

# Electric Bills Explained

The following example explains line items found on residential electric bills:

(Delivery charges represent Central Hudson's costs for delivering electricity to homes and businesses over our region's network of electric lines, operating and maintaining the delivery infrastructure, and providing an array of customer services. Supply charges are Central Hudson's costs for electricity purchased on behalf of its customers on the wholesale market. Note that Central Hudson does not mark up supply charges)

## Electric Delivery Charges:

**Basic Service Charge:** Includes maintenance of electric lines, meter reading, and other costs.

**Delivery Service Charge:** The cost to deliver electricity to customers, whether purchased from Central Hudson or another supplier.

**MFC Administration Charge:** This merchant function charge reflects the cost incurred when independent marketers bill through Central Hudson's billing system. Customers receiving a separate bill avoid this charge.

**Transition Adjustment:** This charge recovers revenues lost to utilities when customers purchase their energy supply through independent marketers.

**Bill Credit:** A mechanism to refund a regulatory balance owed to electric customers.

**System Benefits Charge (SBC):** Mandated by the state, this charge is to fund a number of initiatives, including energy efficiency programs, assistance for low-income customers, energy research & development, and also to encourage the use of renewable energy sources.

**NYS Assessment:** A state-mandated charge to recover the Temporary State Energy & Utility Services Conservation Assessment.

**Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM):** A mechanism intended to minimize the impact to Central Hudson resulting from reduced energy consumption as efficiency programs are implemented.

**Total Delivery Charges:** The total cost to Deliver electricity for all customers, whether purchasing energy from Central Hudson or an

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Average Daily Cost for Electric \$3.3147			
<b>Amount of Electricity Used</b>			
Nov 13, 2009	Present Reading (act.)		91153
Sep 16, 2009	Previous Reading (act.)		90022
	<b>Electricity Used (kWh)</b>		<b>1131</b>
<b>Cost for Electricity Used (for 2.0 months)</b>			
ENERGY DELIVERY CHARGES:			
	Basic Service Charge	2.0 Mos @ 18.00	36.00
	Delivery Svc Chg	1131 kWh @ 0.04691	53.06
	MFC Admin Chg	1131 kWh @ 0.00209	2.36
	Transition Adj	1131 kWh @ 0.00012	0.14
	Bill Credit	1131 kWh @ -0.00682	-7.71
	SBC/RPS Chgs	1131 kWh @ 0.00392	4.43
	Purch. Power Adj	1131 kWh @ 0.00053	0.60
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	NYS Assessment	1131 kWh @ 0.00303	3.43
	RDM Chg	1131 kWh @ 0.00149	1.69
	<b>Total Delivery Chrgs</b>		<b>94.15</b>
ENERGY SUPPLY CHARGES:			
<b>(You may choose another supplier for this part of your service)</b>			
	MFC Supply Chg	1131 kWh @ 0.00403	4.56
	Market Price	1131 kWh @ 0.06486	73.36
	Market Price Adj	1131 kWh @ 0.01418	16.04
	<b>Total Supply Chrgs</b>		<b>93.96</b>
	NYS & Local Taxes and Surcharges		4.14
	<b>TOTAL ELECTRICITY COST</b>		<b>\$192.25</b>
For this billing period, the average cost of energy we purchased for you was \$0.08307 per kWh (excluding taxes).			

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## Electric Supply Charges:

**Purchase Power Adjustment:** Usually a credit, this item reflects the long-term revenue sharing agreements that have been negotiated between Central Hudson and the new owners of its former power plants.

**Miscellaneous Charges:** Credits and charges related to transactions with, for example, the grid operator.

**Market Price:** The average wholesale price of all energy required to meet the needs of Central Hudson's full service customers (those who purchase supply from Central Hudson, as well as delivery).

**Market Price Adjustment:** An adjustment – either plus or minus – of the previous month's market price of energy to reflect any differences caused by the timing of billing and collection.

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## Other items:

### NYS & Local Revenue Taxes and Surcharges:

Taxes and surcharges imposed by the State of New York and local authorities, to be collected from all customers.

**For this billing period:** This last paragraph indicates your average price of electricity per kWh for the billing period, exclusive of taxes and delivery charges. This price can be used to compare other suppliers' electricity offers.

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