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of Public Power

2022

Happy Birthday...To Us!

TMLP is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year as a municipally owned and operated electric utility!

It all started in 1897 when the City of Taunton came to the rescue of the Taunton Electric Lighting Company, a business venture started by private citizens in 1882 to provide electricity to Taunton's business area. During its early years, the private company's 60-horsepower engine, boiler and dynamo machines helped illuminate 35 to 40 lights in the Main Street/City Square area which provided electricity for one hour every night – except Saturday – from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. As the number of customers increased, so, too, did its debt, leading stockholders to vote to sell the company in late 1896.

That's when the City of Taunton stepped in and purchased the company for \$125,000 in June 1897, making it a publicly owned electric utility.

Today, TMLP provides electric service to approximately 39,000 customers in Taunton, Berkley, Raynham, and sections of Dighton, Lakeville and Bridgewater. As a municipal utility, TMLP is governed by a three-member Board of Commissioners, elected by the citizens of Taunton.

TMLP kicked off its celebration this Spring with an art contest for fourth grade students in the public-school systems, and plans are in the works for small recognition celebrations throughout the year, culminating in a community celebration at the annual Public Power Week Open House on October 1st!

What better way to celebration Public Power **AND** TMLP's 125th anniversary!

What Can I Do To Reduce My Energy Bill?

Sometimes the most effective way to save energy are often the easiest. To help reduce your energy consumption this summer, try these simple no-cost-involved tips:

- Unplug your chargers when not in use. These energy vampires use electricity when plugged in, and costs can add up!
- Shut off your air conditioner and open the windows during the evening, especially in late summer when evening temperatures tend to go down.
- Close your window drapes and/or blinds on hot, sunny days.
- Turn your thermostat up a few degrees and use a fan to circulate the air. You'll be surprised how cool you'll feel.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room and when you leave for work in the morning. Do a whole house check before you shut the door.
- Make sure your ceiling fan turns counterclockwise in the summer.

If you can, these low-cost measures will go a long way in helping reduce your energy consumption:

- Buy energy efficient LED and CFL lights. They're long-lasting and they'll save you money.
- Buy some caulk to seal any gaps you see around doors and windows.
- Change the filters in your air conditioners.

If you can make an investment for energy savings well into the future, you may consider the following purchases which may even qualify for a TMLP rebate:

- Replace your old appliances and electronics with ENERGY STAR rated appliances and electronics.
- Buy a programmable or wi-fi thermostat to maintain your home's temperature all year long.
- Battery powered lawn equipment is one of the new items added to the TMLP rebate and incentive program. Purchase a new battery push, walk behind, or rider lawn mower and you may qualify.
- Consider buying a ductless mini-split heat pump for energy savings year-round. Because of their efficiency, mini-splits can result in significant energy savings.

Check out the TMLP website (TMLP.com/Go-Green) for more information about ways to save energy and how to take advantage of the TMLP residential rebate and incentive programs.

TMLP implements a rate adjustment effective July 1st

Due to rising fuel costs in the spot market, global supply issues, and increasing transmission and distribution costs, TMLP will implement a 15% rate adjustment for most rate classes, effective July 1st.

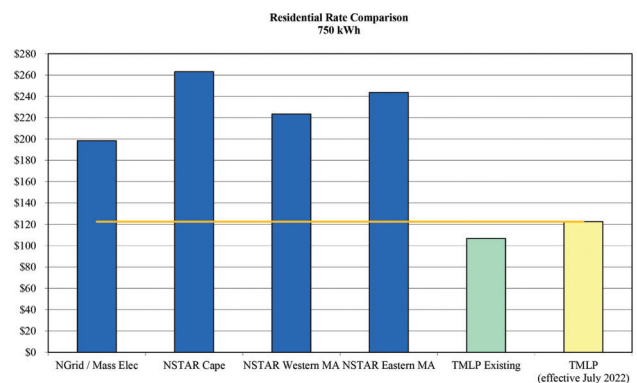
According to General Manager Kimberly Holmes, the typical residential customer, defined as one who uses an average of 750 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity each month, will see their bill increase from \$106 per month to \$122, an increase of approximately \$16.

The rate adjustment comes as natural gas prices have increased 200% since 2011, with energy prices on the spot market increasing 132% this year, from January through May. TMLP, like all consumers, has faced cost increases in supplies and transportation, along with the increasing generation and supply production costs.

"While this is unwelcome news in today's economy, the new rate adjustment will be at or below the rate adjustment set in 2008," TMLP General Manager Kimberly Holmes said. "Our last rate adjustment in February 2016 was actually a 2% reduction in rates due to TMLP making prudent and fiscally conservative decisions on behalf of its ratepayers."

"As we did in 2016, TMLP took a conservative approach when we reviewed expenses and determined that TMLP rates need to be restructured. This rate restructuring assures TMLP's financial stability and ensures competitive and equitable rates. While it is unfortunate, unprecedented market conditions and global issues left us with no other choice."

TMLP will continue to monitor energy and supply chain prices throughout the year, according to the General Manager.



