

Town of Hardwick Electric Department

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES

On March 16, 2009, the Town of Hardwick Electric Department filed a request with the Vermont Public Service Board (Board) for an increase to retail rates of 7.81%. The over-all increase in costs for the Electric Department is due largely to the increased costs of supplying and distributing energy to the consumer. The proposed retail rate increase is to be effective on a service rendered basis beginning April 1, 2009.

To determine the impact on your individual bill, use the present and proposed rates column and your average monthly consumption. For example, a residential customer using an average of 600 kWh a month would calculate his or her bill as follows:

		<u>Present Rates</u>		<u>April 1, 2009 Rates</u>
Customer Charge		\$ 10.97		\$ 11.83
NYPA	100 x .05830	5.83	(00 x .06285	6.28
Year Round kWh	500 x .16589	<u>82.95</u>	500 x .17885	<u>112.22</u>
		\$ 99.75		\$107.53

The Public Service Board has no authority to suspend this rate request. If the Board decides not to open a formal investigation, the rates will take effect April 1, 2009 on a permanent basis. However, if it appears to the Board that the rates may be unreasonable, the Board may order a formal investigation and hearing on the proposed rate changes. Until completion of the formal review by the Board, the increase will be listed as a surcharge on your bill. Any person wishing to comment on the proposed rate change should file his or her views in writing with the Vermont Public Service Board, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05620-2701, or via e-mail to PublicServiceBoard@vtspsb.com by March 16, 2009.

Any interested person may examine the tariff change filing at the office of the Hardwick Electric Department offices, or at the Public Service Board, during normal business hours.

		<u>Present Rates</u>		<u>April 1, 2009 Rates</u>
RESIDENTIAL RATE 01				
Customer Charge		\$ 10.97		\$ 11.83
0-100 kWh NYPA		0.05830		0.06285
+ 100 kWh Year Round		0.16589		0.17885
COMMERCIAL RATE 02				
Customer Charge		\$ 14.46		\$ 15.59
kWh Year Round		0.15732		0.16961
INDUSTRIAL & LARGE COMMERCIAL RATE 03				
Customer Charge		\$ 119.57		\$ 128.91
kWh Year Round		0.09393		0.10127
kW Year Round		15.13		16.31
SEASONAL RATE 04				
Customer Charge for six-month period		\$ 23.54		\$ 25.38
0-300 kWh NYPA		0.05830		0.06285
+ 300 kWh Year Round		0.15732		0.16961
SECURITY LIGHTING RATE 05				
70 Watt Lamp per Month		\$ 9.78		\$ 10.54
100 Watt Lamp per Month		12.70		13.69
175 Watt Lamp per Month		20.02		21.58
400 Watt Lamp per Month		45.43		48.98
STREET LIGHTING RATE 06				
70 Watt Lamp per Month		\$ 7.06		\$ 7.61
400 Watt Lamp per Month		32.83		35.39

HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTIAL RATE 01

AVAILABILITY:

To property in territory served by the Hardwick Electric Department.

APPLICABLE:

To residential customers for all domestic uses in private residences and individual apartments.

RATE:

Billed monthly.

The sum of (1) Customer Charge, plus (2) Energy Charge as follows:

(1) Customer Charge \$11.83 per month

(2) Energy Charge
All Months:

First 100 KWh:	\$0.06285 per month
Over 100 KWh:	\$0.17885 per month

MINIMUM BILL:

The Customer Charge.

PENALTY CHARGE:

There will be a penalty charge of 1% assessed on all account balances over 30 days in arrears.

TERMS:

When bills have not been paid within 30 days, service is subject to discontinuance. Service will be restored at an additional charge and upon payment of \$30.00 during normal working hours, or payment of \$90.00 after regular working hours, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

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RESIDENTIAL RATE 01

EFFECTIVE:

To be effective with service rendered on or after April 1, 2009.

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COMMERCIAL RATE 02

AVAILABILITY:

To property in territory served by the Hardwick Electric Department.

