



Martin Luther King Day—January 16th—Office Closed  
President’s Day—February 20th—Office Closed

### Welcoming in the New Year!

As we close out 2022, we would like to thank all of our members for their continued support this year. As always, we are able to be who we are because of you, our members. We are looking forward to continuing to work for you and be your trusted energy advisor and resource in 2023!

### Member Rate Changes

Beginning in January 2023, members will notice an increase on their monthly service charge. This increase will cover increased costs for fuel, labor, materials, real property taxes, insurance, benefits, and general costs of operations. Please be assured that we are doing all we reasonably can to keep rates fair for the value of the services provided. Our last increase was back in 2016.

Policy #301 – Member Rates			
Service Schedule	Member Charge	Demand Charge	Energy Charge
Residential	\$27.66 (+\$2.00)	\$0.00 (+\$0.00)	\$0.089280 (+\$0.000000)
Single Phase > 25KVA	\$33.44 (+\$33.44)	\$8.11 (+\$0.00)	\$0.073000 (+\$0.000000)
3-Phase (Multi-Phase)	\$33.44 (+\$33.44)	\$8.11 (+\$0.00)	\$0.083000 (+\$0.000000)
Small Commercial <25KVA	\$33.44 (+\$2.00)	\$0.00 (+\$0.00)	\$0.087920 (+\$0.000000)
Time of Use (Grandfathered)	\$43.85 (+\$2.00)	\$0.00 (+\$0.00)	No Change (+\$0.000000)
Area Lighting	\$9.20 (+0.00)	\$0.00 (+\$0.00)	No Change (+\$0.000000)

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## Considering Solar?

Otsego Electric Cooperative recognizes that some members have an interest in solar energy and sometimes the information you receive may be unclear or incomplete. We want to provide information to you so you know what to expect if you buy a solar generating system for your home and plan to connect to the cooperative system. We currently limit the size of systems that propose to connect to our system to no more than 10 kW. OEC does not “Net Meter” any of our accounts. We pay our Avoided Cost for power delivered back to our system from approved grid-connected systems. Avoided cost is the incremental cost to OEC of purchasing electric energy or capacity, or both, on the wholesale market in an amount equal to that purchased from the qualifying facility.

If you are looking into buying a system, give us a call and we would be happy to discuss the process with you.

## HEAP Assistance

We understand that situations arise when it can be difficult to pay your bills, especially as costs rise with lower winter temperatures. If you need assistance paying your bills, there are programs, such as HEAP, that are available to assist you. In order to find out if you qualify, you can visit [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov) or call one of the following numbers for assistance:

- Otsego County Department of Social Services 607-547-1700
- Chenango County Department of Social Services 607-337-1500
- Madison County Department of Social Services 315-366-2211
- Herkimer County Department of Social Services 315-867-1220
- Opportunities for Otsego 607-433-8000
- Catholic Charities 607-432-0061

## What is PPA—Purchased Power Adjustment?

The PPA rate, is calculated monthly and passed on to all members as a separate line on your electric bill. All NY public power utilities, including OEC, use this method of billing. 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 hydro power.)
- Hydro Curtailments—low water levels on Lake Erie. (This lowers our hydro allocation.)
- 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 from NYSEG 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 (This funds our rebate program and is a requirement written into the contract with NYPA.)
- Renewable Energy Credits (REC) - surcharge managed by NYSERDA, and used to subsidize renewable generation.
- Zero Emission Credits (ZEC) - a surcharge that helps subsidize four of the five NYS nuclear Plants (Ginna, Fitzpatrick and two at Nine Mile Point).