

Notice of Increasing Electric Rates

Dear Customer,

Williamsport wishes to make you aware of upcoming increases to electric rates starting June 1 which will impact the amount you pay for electricity each month. If the annual Purchased Power Cost Adjustment is approved, the average residential customer is expected to see a 42% bill increase. For example, the Town expects the average resident using 711 kWh will pay \$87.95 this June compared to \$62.13 last June. Overall, the average resident's estimated yearly electricity costs using 965 kWh per month from this June to next June will increase from \$997.92 to \$1,418.56.

The rates are primarily expected to increase because of higher prices in the regional electricity market's "capacity" costs. PJM Interconnection LLC, the regional entity in charge of running the wholesale electric system, runs annual auctions for capacity in which generation companies commit to being available to run when needed to meet demand for electricity. This is important to ensure there will always be adequate electric supply and reliable electric service. In the latest auction capacity prices increased significantly, from \$29/MW-Day on May 31 to \$270/MW-Day on June 1. Williamsport does not control these costs, and they are a mandatory requirement of participating in the PJM market.

The increased capacity costs will be incurred by all Maryland utilities despite the efforts of Governor Wes Moore, the Public Service Commission and the Office of People's Counsel. PJM's explanation to Governor Moore may be found here: <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/DotCom/about-pjm/who-we-are/public-disclosures/2025/20250321-pjm-board-response-to-md-governor-moore-letter-regarding-capacity-market-price-cap.pdf>.

The increased capacity costs are a component of Williamsport's Purchased Power Cost Adjustment. Williamsport's annual Purchased Power Cost Adjustment must be approved at a hearing before the Public Service Commission. The hearing was livestreamed on the PULJ Youtube and available at <https://www.youtube.com/@mdpscpljs327/streams>. The case number is 9507(s), and the docket can be viewed at <https://webpscxb.psc.state.md.us/DMS/case/9507>.

If you will have trouble paying your electric bills, you can apply for energy assistance from the Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP). OHEP provides financial assistance to income-eligible households. You can apply for OHEP online or in person at your local OHEP office. You can apply or find more information at <https://dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/>. If you have any questions, you can reach the Department of Human Services customer call center at 1-800-332-6347.

If you would like information on how to save money by making your home more energy-efficient, you can contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at 1-800-756-0119 to see if you qualify for one of their programs. More information can be found at <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Energy-Home-Repair/Pages/default.aspx>