

Unbundling your electric bill

In a few short months, your bill will take on a new look.

In an effort for complete transparency in what you pay each month and why we need to collect it, we have decided to break out (unbundle) the components of your electric bill.

This change, which will take effect with the bill you receive in May, will coincide with a slight restructuring and adjustment of your electric rates.

Your current electric bill consists of a facility charge, an energy charge, and taxes. The facility charge collects a portion of the fixed costs associated with making electric service available to you. The energy charge currently covers the rest of our fixed costs, variable costs, our actual energy costs, and distribution and transmission expenses.

To give you a better understanding of the actual costs associated with providing you safe and reliable electric service each month, we will soon unbundle the various components of your bill.

Your facility charge will be paired with a delivery charge that will make up the first section of your bill. This is the *facility and delivery* portion.

The next section will be the *electric supply* portion, and will consist of energy, transmission, and our investment in the Prairie State Generating Campus (generation), and the balance of our fixed costs.

The last section of the bill will include taxes and other miscellaneous items like security light rentals and energy efficiency loan payments.

It is important to note that even though your bill will have a new look, the total amount that you pay each month may not change much - if at all. For instance, your facility charge will go up, but the charges for your kWh (kilowatt hour) use will go down.

These changes may sound (and indeed may look) overwhelming, but please know that we are making them to be transparent in what we charge, and - as closely as we can - have the rates match up with the costs that we incur on your behalf.

We are offering a series of member meetings beginning this month (see the schedule below) to go through all of these changes with you. Please plan on attending one of the meetings.

Our website (www.eiec.coop) will also have plenty of information about the changes. You can also call us at 800-824-5102 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Champion



**MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT**

Member Meeting Schedule

Attend an upcoming member meeting to learn about your new electric rates.

Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., and snacks will be provided.

Visit eiec.coop or call us at 800-824-5102 for directions or more information.

Tuesday, February 5 in St. Joseph
Living Word Family Church
1000 Park Avenue

Thursday, February 7 in Onarga
Ford-Iroquois Extension Office
912 West Seminary Avenue

Thursday, February 14 in Forrest
Forrest Public Library
301 West James Street

Tuesday, February 26 in Broadlands
Immanuel Lutheran Church
390 CR 2400 East

Thursday, March 7 in Watseka
Super 8 Motel
710 West Walnut Street

Thursday, March 14 in Hoopeston
Hubbard Trail Country Club
13937 East 3680 North Road

Tuesday, March 19 in Mahomet
Farm Credit Services
1100 Farm Credit Dr.

Thursday, March 21 in Pesotum
Eastern Illini's Warehouse
987 CR 200 North

Thursday, March 28 in Tuscola
Tuscola First Christian Church
100 East Church Street

Tuesday, April 2 in Paxton
Eastern Illini's Office
330 West Ottawa Street