



Standard Service Electric Rates Approved For The First-Half Of 2020

Electric generation rates have been approved by the Public Utility Regulatory Authority for Connecticut's electric distribution companies, Eversource (dba Connecticut Light and Power) and United Illuminating (UI) for standard service effective January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. The new rates were approved by PURA based on auctions for power that concluded in mid-October.

On January 1, 2020, Eversource's standard service generation rate will be increasing from their current 8.123¢ per kilowatt hour (kWh) to 9.41 cents per kWh, an increase of 15.8%. UI's standard service generation rate will increase by approximately 26.4% from its current rate of 8.353 cents per kWh to 10.56 cents per kWh.

For the average Eversource residential customer on standard service that uses 750 kilowatt hours a month, the change will mean a monthly bill increase of \$9.65. UI residential customers on standard service will see a bill increase of about \$16.55 per month.

While these increases in generation rates are substantial, rates approved for the first six months of 2020 are about 0.70 cents per kWh lower than they were for the first half of 2019. The increase of rates for the period containing the winter months is the new norm for the Connecticut energy market as the generation prices are heavily influenced by the strained gas supply due to winter heating.

For most residential customers electric supply charges comprise about 40% of the monthly bill. Other bill components include charges for distribution, transmission, conservation and load management programs, renewable energy project development, and other items.

The electric distribution companies' standard service generation plans are the State's default plans from which customers have the ability to switch to competitive supply options. A list of supplier options is available at <http://www.energizect.com/compare-energy-suppliers/compare-supplier-options>. As always, customers who are considering going on competitive supply should carefully review price, terms, length of contract, enrollment and early termination fees when comparing options. Additionally customers should be extremely careful before entering a contract with a tiered rate that offers a lower price for an initial period and then locks customers into higher rates for an additional period.