

Know Your Bill


At BELCO, we are committed to providing a secure, reliable and sustainable electric power system for the Island. While every customer is charged for the cost of delivering electricity to their homes and businesses, some of the charges are not directly attributable to BELCO.

You will notice an increase to the Fuel Adjustment Rate in your monthly BELCO bills, effective April 1 2017.


We feel it is important that you are aware of what this charge is for, how it came about and what it means to you.



Fuel Adjustment Rate


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The Fuel Adjustment Rate (FAR) is a charge that is approved by the Regulatory Authority of Bermuda on a monthly basis, and is composed of three parts:

 - Reimbursement to BELCO for the actual cost of fuel purchased on the international oil markets, plus transportation costs.
 - Collection of the UNESCO World Heritage Tax of 0.25¢ per liter
 - Collection of the Customs Duty on Fuel, which is payable to the Government of Bermuda
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In March 2017, the Regulatory Authority approved BELCO's request for an increase of 1.5¢ per kWh, which resulted in an increase of the Fuel Adjustment Rate from 9¢ per kWh to 10.5¢ per kWh.

The reason behind this increase is due to BELCO buying fuel in advance of when it is actually used to produce energy. By purchasing fuel in advance of need, BELCO is able to ensure sufficient supplies are available on-island for a minimum three month supply period.

When the cost of fuel increases beyond \$30 per barrel, BELCO collects the additional costs through the Fuel Adjustment Rate as a reimbursement to recover the difference from when the fuel was purchased. There is no profit to BELCO from the FAR charge.
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Your monthly Fuel Adjustment Rate will depend on your usage of kilowatt hours (kWh). For example, if you used 650 kWh in one month, your fee will be: 650 kWh x .105 cents = \$68.25

Billing Charges (KWH Usage)

The average residential customer in Bermuda uses approximately 650 kWh per month. Check your bill to see how your usage compares. You can help to reduce your billing charge by using air conditioners, electronics, lighting and appliances efficiently. Visit www.belco.bm for energy efficiency tips.

Got questions?

Email us at info@belco.bm or contact our Customer Care Team at 299-2800

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