

Your Energy Connection



October 2015

Electric and Gas Customers Receive Rate Decreases

On August 24, 2015, the Rocky Mount City Council approved significant rate decreases that will create lower utility bills for Rocky Mount electric and natural gas customers. Electric residential customers will see an overall 14 percent decrease. Natural gas residential customers will reap the benefits of an overall seven percent decrease.

Generation Asset Sale Results in Lower Electric Rates

The City of Rocky Mount, as a member of the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA), benefited from the recent sale of the NCEMPA generation assets to Duke Energy Progress (DEP). The sale provided a decrease in the city's wholesale cost of power, which in turn, allows the city to reduce electric rates.

Under the former rate schedule, residential electric customers using 1,000 kwh per month and taking full advantage of the load management program paid \$134.79 for electric services. Under the new rate schedule, those same customers will now pay \$115.00 per month.

The chart below shows Rocky Mount's electric rates compared to other local utility providers. The average monthly bill is based on a customer using 1,000 kwh of service and taking full advantage of the Load Management Program.

New Residential Rate Schedules (as of 9/1/15)

Electric	Facilities charge: \$26.00 Energy charge: \$0.09975 per kwh
Natural Gas	Facilities charge: \$14.00 (April-September) \$34.00 (October-March) Energy charge: First 10 therms: \$1.12 per therm Over 10 therms: \$0.85 per therm

Please note that the rate schedules (shown above) do not apply to commercial customers.

To see a full list of all City of Rocky Mount electric and natural gas service rates, please visit www.rockymountnc.gov/utilities/rates.asp.

Cost of Service Study Results in Lower Gas Rates

A recent cost of service study of the natural gas utility indicated retail rates could be reduced as a result of a reduction in the wholesale cost of natural gas.

Under the former rate schedule, customers using 100 therms of natural gas per month in the winter saw a cost of \$143.71. With the new rate schedule, the same customer will now pay \$121.83 in the winter months.

	Rocky Mount Public Utilities	Duke Energy Progress	Dominion	Edgecombe-Martin County EMC	Halifax EMC
Facilities Fee	\$26.00	\$11.13	\$11.05	\$21.50	\$26.00
kwh Charge	0.09975	0.10612 (Jul-Oct) 0.09644 (Nov-Jun)	0.10171 (Jun-Sep) 0.08886 (Oct-May)	0.1174	0.1225
Avg. Monthly Bill	\$115.00	\$111.63	\$104.20	\$139.33	\$149.32
Comparison to Rocky Mount		-2.9%	-9.4%	21.2%	29.8%

America Recycles Day

When: Saturday, November 14, 2015
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Parking lot of Golden East Crossing Mall (near entrance to JC Penney)

Recycle your old electronics, unwanted/unused prescription drugs/medicines, and confidential documents/papers safely and securely at this FREE event to the public.

Monetary donations will be accepted for Keep America Beautiful of Nash & Edgecombe Counties to help offset the cost of this shredding event. Participation is FREE to the public; however, businesses will be charged for shredding per Shred-It of North Carolina's policy.

Sponsored by Keep America Beautiful of Nash & Edgecombe Counties, City of Rocky Mount, Shred-It of North Carolina, and American Greenz, Inc.



<http://kab.rockymountnc.gov>

Save Money on your Electric Bill with Load Management!

By using Load Management switches, RMPU is able to hold down the cost of providing power. These savings are passed on to you in the form of a monthly credit on your electricity bill. There is no cost to you for the switches or installation. The following credits are available:



Water Heater:
\$2/month
January through December



Central Air Conditioner:
\$20/month
July, August, September



Heat Strips:
\$15/month
January, February, March

Participation in the program is voluntary and satisfaction is guaranteed. Credits are issued during specific periods of time; however, appliances may be controlled in other months.

Sign up by phone at (252) 467-4803 or online at utilities.rockymountnc.gov.

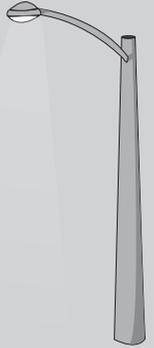
Area Light Program

The City of Rocky Mount offers an Area Light Program for your home or business. The addition of area lights provides **extended hours of light** and **added security to dark areas**. There are a variety of area lights available with no installation or maintenance fees.

Visit www.rockymountnc.gov/utilities/electric.html for the monthly service fees.

For more information or to have an area light installed, please contact the City of Rocky Mount forester at (252) 467-4856.

To report an area or street light outage, please call (252) 467-4800 or visit utilities.rockymountnc.gov.



When should you call a contractor vs. RMPU?

Electrical

Contact a licensed electrical contractor for the installation, replacement or repair of:

- Wiring
- Circuit Breakers
- Fuses

Contact RMPU at (252) 467-4800 for:

- Power outages
- Flickering lights
- Downed power lines
- Area and street light outages



Natural Gas

- Contact a licensed mechanical contractor for the installation, replacement or repair of natural gas appliances.
- Contact RMPU at (252) 467-4800 for gas leaks or the smell of gas.

For all billing questions or to apply for service connection, contact Customer Service at (252) 972-1250.

