



## **Generation Supply Update: New Standard Service Electric Rates Set For July 1, 2018**

New electric rates have been approved by the Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) for Connecticut's electric distribution companies, Eversource and United Illuminating (UI), for generation service provided effective July 1, 2018. The new rates take into account the results of recently approved standard service generation rates and other previously approved delivery service rate changes approved by PURA in rate case proceedings. Eversource's delivery charges were increased effective May 1, 2018.

### **Eversource/CL&P**

For those residential customers that take service standard service on Eversource's Rate 1 – Residential Electric Service (most residential consumers, unless they have electric heat), the rates for generation decreased from 9.078¢ per kilowatt hour (kWh) to 8.53 cents per kWh on July 1, 2018.

For the average Eversource residential customer on standard service that uses 750 kilowatt hours a month, the changes will mean a monthly bill *decrease* of \$4.11 as the generation supply charge will drop from \$68.09 to \$63.98. For those customers on third party electric suppliers, any bill change will vary based on their generation contracted price.

### **United Illuminating**

On July 1, 2018, UI's standard service generation rate will decrease from 9.6617 cents per kWh to 9.05 cents per kWh for customers on Rate R. UI's Rate R – Residential Electric Service (all residential, non-time of use consumers) customers on standard service using 750 kWh per month will see a bill *decrease* of about \$4.59 per month for this rate change. For those customers on third party electric suppliers, any bill change will vary based on their generation contracted price.

### **Customer Alert: Watch out For Third-Party Electric Suppliers' New Trick!**

Some third-party electric suppliers have started to offer very low generation rates that are well below most other offers, but to qualify for this rate, the customer must agree to pay an additional "monthly capacity fee" of approximately \$15.00 which would be billed directly by the supplier. Please be careful, the Energize Connecticut Rate Board fails to include this additional charge in its calculation of the "Generation Supply Cost Per Month" or "Monthly Savings or Additional Costs" presented for each supply offer.



OCC cautions that the imposition of a monthly capacity may severely impact whether or not an individual supply offer provides a financial benefit to a particular customer. This is especially true for customers that use below 750 kWh per month.

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The electric distribution companies' standard service generation plans are the State's default plans, the rate on which customers are placed, unless they choose to switch to a third-party electric supplier. A list of offerings from third-party electric is available at <http://www.energizect.com/compare-energy-suppliers/compare-supplier-options>. As always, customers who are considering going on competitive supply should carefully review price, terms, length of contract, enrollment, monthly capacity and early termination fees when comparing options. Additionally, customers should be extremely careful before entering a contract with a tiered rate that offers a lower price for four months and then locks customers into higher rates for an additional period.



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