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Rising Costs of Utility Services Cause Rate Increases

At East Point Power, we're proud to supply you with the highest quality service in the area at the most economical price. However, East Point Power's wholesale suppliers have raised the cost of power increase effective January 1, 2013. These increases are largely the result of higher costs to comply with a number of environmental regulations, which require upgrades to the power plants. Due to the continuing rate increase from wholesale suppliers, East Point Power has no choice but to pass these cost increases through to our customers by increasing retail rates. Our new rates became effective as of January 7, 2013.



What are these environmental regulations?

Over the years, the federal government has implemented several measures to protect the environment, which in turn help protect our water and air quality. These measures include the following acts:

The Clean Water Act establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters. Water and sewer systems require plant upgrades for elimination of contaminants.

The Clean Air Act defines the EPA's responsibilities for protecting and improving the nation's air quality and the stratospheric ozone layer. In relation to power production, clean air regulations require pollution control investments in coal units resulting in higher electricity costs.

These requirements serve the public purpose of protecting the environment by enhancing air and water quality, but they also mean higher costs to our wholesale suppliers, and therefore to us. Those costs include not only higher operating expenses for water/sewer treatment and for fuel for generating plants, but also significant capital investment costs for pollution control. East Point Power must pass along these higher supply costs to our customers.



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CITY OF EAST POINT - SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN ELECTRIC RATES

YOUR ELECTRIC RATES IN 2012

In 2012, electric consumption was billed based on a seasonal rate structure; summer electric rates were higher than winter electric rates. As a result, residential electric bills were likely to be higher during summer and lower during winter.

KWH USAGE	SUMMER BILL \$	WINTER BILL \$	AVERAGE BILL \$
500	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$62.00
1000	\$124.00	\$108.50	\$116.25
1500	\$194.50	\$151.50	\$173.00
2000	\$265.00	\$194.50	\$229.75



YOUR ELECTRIC RATES IN 2013

Starting with 2013, City Council approved rate consolidation for one rate year-round. This change includes a rate increase due to the rising costs of power that the City pays and environmental mandates by the federal government.

To help residents transition into the new rate, City Council approved a 5 month credit for residential customers which will appear on your utility bill as a "Economic Mitigation Rider". During this 5 month period, the average 1000-kWh user will see a savings of \$11.10 per month.

Including Economic Mitigation Rider credit:

KWH USAGE	BILL \$	AVERAGE BILL \$	CHANGE FROM 2012
500	\$63.65	\$63.65	\$1.65
1000	\$127.30	\$127.30	\$11.05
1500	\$199.45	\$199.45	\$26.45
2000	\$271.60	\$271.60	\$41.85

After Economic Mitigation Rider credit ends:

KWH USAGE	BILL \$	AVERAGE BILL \$	CHANGE FROM 2012
500	\$69.20	\$69.20	\$7.20
1000	\$138.40	\$138.40	\$22.15
1500	\$216.10	\$216.10	\$43.10
2000	\$293.80	\$293.80	\$64.05



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