

## TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

Using electricity wisely is a good way to take control of your electric bill. There are many ways to make your home more energy efficient, which can reduce your electricity bill. For example:

- Clean or replace air-conditioning filters and forced air heating filters once a month.
- Install an insulating blanket on your electric water heater to save an easy \$10 to \$20 per year.
- Use compact fluorescent bulbs to boost light output while using less energy.

There are a number of resources for consumers to learn how to reduce energy usage and lower electricity bills. Here are a few:

**DC is Electric**  
[www.dciselectric.com](http://www.dciselectric.com)  
(202) 895-0950  
TTY (202) 895-0951

**DC Energy Office (DCEO)**  
[www.dcenery.org](http://www.dcenery.org)  
(202) 673-6750

**District of Columbia  
Public Service Commission**  
[www.dcpssc.org](http://www.dcpssc.org)  
(202) 626-5100

**Office of the People's Counsel**  
[www.opc-dc.gov](http://www.opc-dc.gov)  
(202) 727-3071

**The Alliance to Save Energy**  
[www.ase.org](http://www.ase.org)  
(202) 857-0666

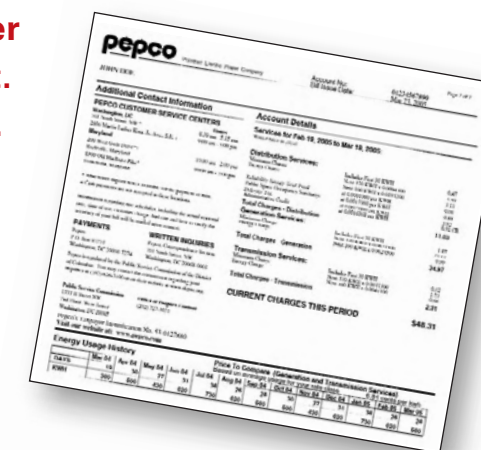
**Pepco**  
[www.pepco.com](http://www.pepco.com)  
(202) 833-7500

## CHOOSE TO BE A SMART ELECTRICITY USER

YOUR ELECTRIC BILL TELLS YOU MORE THAN YOU KNOW

Choosing to become an informed electricity user is critical in today's evolving electricity market. The first step is to understand your electric bill. Each month your electric bill arrives in the mail with information that can:

- Prepare you for choices in the evolving competitive electricity market
- Help you manage your electricity use more efficiently.



All District residential and commercial electric customers have been free to purchase electricity from a supplier other than Pepco since January 2001. For customers who decide not to choose a new electricity supplier or who simply take no action, Pepco will continue to supply electricity. This is called Standard Offer Service or SOS.\*

Currently, there are a limited number of suppliers that are active in the District's competitive electricity

market. The number of suppliers, however, may increase as competition in the market continues to develop. To learn more about the competitive electricity market, go to [www.dciselectric.com](http://www.dciselectric.com) or call (202) 895-0590.

Understanding the components of your electric bill will help you make the best choices about electricity suppliers and options available to you now and in the future.

\*The electric bill used on this flyer does not reflect the electric bills for consumers who purchase electricity from a supplier other than through Pepco's Standard Offer Service (SOS). This flyer does not endorse the Pepco SOS rate and consumers are encouraged to evaluate generation services provided by companies other than Pepco to determine which electricity supplier best fits their needs.

## METER SUMMARY

The Meter Summary portion of your bill includes meter reading information, the number of kilowatt-hours used for the period of the bill, your rate classification, the date of the next meter reading and whether the present reading is actual or estimated.

### 1 METER READING

The numbers in these columns are the meter readings from the last time your meter was read and the current reading. By themselves they do not represent energy consumption, but are used to calculate your electricity. Please see item 2.

### 2 KWH USED

This number shows how much electricity was used. It was obtained by subtracting the previous meter reading from the present reading. It is the basis of measurement used to calculate your monthly electricity bill.

### 1 Meter Summary

| Meter Reading Information |               |                  |                 |            |          |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
| Meter No. Last Digits     | Description   | Previous Reading | Present Reading | Multiplier | KWH Used |
| 9447                      | Residential-R | 8679             | 8735            | 10         | 560      |

The present reading is an actual reading.  
Your next scheduled meter reading is April 19, 2005.

## ACCOUNT DETAILS

The Account Details portion outlines all the charges and credits applied to figure your total bill. The bill is divided into three sections, which represent the costs for providing the following electric services: Distribution Services, Generation Services and Transmission Services.

