

Notice To Lewisburg Electric System Customers

Power rates are going up locally as a result of the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) soaring monthly fuel charge (FCA). The FCA is used to pay for the fuel it takes to generate electricity, such as coal and natural gas.

"Everyone has seen an increase in their electric bill in the last couple of months," said Lewisburg Electric System's General Manager, Brad Medley.

"The increase is caused by 2 reasons: First, the increase in electricity usage due to the extreme heat we have been experiencing and second, TVA's fuel cost charge has increased."

"The FCA rate is set by TVA. LES does not receive any additional revenue from this charge. It all goes back to TVA."

Medley also stated, "The FCA in July 2021 was \$ 0.01975 per kilowatt hour. In July 2022, the rate is \$ 0.03978 per kilowatt hour. The FCA for August 2022 is increasing to \$ 0.04791. The increase in FCA from July 2021 to July 2022 resulted in approximately an additional \$ 20.00 per 1000 KWh for residential customers. On an average, a residential customer with LES uses approximately 1210 KWh per month."

Customers have several measures that they can take at their homes to help keep their electric usage and electric bill in check.

- Turn up the thermostat to 75° degrees. Though 68° feels great, it will result in a considerably higher electric bill.
- Use curtains, awnings, or coverings for windows to reduce the amount of heat from the sun from entering your home.
- During the hottest times of the day (2:00 pm until 6:00pm), avoid using the oven. If possible, use the microwave instead.
- Ceiling fans can help circulate cooled air throughout the home.
- Caulk or add weatherstripping around windows and doors to prevent hot air from getting in and cold air from getting out of your home. Also, check your attic to ensure it is properly insulated.