

Understanding your bill: business customers (with demand charge)

Below are explanations of the items related to your monthly electric bill. The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates FPL's electricity rates.

Customer charge*: A fixed monthly amount to cover the cost of the meter, billing and customer service. It is applicable whether or not electricity is used in a given month.

Fuel charge*: The cost for fuel required to provide each kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity.

Non-fuel charge* includes:

- » Base energy charge: The costs other than fuel to produce and deliver electricity, including the cost of operating power plants and maintaining the grid.
- » Environmental Cost Recovery Clause (ECRC): Cost to meet environmental laws and regulations.

Demand charge* includes:

- » **Demand charge:** Includes the cost of generation and grid facilities needed to meet peak demand for electricity.
- Energy Conservation Cost Recovery (ECCR)
 Charge: Cost of programs designed to reduce electric demand and consumption.
- » Capacity Cost Recovery Clause (CCRC): Cost for purchasing electricity from non-FPL owned resources as well as certain nuclear-related expenses.

Storm charge*: Used to repay the bonds issued during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane restoration efforts and to partially replenish the storm damage reserve fund for future storms.

Gross receipts tax*: A tax of about 2.56 percent on a customer's electric bill that is paid to the state of Florida.

Other taxes and fees: Vary by area as established by the local governing body. FPL collects these costs for distribution to the appropriate entities.

- » Franchise charge*: FPL competes with municipalities and county governments for the right to serve electric customers. If a local government chooses, it can enter into a contract with FPL that enables the government to charge residents a contractual amount, the franchise fee, in exchange for its agreement to not form an electric utility for the term of the franchise.
- » Utility/municipal tax*: A tax imposed by a municipality or county government on the sale of electricity.
- » Florida sales tax*: A 6.95 percent tax levied by the State of Florida on the purchase of electricity.
- » Discretionary sales surtax*: A surtax that is charged by many Florida counties.

NOTE: The term "base rate" refers to the total of the customer charge, base energy charge and demand charge. It is not a separate item on the bill.



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