Understanding CenterPoint Energy charges
on your retail electric provider's bill

When you receive your electric bill each month from your retail electric provider (REP), you may see charges related to CenterPoint Energy.

These charges may appear on your bill as a:

- **TDSP** (Transmission and Distribution Service Provider) charge
- **TDU** (Transmission and Distribution Utility) charge
- **CenterPoint Energy charge** (such as "Delivery Charge")

— the name of this charge is different for each REP.

Each REP includes a **Delivery Charge** on their electric bill but they are not required to outline the Delivery Charge breakdown. The Delivery Charge includes fixed charges—a **base meter charge** and a **base customer charge**—which are both standard charges applied to all active residential customers.

What's included in the Delivery Charge?

Base Meter Charge

The Base Meter Charge covers the costs associated with gathering usage data from the meter and other meter costs, including any costs associated with:

- Testing
- Replacing
- Installing or removing the meter

The base meter charge is $2.79 per meter each month.*

Base Customer Charge

The Base Customer Charge covers CenterPoint's costs for customer service activities, including costs associated with:

- Submitting billing data to your REP
- Call center staffing
- Customer educational resources
- Programming for public safety and community support

The base customer charge is $2.11 per customer each month.*

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In addition to the fixed rates on your bill, your **Delivery Charge** includes various **volumetric rates** approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT). These items are charged per kilowatt-hour (kWh), meaning the amount of each will change from month-to-month, depending on how much or how little electricity is used in your billing cycle.

Here's a breakdown of these charges:

Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF)

The TCRF is a charge that recovers the costs associated with building, maintaining and upgrading high-voltage power lines, substations and other related equipment that make up the Texas high-voltage transmission system. This charge recovers only the costs associated with the transmission system. CenterPoint may not markup or profit from this charge. This charge is adjusted twice a year in March and September to reflect fluctuating changes in these transportation costs.

Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF)

The DCRF allows CenterPoint to adjust customer rates to recover costs for capital investments in the electric distribution system, such as replacing aging infrastructure and improving grid resiliency. This is an interim rate adjustment that is filed with and approved by the PUCT, allowing CenterPoint to update rates between full, comprehensive rate cases.

Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF)

CenterPoint recovers the costs of its approved annual energy efficiency programs with this annual charge. This factor helps fund the company's initiatives that promote energy conservation and encourage the efficient use of electricity.

Nuclear Decommissioning Charge (NDC)

The NDC charge collects funds for the future shutdown and cleanup of Units 1 and 2 of the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station ("STP") nuclear power plant. The funds collected are set aside over time to cover the long-term costs associated with decommissioning these facilities. CenterPoint is the Collecting Utility for the 30.8% Trust of Constellation Energy Generation LLC.

Base Distribution

The Base Distribution charge covers the costs of delivering electricity from a transmission substation, through our distribution system, to retail customers.

Temporary Emergency Electric Energy Facilities (TEEEF)

This is a temporary charge designed to recover the cost of leasing and operating temporary emergency electric energy facilities (i.e., power generators) used to shorten power interruptions that may occur following significant weather events which cause damage to CenterPoint's distribution system or periods of electricity scarcity in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) market.

Rate Case Expense (RCE)

The PUCT requires CenterPoint to file a rate case — formal legal proceeding — every four years to seek approval for potential rate adjustments. The RCE covers the costs of the process, such as legal fees and expert testimony, and is typically a temporary charge on customer bills that is collected over a set period.

To learn more about how these recovery charges support resiliency and reliability efforts throughout the Greater Houston area, visit **CenterPointEnergy.com/TakingAction.**

For a complete list of CenterPoint Energy's Houston Electric rates and tariffs, please visit our online resource at **https://www.centerpointenergy.com/en-us/corporate/about-us/rates-tariffs**

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