




# Electric Bill Breakdown

## Understanding Your Electric Bill



Allegheny Power  
an Allegheny Energy company

<p>Name: John Doe Address: 123 Maple Street Greensburg, PA 15601</p> <p>Residential</p>	<p><b>Account Number</b> 1 25 03 019 36750 2</p> <p><b>Amount Due</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$77.93</span></p> <p><b>Due Date</b> FEB 23, 2010</p> <p>Rate Code/Schedule 108/10      Check Digit 0973      Page 1 of 1</p>	
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To report an emergency or outage, call 24 hours a day at 1-800-Allegheny (1-800-255-3443). For account related questions, call weekdays from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

<p><b>Important Information</b></p> <p>Your bill includes \$6.58 in PA taxes, of which \$4.60 is PA gross receipts tax.</p> <p>Price to compare is 6.70 cents per KWH.</p> <p>You now have the option of enrolling in PowerPay, our direct payment plan, by signing the back of the bill stub when submitting payment.</p>	<p><b>Usage Information Meter # 52834886</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td>Present FEB 02, 2010 - Actual Reading</td><td style="text-align: right;">34960</td></tr> <tr><td>Previous DEC 31, 2009 - Estimated Reading</td><td style="text-align: right;">34130</td></tr> <tr><td>Total KWH Used for 33 Days</td><td style="text-align: right;">830</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Allegheny Power</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td>Balance Last Bill</td><td style="text-align: right;">56.84</td></tr> <tr><td>Payment - JAN 23, 2010</td><td style="text-align: right;">56.84 CR</td></tr> <tr><td>Balance Remaining</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$0.00</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Current Basic Charges:</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td>Generation Charge at .06246 per KWH</td><td style="text-align: right;">51.84</td></tr> <tr><td>Transmission Charge</td><td style="text-align: right;">3.76</td></tr> <tr><td>Customer Distribution Charge</td><td style="text-align: right;">5.00</td></tr> <tr><td>KWH Distribution Charge</td><td style="text-align: right;">17.39</td></tr> <tr><td>Intangible Transition Charge</td><td style="text-align: right;">.04 CR</td></tr> <tr><td>PA Tax Adjustment at -.026000%</td><td style="text-align: right;">0.02 CR</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Current Charges</b></td><td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$77.93</b></td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE      \$77.93</b></p>	Present FEB 02, 2010 - Actual Reading	34960	Previous DEC 31, 2009 - Estimated Reading	34130	Total KWH Used for 33 Days	830	Balance Last Bill	56.84	Payment - JAN 23, 2010	56.84 CR	Balance Remaining	\$0.00	Generation Charge at .06246 per KWH	51.84	Transmission Charge	3.76	Customer Distribution Charge	5.00	KWH Distribution Charge	17.39	Intangible Transition Charge	.04 CR	PA Tax Adjustment at -.026000%	0.02 CR	<b>Current Charges</b>	<b>\$77.93</b>
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- You choose the supplier/cost
- Unchanged - if using competitive supplier this is rolled into generation
- Remains regulated by PUC
- Eliminated from bill

**Distribution Charge** - Charges for the use of local wires, transformers, substations, and other equipment used to deliver electricity to end-use consumers from the high voltage transmission lines.

**Customer Charge** - A monthly basic distribution charge to cover costs for billing, meter reading, equipment, maintenance, and advanced metering when in use.

**State Tax Adjustment Surcharge** - A charge, or a credit, or electric rates to reflect changes in various state taxes included in your bill. The surcharge may vary by bill component.

**Transmission Charge** - Charges for moving high voltage electricity from a generation facility to the distribution lines of an electric distribution company. Based on federally regulated charges.

**Transition Charge** - A charge on every residential customers's bill designed to recover an electric utility's transition or stranded costs as determined by the PUC.

**Generation Charge** - Charges for the production electricity.

**KWH** - (Kilowatt-hour) - The basic unit of electric energy for which most customers are charged. The amount of electricity used by ten 100-watt lights left on for 1 hour. Customers are usually charged for electricity in cents per kilowatt-hour.

## Choosing a competitive supplier for your electric generation

Electric customers in Pennsylvania were among the very first in the United States to have the ability to choose the company that supplies their electricity. You may be able to choose your electric generation supplier (EGS) in areas where competitive electricity supplies are being offered. Consumers may be able to secure supply rates below the prices offered by their utility. Generation supply costs comprise the majority of the average electric bill. Consumers are encouraged to proactively engage competitive suppliers – whose price is unregulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) – to obtain pricing information for the generation portion of their bill. Competitive offers may not be available in all areas.

## Can I save money by choosing a competitive supplier for generation?

In the territories where rate caps already have expired, an increase in the number of EGSs offering services to residential customers has occurred. In some areas, the EGSs rate is as much as 4 cents per kWh cheaper than the default service price offered by the utility. An EGS may be willing to negotiate on price or other services to entice you into switching suppliers. Information is available at [www.puc.state.us](http://www.puc.state.us), click on Electric Shopping. The Office of Consumer Advocate offers consumers a direct comparison of the utility prices versus the supplier price. You can view the “Price to Compare” at [www.oca.state.pa.us](http://www.oca.state.pa.us).

## Will I still be able to take advantage of “budget billing”?

Yes – Be sure to tell the competitive supplier that you want budget billing, which allows you to pay a “fixed amount” each month, providing certainty in your bills. Budget billing averages bills out over 12 months, but does not guarantee an annual fixed rate as budget bills are subject to quarterly adjustments based on usage.

## What is the “price to compare”?

The price to compare (PTC) is the price per kilowatt hour (kWh) your electric distribution company will charge. When asked, the competitive supplier also will provide you with a PTC, allowing you to make an apples-to-apples comparison on price for the generation portion of your bill. Be sure to ask how long the price is effective and verify if taxes or other fees are included in the PTC.

## My utility company has always been a good company. Why should I switch now?

Allegheny Power does not care if you choose a competitive supplier and is encouraging its customers to shop around. Allegheny Power will continue to deliver your electricity, provide reliable service and respond to outage problems. The quality, reliability, and maintenance of your electric service should not change as it is still monitored by the Commission. You may be able to save money with a competitive supplier or you can stay with Allegheny Power. It’s your choice.

### For further information, contact the Public Utility Commission:

#### Write

PA Public Utility  
Commission Bureau  
of Consumer Services  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

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[www.PAPowerSwitch.com](http://www.PAPowerSwitch.com)