APPLICABLE:

To commercial customers for all commercial lighting and/or power purposes, including lodges, churches, clubs, tourist homes, nursing homes, offices, beauty parlors, stores, shops, schools, gas stations, and restaurants.

RATE:

Billed monthly.

The sum of (1) Customer Charge, plus (2) Energy Charge as follows:

(1) Customer Charge \$15.59 per month

(2) Energy Charge

All Months \$0.16961 per KWH

MINIMUM BILL:

The Customer Charge.

PENALTY CHARGE:

There will be a penalty charge of 1% assessed on all account balances over 30 days in arrears.

TERMS:

When bills have not been paid within 30 days, service is subject to discontinuance. Service will be restored at an additional charge and upon payment of \$30.00 during normal working hours, or payment of \$90.00 after regular working hours, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

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COMMERCIAL RATE 02

EFFECTIVE:

To be effective with service rendered on or after April 1, 2009.

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INDUSTRIAL AND LARGE COMMERCIAL RATE 03

AVAILABILITY:

To property in territory served by the Hardwick Electric Department.

APPLICABLE:

To industrial and large commercial customers with demand requirements of 30 kilowatts or more at available voltage. Where single-phase voltage cannot be supplied from the same transformer bank, lighting and other single-phase service will be supplied and metered separately under Commercial Schedule 02.

RATE:

Billed monthly.

The monthly bill shall consist of:

- (1) Customer Charge, plus
- (2) Demand Charge, plus
- (3) Energy Charge as follows:

(1) Customer Charge \$128.91 per month

(2) Demand Charge - the highest of

- (a) For all kW used during the month @ \$16.31 per kW
- (b) 80% highest kW previous 11 months@ \$16.31 per kW

(3) Energy Charge

All Months \$0.10127per kWh

MINIMUM BILL:

The Customer Charge, plus the Demand Charge.

PENALTY CHARGE:

There will be a penalty charge of 1% assessed on all account balances over 30 days in arrears.

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INDUSTRIAL AND LARGE COMMERCIAL RATE 03

TERMS:

When bills have not been paid within 30 days, service is subject to discontinuance. Service will be restored at an additional charge and upon payment of \$30.00 during normal working hours, or payment of \$90.00 after regular working hours, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

EFFECTIVE:

To be effective with service rendered on or after April 1, 2009.

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SEASONAL RATE 04

AVAILABILITY:

To property in territory served by the Hardwick Electric Department.

APPLICABLE:

For domestic use in summer homes and cottages where the average consumption of electricity for the six winter months (November through April) does not exceed 300 kwh per month.

BILLING PERIODS:

This tariff shall have two billing periods. The usage for the six winter months (November 1 to April 30) shall be billed on or about May 1 of each year. The usage for the six summer months (May 1 through October 31) shall be billed on or about November 1 of each year.

RATE:

The sum of (1) Customer Charge, plus (2) Energy Charge(s) as follows:

(1) Customer Charge

Per Billing period	\$25.38
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(2) Energy Charge

Per Billing Period:

First 300 KWH	\$0.06285per KWH
All KWH over 300	\$0.16961 per KWH

MINIMUM BILL:

The Customer Charge.

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SEASONAL RATE 04

PENALTY CHARGE:

There will be a penalty charge of 1% assessed on all account balances over 30 days in arrears.

TERMS:

When bills have not been paid within 30 days, service is subject to discontinuance. Service will be restored at an additional charge and upon payment of \$30.00 during normal working hours, or payment of \$90.00 after regular working hours, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

EFFECTIVE:

To be effective with service rendered on or after April 1, 2009.

HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

SECURITY LIGHTING RATE 05

AVAILABILITY:

To property in territory served by the Hardwick Electric Department.