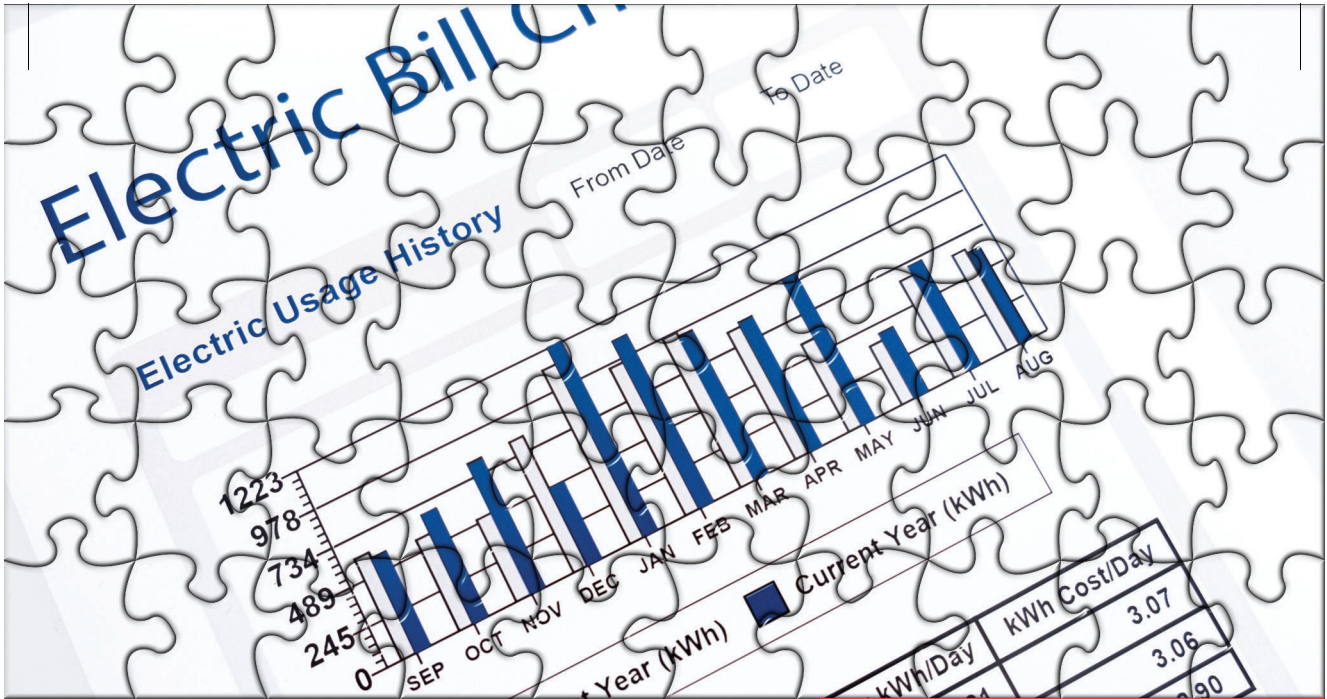
Save The Date!

After two years of virtual-only Public Power Week celebrations, the TMLP annual Open House is back to an in-person celebration!

So, mark your calendars for Saturday, October 1st with a rain date of Sunday October 2nd. The celebration will kick off at 11 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. and will feature all the activities and excitement of past celebrations – and much more!

We encourage everyone to come to our 55 Weir Street location to learn more about your hometown public power electric utility.

Email sonjabritland@tmlp.com with comments or questions regarding this newsletter.



What makes up the charges you receive on your electric bill?

Customers sometimes ask for an explanation of the charges they pay each month when they receive their electric bill. If you “unbundle” the bill you receive, you’ll see that there are several components to your TMLP bill:

Service Charge:

The service charge is a cost per customer account for the services the customer receives each month from TMLP, regardless of how much electricity they use. This is the overhead cost for services that help TMLP maintain its customer accounts, such as billing, customer records and service, as well as meter installation, meter reading and maintenance.

Distribution Charge:

The distribution charge is the cost for delivering the electricity to your home using TMLP’s distribution system. It includes the costs for things like building, operating and maintaining power lines, equipment and other things related to TMLP’s distribution system that ultimately delivers electricity throughout TMLP’s service territory to each customer’s home. The price each customer pays month is determined by the amount of per kilowatt-hour of electricity used.

Transmission Charge:

Similar to the distribution charge, the transmission charge is the cost associated with delivering electricity via high voltage lines from power generators outside TMLP’s service territory to our local distribution system. Basically, the transmission charge is what TMLP pays to connect to the regional power grid and its power supply providers.

Transition Charge:

The transition charge is a cost associated with past utility investments, including power generating facilities and energy contracts. These costs are the result of deregulation.

Generation Charge:

The generation charge is the cost associated with producing the power that customers receive, or, in other words, the cost to convert fuel sources into electricity. It also includes TMLP’s power purchases on the wholesale market. These costs include all sources of power in TMLP’s supply portfolio.

Power Cost Adjustment (PPCA):

The power cost adjustment is the actual cost of generating and purchasing the power you receive each month, minus the generation charge. For example, utilities estimate the cost of the source of the fuel used to generate power, and since the actual cost to generate the electricity that you use fluctuates on a monthly basis, the PPCA reflects an adjustment for the actual cost of wholesale power during each billing period. This adjustment is sometimes called a pass-through cost since the actual cost, whether more or less than the estimated cost, is passed directly on to the customer. This adjustment can be set quarterly by TMLP.

PASNY Discount:

The PASNY discount represents a credit TMLP receives for a wholesale agreement for hydroelectric power from the Power Authority of the State of New York. This residential customer discount fluctuates with the market rate but will never be over \$0.

Prompt Payment Discount:

A 5% discount is available when a customer pays their bill in full within 10 days of the billing date. This is a great way to save money each month. Sign-up for automatic bill pay to always be sure you receive the discount!

**Sign up for a Free Home Energy Audit!
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Outage-related call
(508) 824-3111

Administrative offices
(508) 824-5844

Dig Safe issue
(888) 344-7233

Office hours
Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Payment locations
33 Weir Street
Our office is open
Monday through Friday

Drop boxes
33 and 55 Weir Street
(to the left of the front door)

Trucchi’s Supermarket
53 Tremont Street
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**TMLP Online 24-Hour
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