.05 kWh per hour. So, using it for 8 hours would use roughly 0.4 kWh.
- A refrigerator typically uses 1 to 2 kWh a day.
- A medium-sized window air conditioner might use about 0.9 kWh per hour.

Supply

The Electricity Supply Charge is what you pay for the actual electricity you use. It includes a capacity charge and is passed directly from energy generators and suppliers—ComEd doesn't profit from this.

There's also a Transmission Services Charge. This covers the cost of running and improving the high-voltage system that delivers electricity regionally from power plants to ComEd distribution facilities that serve the community.

It's important to know: ComEd doesn't control the price of your electricity supply. That's set through regulated energy markets. If ComEd is your energy supplier, it passes on the Electricity Supply Charge with no markup.



Delivery

This is what you pay ComEd to deliver electricity to your home or business. It helps cover the cost of building, maintaining, and upgrading the electric grid so you have safe, reliable service.

All delivery rates are reviewed and approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission.



Taxes and Fees

These are charges required by state and federal law and municipal ordinances. ComEd collects them and passes them on to the appropriate government agencies.