APPLICABLE:

To lighting service sold for outdoor security lighting supplied from the existing overhead secondary distribution system. This schedule does not apply to street and highway lighting. Existing mercury vapor security lighting will be served on a restricted basis. Existing mercury vapor fixtures will be replaced at the end of their useful life with 70 watt high pressure sodium fixtures. The Hardwick Electric Department will be sole judge as to the end of their useful life. Any deviation from the standard 70 Watt HPS lighting will be at the sole discretion of the Hardwick Electric Department.

RATE:

Billed monthly.

High Pressure <u>Sodium</u>	Upsweep Arm <u>Size (Feet)</u>	Monthly <u>Charge</u>
Watts Lumens		
70	4	\$10.54
100	4	\$13.69
175	4	\$21.58
400	4	\$48.98

PENALTY CHARGE:

There will be a penalty charge of 1% assessed on all account balances over 30 days in arrears.

TERMS:

Service will be supplied on an annual basis. All additional construction required will be accomplished at customer expense. Relocations requested by the customer will be made at customer expense. The Electric Department will replace burned out lamps upon notification and only during normal working hours.

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SECURITY LIGHTING RATE 05

When bills have not been paid within 30 days, service is subject to discontinuance. Service will be restored at an additional charge and upon payment of \$30.00 during normal working hours, or payment of \$90.00 after regular working hours, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The Electric Department reserves the right to meter a representative individual lamp and render a monthly bill based on the monthly reading multiplied by the number of fixtures in service.

EFFECTIVE:

To be effective with service rendered on or after April 1, 2009.

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STREET LIGHTING RATE 06

AVAILABILITY:

To be available for street lighting purposes and billed to the appropriate municipality, village, town, governmental unit and unincorporated community within the Hardwick Electric Department ("HED") service territory for HED-owned or Customer-owned street lighting equipment. Mercury vapor street lighting is not available for new installation and will be replaced at the end of its useful life with lighting determined to be appropriate by HED and billed to the customer at the charges set forth below.

TERMS:

Service will be supplied on an annual basis. Relocations requested by the customer will be made at customer expense. The Electric Department will replace burned out lamps during normal working hours. The Electric Department reserves the right to meter a representative individual lamp and render a monthly bill based on the monthly reading multiplied by the number of fixtures in service.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Street lights which are photo-cell controlled shall be operated from one-half hour after sunset until one-half-hour before sunrise, a total of approximately 4,294 hours each year.

HED-OWNED STREET LIGHT EQUIPMENT ON HED POLES:

MONTHLY RATE: (Payable in U.S. Currency)

<u>High Pressure Sodium</u>	<u>Upsweep Arm Size (Feet)</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
Watts		
70	4	\$ 7.61
400	4	\$35.39
<u>LED Lighting</u>		

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STREET LIGHTING RATE 06

53 Watt

\$ 7.26

HED reserves the sole right to determine the end of a street lighting fixture's useful life.

CUSTOMER-OWNED STREET LIGHT EQUIPMENT ON CUSTOMER-OWNED POLES

On Customer owned poles, 1) the Customer will furnish and install all poles and associated equipment either overhead or underground with specifications subject to HED's prior approval or 2) the Customer may request HED to install, in compliance with HED standards, all poles and associated equipment based on a time and material bid price. All equipment must be photo-cell controlled. The Customer shall be responsible for maintaining the Customer-owned portion of the streetlight system.

HED will supply unmetered electric energy for Customer-owned outdoor photo cell controlled street lighting equipment (based on 4,294 hours of operation per year) at the rates set forth below. The monthly kWh for photo-cell controlled lighting equipment is based on the total nominal wattage of the equipment, multiplied by the annual estimated hours of operation, divided by 12 months to determine an average monthly kWh use. A customer must complete an application providing the type of light(s), total wattage of each type of light, number of each type of light being installed and general specifications, instructions, dimensions, etc. that apply to the equipment. No billing adjustments will be made for individual service outages. The Customer is responsible to provide proper and timely maintenance to ensure that photovoltaic cell controls operate properly and equipment is maintained to minimize outage time. HED reserves the right to discontinue service upon notice under this rate if the system is not properly maintained.

