



# Madison Gas & Electric's Billing Scheme at a Glance

Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) is a regulated monopoly investor-owned utility. It provides electric and natural gas services within its Madison-area service territory.

## Billing Scheme Basics

Customers are charged a fixed fee, what MGE calls "Grid Connection and Customer Service Charge", before any energy is used. In 2014, MGE proposed a radical increase to these mandatory fees, which was met with broad community opposition, but approved by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSCW) and went into effect on January 1, 2015.

## The Impacts

- Increasing bills for low-energy users including seniors, low-income, students, apartment dwellers, and small businesses.
- Reducing customer control over energy bills.
- Prolonging payback periods for investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- Reducing market for clean energy services.

## What now?

- After strong community opposition, MGE pledged to hold "Community Conversations."
- You can shape "the utility of the future" by giving your opinion at MGE's meetings this summer and fall. Sign up on RPM's webpage.
- In Spring 2016, MGE will propose a new rate plan to PSCW and develop a 10-year vision.

## Get Involved with RePower Madison

RPM is composed of citizens who want fair and equitable utility rates, and who want Madison to be a national leader in clean energy. Connect with us on Facebook and call Mitch at (920) 323-9585 to volunteer and help create a better future for our community.

MGE's Proposed Mandatory Fees on Residential Electric Customers			
	2014	2015	2016 Proposal (withdrawn)
<b>Fixed Fee (monthly)</b>	~\$10	\$19	~\$49
<b>Energy Rate (per kWh)</b>	14.4¢	13.1¢	7.5¢

- 82% higher fee for 2015 electric customers
- Customers with natural gas saw another fee increase of \$9/month.
- Proposal for 2016 is withdrawn, for now.

How your MGE bill has changed			
Monthly Usage (in kWh)	2014 Bill	2015 Bill	% Change
<b>250</b>	\$46.40	\$51.50	+10%
<b>500</b>	\$82.40	\$89.00	+7.5%
<b>1,000</b>	\$154.40	\$149.00	-4.5%

- Use 250 kWh, pay \$0.21 per kWh
- Use 1,000 kWh, pay \$0.15 per kWh
- Energy savers are penalized
- Energy wasters are rewarded

