




**Eastern Maine
Electric Cooperative**

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Notice to Members of a Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Member:

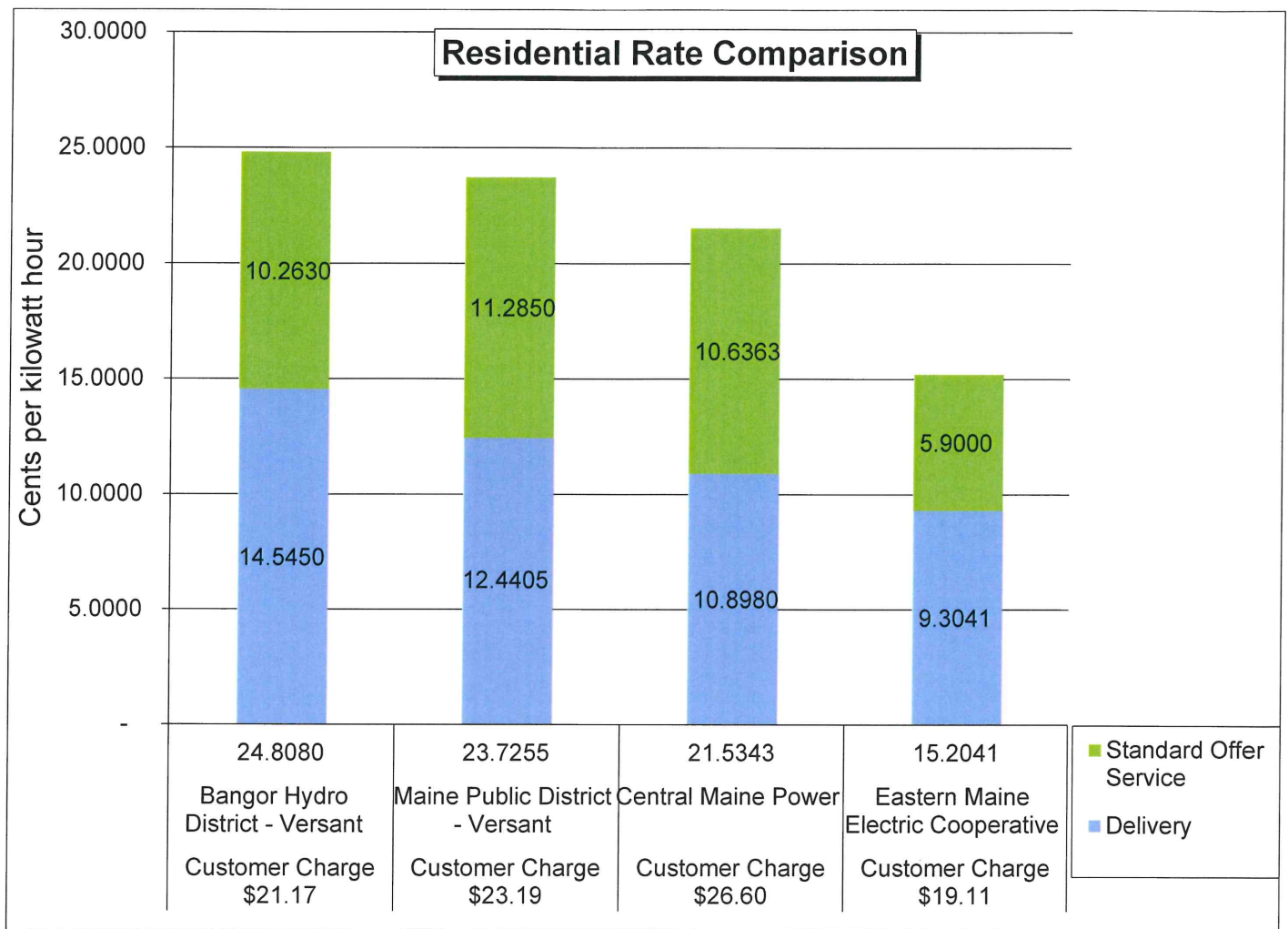
As I stated at the Co-op's Annual Meeting in July, the Co-op has been faced with significant increases in operating costs, including materials, equipment, and supplies. The Co-op has endeavored to absorb cost increases and control expenses. However, costs have increased to the point where the Co-op now needs to increase the revenue it receives for delivery of electricity to members. The increase in the delivery revenue is expected to occur in December 2024 and will help fund the continued operations of the Co-op. The prior increase in delivery revenue occurred in March 2019, over 5 ½ years ago.

The Co-op has continued to make progress with its vegetation management program and reinforcing the electric system to increase the reliability. The efforts to increase the reliability of the electric system will continue to be enhanced.

The increase in the delivery revenue will be recovered by increasing the monthly customer charge by \$8.15 per month for the residential, seasonal, and general service classes and \$48.90 for the large commercial class. The demand charge will also increase by \$0.60 per kW for the large commercial class. The base delivery kilowatt hour rate for these classes will not change. The monthly base delivery charge for the lighting class will increase by \$1.12 per light. The standard offer service electricity supply price is not increasing.

The \$8.15 increase represents a 12.6% increase for an average residential consumer using 619 kilowatt hours per month, which represents an 8.1% increase to the total overall electric bill for both delivery service and standard offer service.

The following chart shows the residential customer charge rate, delivery rate, and standard offer electricity rate with the Co-op's proposed new rates, and also shows the existing rates of other geographic large utilities. As shown in the chart, with the \$8.15 customer charge increase the Co-op's proposed customer charge is lower than that of the other utilities. The delivery rate and standard offer service price also remain below the other utilities.



The increase in rates for delivery service will produce approximately \$1,388,560 of additional annual revenue. The increase in delivery revenue by class are residential 12.90%, seasonal 29.81%, general service 11.07%, large commercial 3.91%, public buildings 8.12%, streetlights 13.77%, and area lights 13.39%.

The Co-op will hold a public hearing in the Assembly room at Washington County Community College, One College Dr., Calais, ME on October 28, 2024, at 6pm. The supporting information will be available at the Co-op's office for review. Each consumer has a right to request information concerning the present and proposed rates, the right to an open and fair hearing, to further hearings before the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), and to request assistance from the Maine Public Advocate.

Within thirty days of the public hearing, as a customer, you have the right to petition the MPUC to investigate the proposed rate change pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. §3502(8). The signatures on petitions are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. EMEC, upon request, will provide customers with petition forms that include space for signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers.

If you would like more information about this proceeding, you may contact the Administrative Director of the Commission (207-287-3831), the Maine Public Advocate (207-624-3687), or contact EMEC (207-454-7555).

Sincerely,

 Scott M. Hallowell, CEO