

**CITY OF PARIS  
ORDINANCE 2024-14**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ELECTRICITY RATES

WHEREAS, the City is in need of periodic adjustment of rates charged to utility customers to maintain a solvent utilities operation;

WHEREAS, the City of Paris retained NewGen Strategies & Solutions to perform a cost-of-service study on the City's water, wastewater, and electricity utility operations;

WHEREAS, NewGen Strategies & Solutions found there to be a forecasted revenue deficiency based on the current utility rates and recommended an increase to those rates; and

WHEREAS, these rates shall be effective for the bill generated for October 1, 2024, due on October 15, 2024. The second and third year will be effective for the bill generated for July 1 and due July 15 of the successive years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PARIS, KENTUCKY:

That Title 3, Article IV, Chapter 34 of Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 34.001        *RATES ESTABLISHED*

The schedule set out in this chapter shall govern all billings to retail customers of the Paris Combined Utilities System after October 1, 2024.

§34.002        *COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC, LARGE LIGHTING, POWER RATE; CE2*

(A) *Scope.* The schedule in this section is available throughout the territory served by the system. This schedule applies to energy and demand used by large commercial and industrial customers for total lighting and power service, if taken through a single meter or metering equipment. The City reserves the right for contract of large commercial and industrial customers.

(B) *Character of service.* The character of service shall be single or three-phase, sixty (60) cycle alternating current at any standard voltage available.

(C) *Monthly energy rate.*

- a. Beginning with all billings for October 1, 2024 and due on October 15, 2024 and continuing for all billings through June 30, 2025, the monthly energy rate shall be \$.08090 per kWh for all energy consumed.
- b. Beginning with all billings after July 1, 2025 and continuing for all billings through June 30, 2026, the monthly energy rate shall be \$.08332 per kWh for all energy consumed.
- c. Beginning with all billings after July 1, 2026 and continuing through all billings thereafter, the monthly energy rate shall be \$.08582 per kWh for all energy consumed.

(A) *Monthly service charge.* There shall be a monthly service charge per meter.

<u>Current</u>	<u>For Oct. 1, 2024</u>	<u>July 1, 2025</u>	<u>July 1, 2026</u>
\$ 55.00	\$ 61.10	\$ 68.70	\$ 76.30

(E) *Maximum load charge.* The maximum load charge, per kW demand, shall be as follows, amended as follows:

<i>Service Type</i>	<i>Current per kWh</i>	<i>For Oct 1, 2024 Per kWh</i>
Secondary	\$2.85	\$ 2.85
Primary	\$2.85	\$ 2.55

§ 34.003 *CUSTOMER OUTDOOR LIGHTING; RATE 5*

(A) The rate for outdoor lighting shall be eight dollars (\$8.00) per lamp month for each one hundred seventy-five (175) watt mercury vapor lamp on an existing pole or a suitable pole location.

(B) The rate for High Pressure Sodium (HPS) bulbs for outdoor lighting shall be as follows:

One hundred fifty (150) watt GPS	\$ 8.00
Forty (40) watt LED	8.00
Seventy-five (75) watt LED	12.50
Two hundred fifty (250) watt HPS directional	12.50
Two hundred fifty (250) watt HPS COBRA	12.50
Four hundred (400) watt HPS directional and COBRA	12.50

(C) If a pole needs to be set, the rate shall be a one-time fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

§34.004 *MUNICIPAL BUILDING; RATE 6*

Municipal building rates shall be the same as for commercial customers as set out in §§ 34.005 and 34.006.

§34.005 *STANDARD RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC; RATE RS1*

(B) *Scope.* The schedule in this section is available throughout the territory served by the system. This schedule applies to energy supplied for all residence purposes including lighting, cooking, water heating, house heating, and all residential appliances. Single-phase meter installations with a total load not exceeding three (3) horsepower may be connected and served under this rate. If used for residential purposes, all of the electrical appliances to be served under this rate are subject to approval by management of the system.

