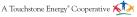
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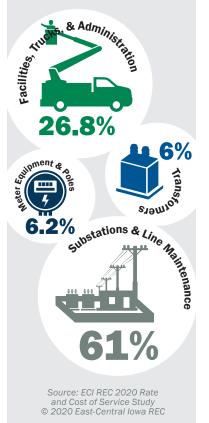


What does my FACILITY CHARGE cover?

The flat monthly Facility Charge represents the fixed costs of making electricity available to your meter.

Whether a member uses 1 kWh of electricity or 1,000 kWh, the Cooperative still incurs the same cost to build the line, maintain the distribution system, and deliver the electricity.

How the Facility Charge cost breaks down:

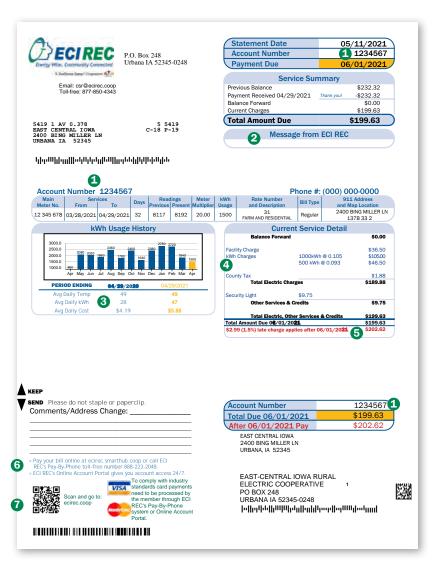


Understanding Your Bill

A sample ECI REC bill is shown below, with notes to help you understand each piece.

- 1. Your account number is easy to see in three locations: at the top of the page, above the meter data, and above the rate data.
- 2. The message box has communications about ECI REC events, programs, and alerts.
- 3. Temperature averages for the billing period and for the same period the previous year.

- 4. Itemized and unbundled rates and fees.
- 5. A clear breakdown of the amount due both prior to and after the due date.
- 6. Two of your six payment options.
- 7. A QR code: Scan it with an app on your smartphone to be connected with our website.



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3 FREE WAYS to Pay Your ECI REC **Electric Bill**

By going paperless, you'll not only make the world a little greener ... you'll keep more green in your pocket!



ONLINE PAYMENT (BANK ACCOUNT OR CREDIT CARD)

SmartHub is fast and safe! All you need is your account number (which can be found on your electric bill) and the last four digits of your social security number.



ELECTRONIC DIRECT PAYMENT (BANK ACCOUNT OR CREDIT CARD)

Make your payment easily and

automatically each month by electronic direct payment.



24-HOUR PAY-BY-PHONE (CREDIT CARD)

Make a payment any time, any day of the week, by calling our automated pay-by-phone system's toll-free number, 888-223-2048.

Scam Alert: Be Wary of **Fraudulent Phone Calls**

In December and January, several ECI REC members received fraudulent calls in which the callers identified themselves as ECI REC employees. The callers told members they needed to pay their electric bills immediately, or they would be disconnected within the hour.

These calls did not come from ECI REC and serve as a reminder to all to be wary of phone scams. If you receive a call of this nature, do not give your personal informa-



tion to the caller. Hang up and call our office directly to check the legitimacy of the call. ECI REC personnel will be able to provide members with specific account details, which scammers will not be able to do.

LAST REMINDER

Apply now for free trip to D.C. and \$1,000 scholarship!



YOUTH TOUR 2022

Want to spend a week in Washington, D.C., this summerfor free? Apply to attend the Youth Tour, made possible by ECI REC. We'll send two area juniors to this fun-filled week.

APPLY BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.



SCHOLARSHIPS

ECI REC offers \$1,000 scholarships to up to ten students to continue their education in any field, plus up to two additional \$1,000 scholarships for those pursuing a career as a lineworker.

APPLY BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.

Both Youth Tour and scholarship opportunities are available to students whose parents are members of ECI REC. Read more about both programs at ecirec.coop.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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