MONTHLY SERVICE RATE: (Payable in U.S. Currency)

MONTHLY ENERGY RATE

\$0.12290 per kWh (based on the average monthly kWh use described above)

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CUSTOMER-OWNED STREET LIGHT EQUIPMENT ON UTILITY-OWNED POLES

A customer requesting installation of customer-owned lighting on Hardwick-owned poles shall supply all equipment specifications for Hardwick approval prior to purchase and installation. Hardwick, or Hardwick designated contractor, shall install customer owned lighting systems on Hardwick poles at the customer's expense. Installation charges shall be on an actual time and materials basis during normal business hours. The customer is responsible for providing all of the lighting equipment and appurtenances required to install the fixtures on the poles. Hardwick will maintain customer owned lighting systems on Hardwick poles on an actual time and materials basis. The customer is responsible for supplying all necessary materials, including any required inventory, as Hardwick does not stock material for customer owned systems. Hardwick shall own and maintain all poles, wires, and other equipment and apparatus necessary for supplying voltage to customer owned lighting systems on Hardwick poles.

Hardwick will supply unmetered electric energy for Customer-owned outdoor photo cell controlled street lighting equipment (based on 4,294 hours of operation per year) at the rates set forth below. The monthly kWh for photo-cell controlled lighting equipment is based on the total nominal wattage of the equipment, multiplied by the annual estimated hours of operation, divided by 12 months to determine an average monthly kWh use. A customer must complete an application providing the type of light(s), total wattage of each type of light, number of each type of light being installed and general specifications, instructions, dimensions, etc. that apply to the equipment. No billing adjustments will be made for individual service outages. Hardwick will provide proper and timely maintenance to ensure that photovoltaic cell controls operate properly and equipment is maintained to minimize outage time at the Customer's cost..

If lighting equipment owned by the customer must be replaced as a result of vandalism, accident or any other cause, the customer shall pay to Hardwick the cost of removal of the existing equipment and the cost of replacement equipment including installation costs. The customer shall provide necessary materials and pay for labor and other costs necessary for maintenance and repairs above and beyond lamp and photo cell maintenance, including repairs and/or the replacement of damaged lighting equipment, regardless of the cause, nature or extent of physical damage. The customer agrees to hold Hardwick harmless from any damage or injury relating to the customer owned equipment.

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STREET LIGHTING RATE 06

MONTHLY SERVICE RATE: (Payable in U.S. Currency)

MONTHLY ENERGY RATE

\$0.12290 per kWh (based on the average monthly kWh use described above)

CUSTOMER REQUESTED CONVERSION OF EXISTING STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE.

Hardwick shall have the right to require those Customers requesting modification or replacement of existing Street Lighting Equipment with alternative equipment or services to reimburse Hardwick for the un-depreciated cost of the equipment being converted or replaced, plus all costs, including make-ready costs, not recovered in the monthly charge for the alternative lighting or service. Reimbursement shall take place prior to conversion or removal of existing equipment. For purposes of this rate, LED street lighting and replacement of Hardwick-owned lighting with customer-owned lighting on Hardwick poles shall be considered to be alternative lighting equipment.

BILLING AND PAYMENT:

The above rates are net, billed monthly and payable upon presentation of bill. Such other terms and conditions of the Hardwick Electric Department, in effect from time to time, are a part of this rate. When not paid by the due date, which will be 30 days from date of the bill, service is subject to disconnection. All bills will be rendered in the name of the property owner, unless service is requested in the tenant's name. This schedule is subject to all Federal, State or local taxes legally assessed.

PENALTY CHARGE:

A penalty charge of 1% shall be assessed on delinquent balances. An amount will be considered delinquent if not paid by the due date shown on the bill.

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STREET LIGHTING RATE 06

EFFECTIVE:

To be effective with service rendered on or after October 1, 2011.