Included in each of the three services is the Minimum Charge, which covers the first 30 kilowatt-hours of electricity usage. It includes fixed charges for the meter, reading the meter and bill preparation. Currently, the minimum charge is \$2.46 to \$2.58, depending on the season. The charge is distributed over three types of energy services — distribution, transmission and generation. So if you add up the Minimum Charge in all three of the services, the total varies from \$2.46 to \$2.58.

### 1 SEASONAL RATES

Seasonal rates reflect the differences in electricity demand throughout the year. Winter rates run November through May, and summer rates run June through October. Generally winter rates are lower than summer rates due to a decrease in demand. With the transition to market-based rates, winter rates are still lower, but the difference between the two rates is not as great as under regulated rates.

### 2 DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

This is the delivery of electricity to your home through Pepco's local power lines, transformers, substations and other equipment; the Energy Charge covers the cost of this delivery to your home.

### 3 RELIABILITY ENERGY TRUST FUND

This surcharge funds low-income, renewable and energy efficiency programs and certain costs associated with the administration of the fund.

### 4 PUBLIC SPACE OCCUPANCY SURCHARGE

Pepco recovers this surcharge and pays it to the District government for use of public space in providing electric service. The surcharge does not include any profit for Pepco.

### 5 DELIVERY TAX

All proceeds from this tax go directly to the District of Columbia Treasury.

## ACCOUNT DETAILS (continued)

### 6 ADMINISTRATIVE CREDIT

Reflects administrative costs to prepare customers' bills. Customers may receive a credit or a charge each month depending on the amount collected to cover administrative costs. Pepco takes measures to ensure the administrative cost estimates are as accurate as possible; however, costs vary from month to month.

### 7 GENERATION SERVICES

This is the production of electricity at power plants. This section of your bill reflects the new market-based rates that went into effect on February 8, 2005 after the rate cap was lifted. The Energy Charge covers the cost to produce or buy this electricity.

### 8 TRANSMISSION SERVICES

This is the delivery of electricity over high-voltage power lines from the generation companies to Pepco; and the Energy Charge covers the cost of this delivery.

### 9 ENERGY USAGE HISTORY

Shows your monthly electricity use for energy comparison purposes. The best way to evaluate your usage is by comparing the same months from the previous year. Over time, efforts to use electricity more efficiently could create a decrease in the number of KWH used.

### 10 PRICE TO COMPARE

This figure is the annual average based on the generation and transmission charges and your electricity use. When evaluating offers from generation suppliers, use this to compare the Pepco SOS costs with offers you may receive from other suppliers.

## Account Details

### Services for Feb 19, 2005 to Mar 19, 2005:

#### 1 Winter rates in effect

#### 2 Distribution Services:

|                                    |                          |         |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Minimum Charge                     | Includes First 30 KWH    | 0.47    |
| Energy Charge                      | Next 370 KWH x 0.0094500 | 3.50    |
|                                    | Next 160 KWH x 0.0194200 | 3.11    |
|                                    | at 0.0001000 per KWH     | 0.06    |
| 3 Reliability Energy Trust Fund    | at 0.0015900 per KWH     | 0.89    |
| 4 Public Space Occupancy Surcharge | at 0.0077000 per KWH     | 3.92    |
| 5 Delivery Tax                     | at 0.0016368 per KWH     | 0.92 CR |

**Total Charges - Distribution 11.03**

#### 7 Generation Services:

|                |                          |       |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Minimum Charge | Includes First 30 KWH    | 1.87  |
| Energy Charge  | Next 370 KWH x 0.0624500 | 23.11 |
|                | Next 160 KWH x 0.0624500 | 9.99  |

**Total Charges Generation 34.97**

#### 8 Transmission Services:

|                |                          |      |
|----------------|--------------------------|------|
| Minimum Charge | Includes First 30 KWH    | 0.12 |
| Energy Charge  | Next 370 KWH x 0.0041300 | 1.53 |
|                | Next 160 KWH x 0.0041300 | 0.66 |

**Total Charges - Transmission 2.31**

**CURRENT CHARGES THIS PERIOD \$48.31**

### 9 Energy Usage History

### 10 Price To Compare (Generation and Transmission Services)

Based on average usage for your rate class 6.84 cents per kwh

|      | Mar 04 | Apr 04 | May 04 | Jun 04 | Jul 04 | Aug 04 | Sep 04 | Oct 04 | Nov 04 | Dec 04 | Jan 05 | Feb 05 | Mar 05 |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| DAYS | 19     | 30     | 27     | 31     | 38     | 26     | 28     | 30     | 27     | 31     | 38     | 26     | 28     |
| KWH  | 380    | 500    | 430    | 620    | 730    | 620    | 560    | 500    | 430    | 620    | 730    | 620    | 560    |