College Station Residential Rate

What are you paying for?

APPLICABILITY:

This rate applies to electric service for single-family dwellings and single metered apartment units which are located inside the BTU service area and within the city limits of College Station.

	All Monthly Charges
Availability Charge	$11.00
Consumption Charge	$0.0485/kWh
Power Cost Recovery Charge (PCRC)	$0.0381/kWh
Transmission Cost Recovery Charge (TCRC)	$0.0161/kWh
College Station Franchise Fee	5% of the total monthly bill

AVAILABILITY CHARGE:

This charge is a fixed fee that helps cover the cost of providing essential services, regardless of how much electricity you use. It covers administrative and customer-related expenses such as:

- Costs for maintaining and operating the meters that track electricity usage.
- Administrative costs related to generating bills and handling customer inquiries.
- Expenses related to meeting safety, environmental, and legal requirements.

CONSUMPTION CHARGE:

This charge is typically referred to as the “Base Charge”. This is the cost of infrastructure, maintenance, and delivery of power. This fee covers the costs of delivering the electricity from the power plant to the customer’s home or business.

POWER COST RECOVERY CHARGE:

This charge covers the cost of the fuel BTU uses to generate electricity or the cost to purchase electricity from other sources. It’s a variable charge, reflecting changes in economic conditions, and is passed directly one-for-one to customers. Calculated on a per kilowatt-hour (kWh) basis of usage, this charge may be adjusted based on market prices and other factors.

TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY CHARGE:

This charge recovers BTU’s full cost of Transmission Cost of Service (TCOS) rates as established on an annual basis by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas. TCOS reflects the utility’s expenses for maintaining access to the regional transmission system where electricity travels over high-voltage power lines from generation sources to local distribution networks. All utilities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) system pay TCOS. It is a pass-through charge, that ensures reliable power delivery to all of BTU’s customers.

COLLEGE STATION FRANCHISE FEE EXPLANATION:

This fee can be considered the rent or reimbursement that BTU pays the city of College Station for the use of College Station's public rights-of-way. It's used to accommodate utility infrastructure that BTU places inside College Station's property or easements. This is a common fee structure for municipalities to impose on utilities that operate in their territory.