

2025 CMLP Electric Rates

Most of Concord Municipal Light's electric rates are changing effective with the January 2025 bills.

Why are rates changing?

CMLP charges electric customers what it costs to buy electricity and operate the distribution grid in Concord. The market price for electricity fluctuates while distribution costs generally increase with inflation. Each year CMLP sets new rates that are designed to recoup these costs.

In 2025 the cost to produce electricity is expected to decline by almost \$1 million dollars, due in part to lower natural gas prices from a warm winter last year and a warm start to this winter. CMLP's fixed costs are down as well by about \$300,000. Capacity costs are largely unchanged. The cost to transmit power, however, is expected to increase significantly by \$1.5 million. As new sources of generation are added to the grid, transmission facilities must be built to bring the new sources to the load centers. The independent New England system operator of the electric grid, the not-for-profit corporation responsible for keeping electricity flowing across the six New England states, determines transmission rates under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's oversight.

Other factors affecting the cost to customers are a need to trim trees in Town this year; an increase in salaries resulting from the Town's annual pay plan and Personnel Board approved merit and equity adjustments; and planned debt and interest payments for solar and energy storage at the middle school, which was voted by Town Meeting in 2023.

What changes will customers see?

The average residential and small commercial customer can expect to pay about \$9.23 more per month – a 5% increase. Those using less than the average amount of electricity will see smaller increases of 2.5 to 4.5%.

A customer with separately metered electric thermal storage usage of 3,000 kilowatt hours per month will see a 4.6% increase in their monthly electric bill. The following rates are remaining unchanged: the controlled water heating rider, residential farm rider, net metering with banking rate, and residential assistance rider.

Both medium and large commercial customers can expect to see about a 4.5% to 5% increase in their monthly bill.

Residential Rate Comparison 2025 vs. 2024



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1/1/2024 1/1/2025

	RES-R-1		Change
	1/1/2024	1/1/2025	
Meter Charge \$/mo	\$18.50	\$20.00	\$1.50
Energy \$/kWh	\$0.08792	\$0.08393	(\$0.0040)
Distribution \$/kWh	\$0.06182	\$0.06561	\$0.0038
Capacity Charges			
1st 657	\$0.04116	\$0.05619	\$0.0150
Next 178	\$0.05353	\$0.06928	\$0.0157
>835	\$0.07725	\$0.09445	\$0.0172
Power Cost Adjustment	\$0.00000	(\$0.0040)	(\$0.0040)
Total volumetric \$/kWh			
1st 657	\$0.19091	\$0.20173	\$0.0108
Next 178	\$0.20328	\$0.21482	\$0.0115
>835	\$0.22699	\$0.23999	\$0.0130

Residential Bill Comparison 2025 vs. 2024

Sample R-1 2025 Bill with average usage of 835 kWh per month

Line Item	kWh	\$/kWh	\$	Change
Service Charge			\$20.00	↑ \$1.50
Underground Surcharge			\$2.83	↑ \$0.13
Capacity And Transmission	657 kWh	\$0.05619	\$36.92	↑ \$9.88
	178 kWh	\$0.06928	\$12.33	↑ \$2.80
	0 kWh	\$0.09445	\$0.00	
Distribution Charge	835kWh	\$0.06561	\$54.78	↑ \$3.16
Energy Charge	835 kWh	\$0.08393	\$70.08	↓ \$3.33
Power Cost Adjustment	835 kWh	-\$0.00400	-\$3.34	↓ \$3.34
NYPA Power Cost Adjustment	75 kWh	-\$0.02500	-\$1.88	↓ \$1.58/month
Electric Service Subtotal			\$191.73	↑ \$9.23