

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

- (A) **Advanced metering charge** - A charge assessed to recover a TDU's charges for Advanced Metering Systems, to the extent that they are not recovered in a TDU's standard metering charge. Acceptable abbreviation: Advanced Meter.
- (B) **Base Charge** - A charge assessed during each billing cycle without regard to the customer's demand or energy consumption.
- (C) **Competition Transition Charge** - A charge assessed to recover a TDU's charges for non-securitized costs associated with the transition to competition. Acceptable abbreviation: Competition Transition.
- (D) **Demand Charge** - A charge based on the rate at which electric energy is delivered to or by a system at a given instant, or averaged over a designated period, during the billing cycle.
- (E) **Energy Charge** - A charge based on the electric energy (kWh) consumed.
- (F) **Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor** - A charge assessed to recover a TDU's costs for energy efficiency programs, to the extent that the TDU charge is a separate charge exclusively for that purpose that is approved by the Public Utility Commission. Acceptable abbreviation: Energy Efficiency.
- (G) **kW** - Kilowatt, the standard unit for measuring electricity demand, equal to 1,000 watts.
- (H) **kWh** - Kilowatt-hour, the standard unit for measuring electricity energy consumption, equal to 1,000 watt-hours.
- (I) **Late Payment Penalty** - A charge assessed for late payment in accordance with Public Utility Commission rules.
- (J) **Meter Charge** - A charge assessed to recover a TDU's charges for metering a customer's consumption, to the extent that the TDU charge is a separate charge exclusively for that purpose that is approved by the Public Utility Commission.
- (K) **Miscellaneous Gross Receipts Tax Reimbursement** - A fee assessed to recover the miscellaneous gross receipts tax imposed on retail electric providers operating in an incorporated city or town having a population of more than 1,000. Acceptable abbreviation: Gross Receipts Reimb.
- (L) **Nuclear Decommissioning Fee** - A charge assessed to recover a TDU's charges for decommissioning of nuclear-generating sites. Acceptable abbreviation: Nuclear Decommission.
- (M) **PUC Assessment Reimbursement** - A fee assessed to recover the statutory fee for administering the Public Utility Regulatory Act.
- (N) **Sales tax** - Sales tax collected by authorized taxing authorities, such as the state, cities, and special purpose districts.
- (O) **Taxes** - Taxes imposed on energy and utility charges and remitted to taxing entities.
- (P) **TDU Delivery Charges** - The total amounts assessed by a TDU for the delivery of electricity to a customer over poles and wires and other TDU facilities not including discretionary charges.
- (Q) **Transmission Distribution Surcharges** - One or more TDU surcharge(s) on a customer's bill in any combination. Surcharges include charges billed as tariff riders by the TDU. Acceptable abbreviation: TDU Surcharges.

(R) **Transition Charge** - A charge assessed to recover a TDU's charges for securitized costs associated with the transition to competition.