

## 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 February 1, 2010.

The EEC pays for an organization called Efficiency Vermont 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.efficiencyvermont.com](http://www.efficiencyvermont.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 February 1, 2010 the EEC rates for all customers except those of the City of Burlington Electric Department (BED) will be:

	<b><u>Current 2009 EEC rates</u></b>	<b><u>New 2010 EEC rates</u></b>
Residential:	\$0.00670 per kWh	\$0.00773 per kWh
Commercial:		
Non-demand customers	\$0.00575 per kWh	\$0.00666 per kWh
Demand customers	\$0.00359 per kWh	\$0.00420 per kWh
	\$0.6671 per kW/month	\$0.7280 per kW/month
Industrial:		
Non-demand customers	\$0.00409 per kWh	\$0.00519 per kWh
Demand customers	\$0.00294 kWh plus \$0.5612 per kW/month	\$0.00383 kWh plus \$0.6350 per kW/month
Street and Area Lights:	\$0.00575 per kWh	\$0.00666 per kWh
	{determined by multiplying the light wattage by 360 hours per month}	

*For more information about the charge, please contact your local utility or the Department of Public Service Consumer Hotline at 1-800-622-4496.*