

Municipal Electric Districts in Maine

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Rate Comparisons For MEW

Take a look at MEW's current "all-in" electric rates per kilowatt hour versus the average all-in rates of other New England states.

Region/State	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
	Jan-07	Jan-07	Jan-07
New England (Average)	16.88¢	15.1¢	13.65¢
Connecticut	18.19¢	15.89¢	13.88¢
Maine	14.08¢	13.41¢	13.16¢
Massachusetts	17.94¢	15.79¢	14.55¢
New Hampshire	14.93¢	13.54¢	14.9¢
Rhode Island	13.87¢	12.66¢	12.23¢
Vermont	13.71¢	12.1¢	8.73¢
Madison Electric	8.1¢	8.1¢	5.1¢

Source: Energy Information Administration and www.madisonbusinessgateway.com/power/index.php

Comparing Rates Within Maine

Let's compare MEW's current rates with the rates of those of Maine's two largest for-profit utilities – Central Maine Power (CMP) and Bangor Hydro-Electric.

Utility	Delivery Rate	Supply Rate (aka Standard Offer)	Total kWh Rate
CMP	6.4581¢	8.7994¢	15.2575¢
Bangor Hydro	8.521¢	9.0121¢	17.5331¢
Madison Electric	3.3¢	4.57¢	7.87¢

Source: Maine Public Advocate's Office and www.madisonbusinessgateway.com/power/index.php

Non-Profit Utility = More Profit for Your Business

Since the Town of Madison owns MEW, it operates as a municipally owned, non-profit utility. The term “non-profit” is the key to how MEW can reduce your business’s electricity rates.

When designing a rate, for-profit providers must take their shareholder’s wishes and sales goals into consideration. They have to account for adequate profit margins in the electric rate your business pays per kilowatt hour.

Since profit margins do not figure into MEW’s rate equation, they can design rates that cover the cost to serve. Local businesses and customers benefit from these savings.

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Lower Delivery Rates - Always

Your electric bill is divided into two parts – standard offer rates and delivery rates. Standard offer rates are based on the current cost of energy. Delivery rates reflect the cost it takes to ‘deliver’ the energy to your location. Local utilities, such as MEW, determine these rates.

For-profit utilities add their desired profit margin into their delivery rates. Since MEW has no desired profit margin, they can pass this advantage along to your business in the form of reduced costs.

Even as the cost of energy rises and standard offer rates rise along with it, MEW will always have the ability to offer your company competitive delivery rates thanks to its non-profit status.

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