



## Rising Energy Costs Prompt PCRF Adjustments for Upcoming Bills

The primary driver for wholesale electricity prices in Texas is the natural gas market. There are many factors affecting gas prices, from global conflicts and politics to demand and export capacity. As of May, natural gas prices were up 180% and the statewide average for electricity was up 43% year over year.

Amid this historic inflation and economic turmoil, we have done our best to keep costs down and minimize the impact of rising energy markets on FCEC members' monthly electricity bills.

Unfortunately, wholesale electricity costs have reached a point at which we are not able to absorb the increases and we must pass on the additional costs to members. Members will see this as an increase in the Power Cost Recovery Factor on upcoming bills.

We currently anticipate an additional \$0.02 (two cents) per kWh increase for the remainder of 2022.

For a typical summer usage billing cycle of 1,000 kWh bill and the \$25 monthly availability charge, this will result in a total effective rate of \$0.1645 per kWh. This compares favorably with statewide electric rate averages, which have risen over 70% in the past 12 months to \$0.1880 per kWh as of June 2022 (Source: The Dallas Morning News via Powertochoose.com).

The energy market is very volatile right now, and we will be monitoring and adjusting as market conditions change.

During this time, any efforts to reduce energy consumption will be even more beneficial, both on your bill and to the co-op.

NATURAL GAS	FCEC EFFECTIVE RATE	AVERAGE TEXAS RATE
MAY 2021 - MAY 2022	1,000 KWH WITH \$0.0257/KWH PCRF	12 MONTH CONTRACTS – JUNE 2022
<b>UP 180%</b>	<b>\$0.1645</b>	<b>\$0.1880</b>

Energy Saving Resources (Links)

Energy.gov Energy Saver Page <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver>

Energy.gov spring/summer tips <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/spring-and-summer-energy-saving-tips>

Touchstone Energy Adventure <https://adventure.touchstoneenergy.com/onboarding>

Texas Co-op Power Energy Efficiency Section <https://texascoopower.com/energy/efficiency/>