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Your electricity supply pricing just changed

Do you buy your electricity from one of these utilities? If so, your electricity price (Standard Offer Service or SOS) has changed. Learn what you have been paying versus the price you will now be paying June-September 2023.

[Learn more about SOS here](#)

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WHAT IS STANDARD OFFER SERVICE PRICING?

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STANDARD OFFER SERVICE (SOS)

price is the electricity supply price that electric utility companies charge a customer who does not choose an alternative retail electricity supplier.

HOW IS THE SOS PRICE SET?

	Old pricing ending May 31	New pricing starting June 1
BGE	\$0.09787 kWh	\$0.09915 kWh
Delmarva Power	\$0.0929 kWh	\$0.09953 kWh
Pepco	\$0.0992 kWh	\$0.09334 kWh
Potomac Edison	\$0.06537 kWh	\$0.08910 kWh

Utility companies purchase SOS electricity from wholesale suppliers in a competitive bidding process regulated by the Public Service Commission. Contracts are awarded to the lowest bidders. This happens twice a year. Your utility company provides information on the SOS price for the different time periods including summer months, winter months, and a weighted annual average price.

Do you qualify for a medical certification form?

If someone in your home has a serious illness or uses medical equipment, you might consider getting a medical certification form filled out by your medical professional. There are benefits of having this form on file with your utility such as a possible turn-off extension, certain winter protections, and weather-related emergency preparedness.

[Watch this short video to learn more](#)

CERTIFICATION OF SERIOUS ILLNESS OR LIFE SUPPORT AND/OR PERMISSION FOR UTILITY TO RELEASE CONTACT INFORMATION IN A WEATHER-RELATED EMERGENCY

This is to certify that _____ is a resident at:
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Relationship to Customer: _____
Utility Account Number: _____

Note: This form consists of two sections which provide different notices/approvals. You may complete and submit either or both sections as applicable, to your utility company.

SECTION ONE: Certification of Serious Illness or Life Support
THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER ONLY.

I hereby certify that termination of electric and/or gas service will either (check applicable box or boxes):

☐ Aggravate an existing serious illness¹
or
☐ Prevent the use of life support equipment by the person named above²

Physician or Certified Nurse Practitioner's Name _____ (Please print)
Title: _____
License No. _____
Address: _____
Office Number: _____ Fax Number: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Physician or Certified Nurse Practitioner's Signature: _____

PLEASE NOTE:
Within 30 days of submitting this certificate, you must enter into an agreement with your utility for the payment of unpaid and current bills to continue service.

¹ "Serious illness" means an illness certified by a licensed physician to the such that termination of service during the period of time covered by the certificate would be expected to threaten the health of the person certified to be seriously ill.
² "Life support equipment" means any electric or gas energy using device certified by a licensed physician as being essential to prevent, or to provide relief from, a serious illness or to sustain the life of the customer or an occupant of the premises.

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Learn how to save money on your gas and electric bills



How to lower your gas and electric bills

Join the Office of People's Counsel in this summer series of 20-minute webinars that will provide you with resources on how to lower your gas and electric bills. **Sign up for one or all of our upcoming free courses.**

July 12 & July 18
12 Noon & 6 PM

Keep your lights on! Learn what to do if you fall behind. We will talk about how to lower and get help paying your gas and electric bill.

July 20
12 Noon

Do a deep dive into the OHEP energy assistance application. Join OPC and the Director of OHEP to review the application and documents you need.

August 8
1 PM

Are you paying too much for your gas and electric? Join OPC and the Director of CAD to find out if you have a retail supplier and how to file a complaint.

August 29
12 Noon

There are free and low-cost programs to make your home more energy efficient & save you money. Are you getting these benefits?



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BGE's proposed multi-year rate plan will impact your bill



Each time a regulated utility company wants to increase the price it charges for distributing electricity or natural gas, the company files an application with the Public Service Commission (PSC). In February 2023, BGE filed an application for its second *multi-year* rate plan. The multi-year plan requests PSC approval of a series of rate increases over three years, from 2024-2026.

Compared to a standard rate case, a multi-year rate plan fundamentally changes how rates are set. In a multi-year rate case, rates are based on projected spending, with little accountability.

Multi-year rate cases have significant customer impacts. Among their many other differences from standard rate cases, they allow utilities to charge customers for the costs of projects *before* those projects are used to serve customers.

Check out OPC's consumer guide for more information on the significant customer impacts of Baltimore Gas & Electric's first multi-year rate plan and to learn how its proposed second multi-year rate plan would impact your gas and electric bills.

[Check out OPC's consumer guide to learn how BGE's proposed plan will impact your bill.](#)

For questions or assistance, contact Brandi Nieland, Director of Consumer Assistance at brandi.nieland@maryland.gov.

Your People's Counsel is David S. Lapp. Our team is here to help and advocate for you. We represent Maryland residential customers before the Public Service Commission and federal agencies, and we provide you assistance dealing with your utility issues, including affordable and reliable service.

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