



President’s Day—February 17th—Office Closed

Service Charge Increase—Approved

A Service Charge Increase has been approved and adopted at the Board of Directors Meeting on 1/27/2025. This will result in a \$3 dollar increase to all monthly service charges for members on a monthly basis. This increase will not go into effect until the March 2025 billing cycle. For more details on the rate increase, please visit our website at www.otsegoec.coop.

Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. Policy #301 - Member Rates

RATE SCHEDULE	DESCRIPTION	Member Charge (Old)	Member Charge (New)	Member Charge Rate Change	Charge/kWh (Old)	Charge/kWh (New)
Schedule 1	General Service - Residential	\$ 29.66	\$ 32.66	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.091280	\$ 0.091280
Schedule 2	General Service - Single Phase > 25KVA	\$ 33.44	\$ 36.44	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.073000	\$ 0.073000
Schedule 3	General Service - Three-Phase or Multi-Phase	\$ 33.44	\$ 36.44	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.083000	\$ 0.083000
Schedule 5	Small Commercial - Single Phase < 25KVA	\$ 33.44	\$ 36.44	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.087920	\$ 0.087920
Time of Use	Time of Use Rate (All Schedules)	\$ 45.85	\$ 48.85	\$ 3.00	Varies	

PPA (Purchased Power Adjustment) and Your Bills

With the recent cold temperatures, many members have noticed significantly higher bills than they are used to. These increases are caused by a changes in electric usage in your personal household in many cases and usage has also increased for the entire system in aggregate. When we exceed our hydropower allotment of 8 megawatts, we then have to purchase additional power from the wholesale market.

We are charged for each kilowatt-hour (kWh) purchased to meet increased load on our energy system and this cost is shared across our membership. The PPA rate is calculated monthly and shared by members based on usage as a separate line on your electric bill. While our average cost is approximately 3 cents per kilowatt-hour, short periods of high demand can escalate charges to as much as 20-30 cents per kilowatt-hour.

All NY public power utilities, including OEC, use this or similar methods of billing for unusual purchased power amounts. The following factors affect the size of the PPA you pay:

- OEC’s system one-hour demand (highest one-hour of electricity use for all OEC members combined).
- Supplemental Energy (kWh) over Hydro Allocation (electricity use that exceeds OEC’s portion of hydropower).

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- Hydro Curtailments—seasonal ice jams or low water levels on Lake Erie (this lowers our hydro allocation due to reduced supply of water).
- Transmission use and congestion—cost to transport electricity from the Niagara Falls hydroelectric project to the NYSEG transmission system.
- NYSEG Transmission—cost to transport electricity through NYSEG’s transmission system to OEC.
- New York Independent System Operation (NYISO) Charges—management of transmission grid and energy markets.
- Distribution System losses—energy losses due to line and transformer losses.
- Energy Efficiency Program funding—a small charge to fund our rebate programs as required by our contract with NYPA.
- Zero Emissions Credits (ZEC) - a misnamed state-mandated surcharge that helps subsidize the four nuclear plants in NY because they are clean energy sources.

Free Trip for Juniors! 2025 Legislative Youth Tour - Wash., D.C.

Otsego Electric Cooperative is pleased to offer an exciting opportunity for a high school junior! We will be sponsoring an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s (NRECA) Legislative Conference. This sponsorship covers the student and his or her chaperone and allows you the opportunity to tour DC and to meet with our elected representatives. The student’s parents must be members of Otsego Electric Cooperative.

This is an excellent learning experience for students. You will gain first-hand experience in how our government works. You will also learn about energy, broadband, and the electric cooperative industry, which will be extremely important parts of our future. Join other electric cooperative leaders to talk to Members of Congress and administration officials and discuss timely and pressing legislative issues affecting electric co-ops and their member-owners.

Students interested in being considered for this opportunity must complete the application and have it submitted to us by March 3, 2025. Applications are available on our website or in our office!



Howard S. Marlette Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given every year in memory of Howard Marlette who was an active member of the community and his church and he served the Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. for 37 years as a Director. He also served as President of Otsego Electric Cooperative from 1992 to 2004; President of the New York State Rural Electric Cooperative Association from 1986 to 2004; and Howard also received the George D. Aiken Award from the Northeast Association of Electric Cooperatives in 2002. To honor Howard’s service to his community and his involvement in the Otsego Electric Cooperative, his family and the Cooperative award several scholarships to deserving students who plan to further their educations after high school. Applications are available at www.otsegoec.coop and must be submitted to Otsego Electric Co-op, Attn: Cody Allen, P.O. Box 128 Hartwick, NY 13348 by May 1, 2025.

Scholarships are awarded by the Marlette family and Otsego Electric Cooperative.