

## Energy Efficiency Charge

Since 2000, Vermont electric bills have included an Energy Efficiency Charge (EEC). Funds collected by the charge pay for energy efficiency services designed to save money by reducing Vermont's electricity needs. This notice contains the new EEC rates in effect with bills rendered on or after February 1, 2012.

The EEC pays for an organization called Efficiency Vermont (EVT) to provide energy efficiency services to most of the state. For more information, including technical advice, education, rebates and other financial incentives for homes, farms and businesses, contact Efficiency Vermont toll free at 1-888-921-5990 or at [www.encyvermont.com](http://www.encyvermont.com).

Energy efficiency benefits Vermont in two ways: first, using less electricity lowers the bills of individuals who take steps to reduce their power use; second, and more importantly, when statewide use goes down, it reduces electric utilities' total system costs, which would otherwise be paid by all electric customers through rates.

Effective with bills rendered on or after February 1, 2012 the EEC rates will be:

	<u>Current 2011 EEC rates</u>	<u>New 2012 EEC rates</u>
Residential:	\$0.00918 per kWh	\$0.00931 per kWh
Commercial:		
Non-demand customers	\$0.00808 per kWh	\$0.00796 per kWh
Demand customers	\$0.00508 per kWh plus \$0.8558 per kW/month	\$0.00513 per kWh plus \$0.8138 per kW/month
Industrial:		
Non-demand customers	\$0.00665 per kWh	\$0.00541 per kWh
Demand customers	\$0.00437 kWh plus \$1.0135 per kW/month	\$0.00348 per kWh plus \$0.8944 kW/month
Street and Area Lights:	\$0.00808 per kWh	\$0.00796 per kWh

[determined by multiplying the light wattage by 360 hours per month]

*For more information about the charge, please contact Vermont Electric Cooperative at 1-800-832-2667 or the Department of Public Service Consumer Hotline at 1-800-622-4496.*