



New Electric Rates

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) has approved new electric rates for UniSource Energy Services (UES) customers that took effect Aug. 22, 2016.

On May 5, 2015, UES filed an application with the ACC for new rates in Docket No. E-04204A-15-0142. At its August 2016 Open Meeting, the ACC approved new rates in Decision No. 75697.

The average bills of residential customers with typical usage are expected to increase by about \$4 per month under the new rates. The increase will cover the cost of new energy resources and other facilities necessary to support safe, reliable service.

The new rates include a higher Basic Service Charge of \$15 for most residential customers as well as revised energy charges.

The ACC will consider other rate changes later this year or early next year and anticipates approving new options for customers no later than March 2017.

At that time, all residential and small commercial customers will have four options: a traditional rate, a demand rate, a time-of-use (TOU) rate and a TOU demand rate. TOU plans charge more for consumption during peak usage periods. Demand rates combine lower kWh charges with a fee based on customers' highest hourly energy use.

Customers who select a TOU or demand rate will pay reduced basic service charges of \$12, an incentive designed to encourage use of the new pricing plans.

The new rates that took effect Aug. 22 include expanded discounts for limited-income customers who participate in the company's CARES program. More information about CARES is available online at uesaz.com.

The approved rates include a new monthly fee of \$1.58 for the second meter used by customers who install new private solar power arrays. Customers with existing systems are exempt from this new fee.

The ACC has not yet ruled on other proposed changes for new users of private solar arrays, including revised rates and net metering benefits. Any such changes, if approved, are not expected to affect existing solar customers.

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