

Explanation of Current Charges



Natural Gas Bill

CCF - The unit of energy used to measure natural gas, equal to 100 cubic feet of gas.

Customer Charge - This monthly charge helps cover administrative costs related to your service, like managing billing. This charge applies even if you do not have any usage for the month.

Gas Distribution Charge - This charge is for the costs of transporting the gas you use through our pipeline system as well as keeping that system safe and reliable.

Energy Waste Reduction - This item supports energy efficiency programs for DTE Gas customers to help you reduce energy usage, which lowers your bill.*

Gas Cost Recovery - This charge represents the actual cost DTE pays for the natural gas you use.

IRM Surcharge - This surcharge helps fund our natural gas pipeline replacement program to replace cast iron service lines with newer, safer materials across the communities we serve.

Reservation Charge - This represents the cost of acquiring and storing enough natural gas to maintain a safe and reliable supply for our customers, even during the most extreme high-use weather conditions.

Residential Michigan Sales Tax - State sales Tax

Alternative Gas Supplier charges - This section applies only to customers who have chosen to purchase their natural gas from an alternative gas supplier. This section replaces the Gas Cost Recovery section for those customers.



Electric Bill

KWH - The unit of energy used to measure electricity, equivalent to the amount of electrical energy consumed by a 100-watt lamp burning for ten hours.

Power Supply Charge - A portion of the cost of generating the energy that you use to power all the lights and appliances in your home. Your power supply charge was previously presented as one line item. Beginning in May 2018, your Power Supply Charge was split into two line items, labeled as "capacity" and "non-capacity" charges on the bill. This follows Michigan's new energy policy, and will allow DTE to charge electric choice customers for their portion of capacity costs without impacting other customers.

Power Supply Capacity Charge - This charge covers the fixed costs of generating electricity.

Power Supply Non-Capacity Charge - This charge pays for variable costs and operations & maintenance.

Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) - The actual cost of the fuel and other sources DTE uses to produce electricity, including the cost of the purchase and transport of the electricity from generating plants to the delivery system.

Service Charge - This monthly charge helps cover basic administrative costs, such as billing, customer service, meter reading and more.

Distribution - The distribution charge is the amount you pay per KWH for delivering your electricity across our wires as well as maintaining the grid.

Energy Waste Reduction - This item supports energy efficiency programs for DTE Electric customers. These programs are designed to help you reduce energy usage, which lowers your bill.*

LIEAF Factor - Funds collected through the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) surcharge, a state-mandated charge, are remitted directly to the state and help provide heating assistance to low income customers across Michigan.

Nuclear Surcharge - The nuclear surcharge covers the costs associated with decommissioning, low-level radioactive waste disposal, site security and radiation protection at DTE's Fermi 2 Nuclear Plant.*

Transitional Recovery Mechanism (TRM) - The TRM charge was approved by the MPSC to allow DTE to recover a portion of the costs of expanding our distribution system to provide service to former customers of the city of Detroit's Public Lighting Department.

Residential Michigan Sales Tax - The Michigan Sales tax is applicable to your utility usage.

*Charge presents on invoice as part of "Other Delivery Surcharges" line item.