(C) *Monthly rate.* The monthly energy rate shall be:

- a. Beginning with all billings for October 1, 2024 and due on October 15, 2024 and continuing for all billings through June 30, 2025, the monthly energy rate shall be \$.09794 per kWh for all energy consumed.
- b. Beginning with all billings after July 1, 2025 and continuing for all billings through June 30, 2026, the monthly energy rate shall be \$.10088 per kWh for all energy consumed.
- c. Beginning with all billings after July 1, 2026 and continuing through all billings thereafter, the monthly energy rate shall be \$.10390 per kWh for all energy consumed.

(D) *Monthly service charge.* There shall be a monthly service charge per meter

<u>Current</u>	<u>For Oct. 1, 2024</u>	<u>July 1, 2025</u>	<u>July 1, 2026</u>
\$ 10.80	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 15.00

§34.006 *COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC, GENERAL LIGHTING, POWER; RATE CE1*

(A) *Scope.* The schedule in this section is available throughout the territory served by the system. This schedule applies to energy used and demand by both commercial and industrial computers, for total lighting and power service, if taken through a single meter or metering equipment.

(B) *Character of service.* The character of service shall be single or three-phase, sixty (60) cycle alternating current at any standard voltage available.

(C) *Monthly energy rate.* The monthly energy rate shall be:

- a. Beginning with all billings for October 1, 2024 and due on October 15, 2024 and continuing for all billings through June 30, 2025, the monthly energy rate shall be \$.10318 per kWh for all energy consumed.
- b. Beginning with all billings after July 1, 2025 and continuing for all billings through June 30, 2026, the monthly energy rate shall be \$.10628 per kWh for all energy consumed.
- c. Beginning with all billings after July 1, 2026 and continuing through all billings thereafter, the monthly energy rate shall be \$.10947 per kWh for all energy consumed.

(D) *Minimum bill.*

- (1) The minimum monthly bill shall be the Monthly Service Charge, as defined in (E) below.
- (2) The minimum charge shall be billed on a monthly basis, starting on the month in which the meter was installed or service was first taken under this schedule.

(E) *Monthly service charge.* For all customers in this CE1 classification that average less than 2,000 kWh per month energy usage, there shall be a \$14.00 monthly service charge per meter. For all customers in this CE1 classification that average 2,000 or more kWh per month energy usage, there shall be a \$39.00 monthly service charge per meter. The monthly service charges shall increase once annually for a period of three (3) years as defined in the below table.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>For Oct. 1,</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>July 1, 2025</u>	<u>July 1, 2026</u>
Average < 2,000 kWh	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.50	\$ 17.40	\$ 19.30
Average ≥ 2,000 kWh	\$ 39.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 42.00

§34.007 *POWER COST ADJUSTMENT*

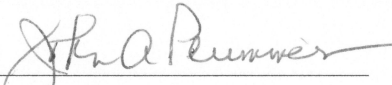
All increases or decreases in the cost of electric power by the City's wholesale energy provider shall be applied as a charge or credit per kW and/or kWh.

§34.008      *FUTURE RATE ADJUSTMENTS*

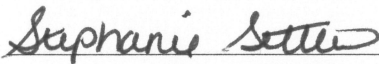
Each energy rate, monthly service charge, outdoor lighting rate, and pole rate for all customer classifications shall automatically increase annually for billings on and after July 1, 2027 based on the unadjusted percent change for the "Electricity" expenditure category of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Customers for most recent 12-month data available as of July 1 of that year. The adjustment factor expressed, as a percent change increase, will be used to recalculate the rates and charges annually.

The foregoing ordinance shall take effect upon execution and publication and in accordance with Kentucky law.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and read for the first time at the City Commission's regular meeting on June 11, 2024. Read for the second time, adopted and approved at its regular meeting of June 25, 2024.

  
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John A. Plummer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Settles, City Clerk