

Benson Municipal Utility's Load Management

The City operates a Load Management System that interrupts certain loads in order to manage the peak demand. By managing the peak demand, the Utility is able to control its cost of power and maintain lower rates for all of its customers. Every effort is made to manage loads with the least possible inconvenience to the customer.

The Utility's Rate Ordinance mandates certain loads to be managed and identifies other loads that may be managed at the option of the Utility. The following five types of loads are subject to management:

1. **Residential Hot Water Heating:**

All residential hot water heaters at the option of the Utility shall be under Load Management.

2. **Residential Central Air Conditioning:**

All residential central air conditioning shall be under Load Management and the City reserves the right to interrupt the power as a condition of the sale.

3. **Residential Individual Unit Air Conditioning:**

The City reserves the right to mandate Load Management on individual air conditioning units.

4. **Commercial Air Conditioning:**

The City reserves the right to place any commercial air conditioning under Load Management as a condition of the sale of electricity.

5. **Interruptible Contracts:**

All electrical power that is subject to individual interruptible contracts under the interruptible rate shall be placed under Load Management.

Storm Sewer Rates

Base Rate per Residential Equivalency
Factor (REF).....\$2.00

*Residential Charge = 1 REF x Base Rate

*Non-Residential Charge = 9 REF x Base Rate x
Parcel Acreage

Sewer Rates

Minimum Charge:
\$38.75 per month

Unit Sewer Service Charge:
\$7.75 per 100 cu. ft. (one unit) of water usage

Note: Residential service charges are based on the Jan - March water usage. Bills received on or about May 1st reflect the newly calculated monthly service charge. This amount will remain constant for the next twelve months.

Water Rates

RESIDENTIAL

Service Charge..... \$26.00 per month

Consumption:

0-3 units \$2.30 per 100 cu. ft.
4-7 units \$2.55 per 100 cu. ft.
Over 7 units \$2.80 per 100 cu. ft.

COMMERCIAL

Service Charges:

5/8" - 1" meter \$32.00 per month
1 1/4" - 2" meter \$44.00 per month
Larger than 2" meter \$76.00 per month

Consumption \$2.55 per 100 cu. ft.

Note: All water meters are read and billed monthly. Meters will be estimated if readings are not received. All water is billed in units of 100 cu. ft. which is equal to approximately 750 gallons.

Garbage Cart Rates

Service Charge:

35 Gallon Cart - \$11.00 per month
64 Gallon Cart - \$14.00 per month
96 Gallon Cart - \$19.00 per month

This includes a weekly pick up service

BENSON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

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RATE SCHEDULE

General Information

Utility bills consist of electricity, water, sewer, storm water and garbage charges. Rental property may not be responsible for all charges. Electric and water meters are read around the 20th of each month by the Utility. Bills are mailed out on the first of each month and are due by the 15th. A 1.5% late penalty will be applied to all amounts outstanding after the 15th. Disconnection notices may be issued to accounts that are over 2 months old. After disconnection, the customer will pay a \$75 hook-up fee before electricity is restored.

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Residential

Availability

Available for single phase residential service not exceeding a 400 amp service furnished through one meter and subject to the established rules and regulations of the City.

Character of Service

Single phase, 60 hertz at 120/240 volts.

Monthly Rates:

Customer Charge - \$12.50

Energy Charge per KWH - \$.09

Controlled Water Heating Credit

All electrical water heaters at the option of the Utility shall be controlled. Where an individual contract is in force between the customer and the Utility under the interruptible rate, the customer will receive its water heating power at the interruptible rate. All other customers having electric water heaters will receive a credit of \$4.00 per month except that such credit shall not exceed the energy charges for any individual month.

Commercial Service

Availability

Available to any customer for general service through one meter where monthly kilowatt hour use has not exceeded 6000 kilowatt hours in each of the two successive monthly billing periods in the past twelve months and subject to the established rules and regulations of the City.

Character of Service

Single phase or three phase, 60 hertz, available secondary voltages in the area.

Monthly Rates:

Customer Charge Single Phase - \$16.50

Customer Charge Three Phase - \$24.00

Energy Charge per KWH - \$.092

Large Power

Availability

Available to any non-residential customer for general service through one meter where monthly peak demand is equal to or exceeds 25 KW in any two or more monthly billing periods during the prior twelve months and subject to the rules and regulations of the City.

Character of Service

Three phase, 60 hertz, at available voltages.

Monthly Rates:

Customer Charge - \$45.00

Demand Charge per KW Demand - \$14.00

Energy Charge per KWH - \$.039

Billing Demand and Power Factor Adjustment

The Billing Demand for the month shall be the maximum recorded 15 minute integrated demand in kilowatts adjusted, at the option of the City, to reflect the average power factor differing from 90 percent lagging. The Billing Demand shall be computed by multiplying the maximum measured kilowatts of demand by 90 and dividing the result by the average actual power factor for the month. No credit is given for leading power factor. The average power factor at the option of the City may be determined by any of the instruments and methods standard for this purpose.

Security Lighting

Availability

Available to all customers for security lighting and limited to light fixtures as identified under monthly rate.

Character of Service

Provide all energy and maintenance.

Monthly Rates:

100 Watt - \$6.25

150 Watt - \$7.75

250 Watt - \$12.40

400 Watt - \$15.50

1000 Watt - \$29.00

LED 23 Watt - \$12.40

Interruptible Rate

Availability

Available to customers taking service concurrently under another rate schedule. This rate is for interruptible service which is remotely controlled by the City Electric Utility.

Character of Service

Single phase or three phase, 60 hertz, at available secondary voltage. Service under this schedule will be available at all times except when interrupted by the Utility during times of peak system demand or system emergencies. Individual contracts will be required between the customer and the City for this service. The individual contracts will spell out the type of load that is allowed and, if applicable, the limited amount of hours that the City will interrupt. One condition of the individual contracts will be that the customer will hold the City harmless for any damage to their property caused by load management interruption of service.

Energy Charge:

\$.047 per KWH

Power Adjustment Clause

All Classes of Service

The rate charged each customer shall be increased or decreased by one mill per kilowatt hour for each mill or major fraction thereof by which the City's average cost of power purchased and transported exceeds or is less than 50 mills per kilowatt hour.

The average cost of power purchased is defined as the total cost of power purchased plus the cost of wheeling to the City limits divided by the amount of power purchased during the same time period. The amount of power purchased will be adjusted for line loss. The line loss will be determined by the ratio of the power purchased and generated to the power sold during the preceding calendar year.