



Energy bills will decrease in October; however, your bill is still higher than last year as a result of increased natural gas costs driving the cost of electricity higher.

Impact to Energy Bills

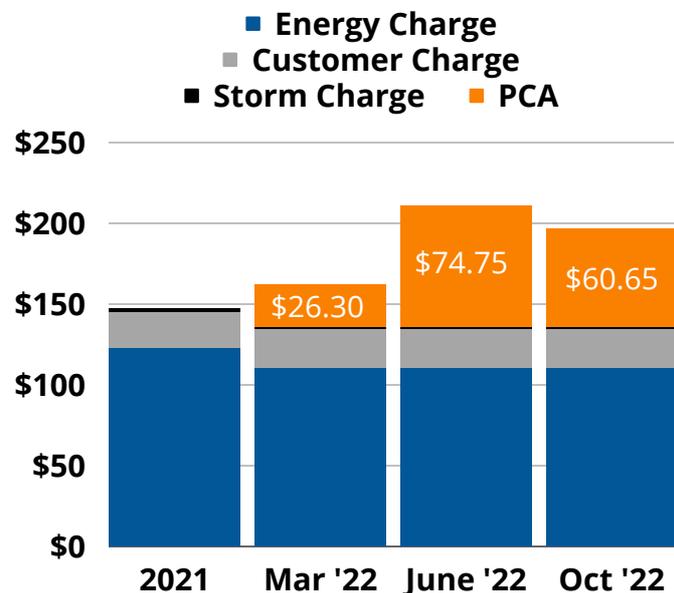
In recent years, KEYS PCA had been a credit on energy bills, but that changed in January 2022 when the credit was replaced with a charge with increases in March and again in June. KEYS will reduce the PCA charge in October. Take a look at the graph showing the steep increase to see how the bill for a customer using 1,000 kWh has changed through the last year. The **Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)** is meant to recover power costs not in the Energy Charge and fluctuates depending on power costs.



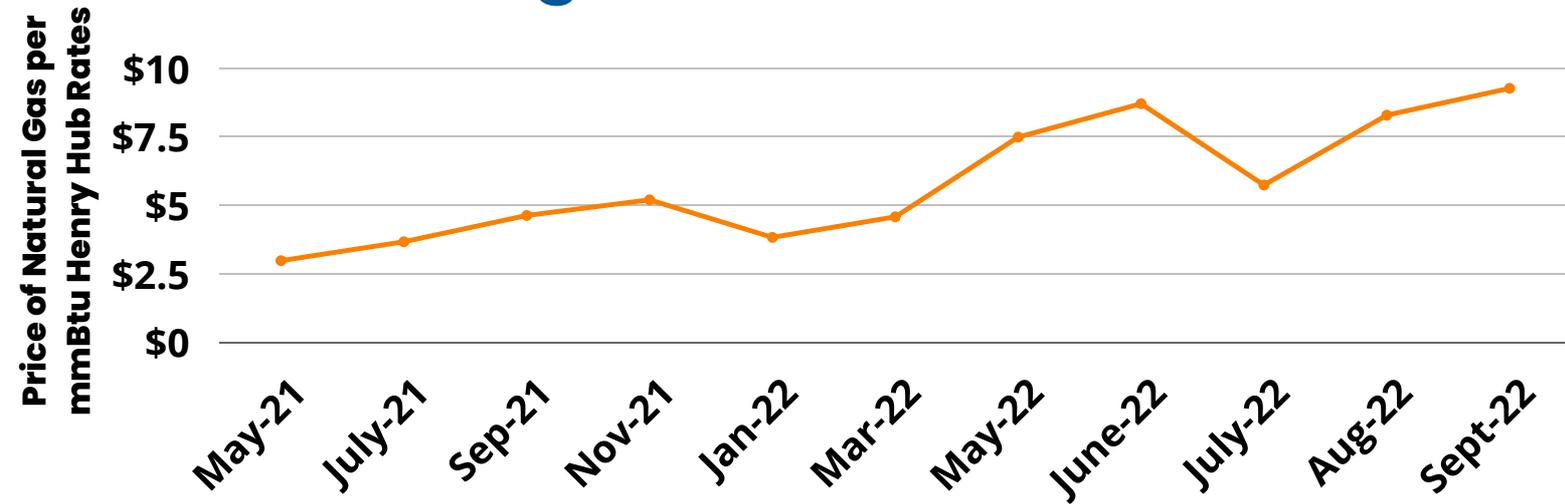
Why is my bill so high?

There are two main contributing factors to a high energy bill. The first is electricity usage. The second is the fuel cost of natural gas which has surged in the last year, causing KEYS to have to increase the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) on your bill.

Energy Bill Comparison for 1,000 kWh user



Rising Natural Gas Costs



The natural gas market is influenced by domestic and international forces that have caused significant price increases over the last year. KEYS cannot control the natural gas market and does not benefit financially from the higher prices. Costs for fuel are passed directly to customers as part of the Power Cost Adjustment. Henry Hub is a natural gas pipeline that runs through Erath, Louisiana, and is a major source of energy for Florida and for KEYS Customers. The pipeline has great influence on the price of natural gas.

Energy Conservation Tips

- Use a programmable thermostat (KEYS has a rebate if you would like to purchase) and set the thermostat to 78°F when you are not at home.
- Use fans in rooms you are occupying to cool the ambient air temperature.
- Take shorter showers and turn off hot water when shaving, washing hands, etc.
- Use an air-fryer, crock pot or microwave instead of a regular oven.
- Unplug second fridges or freezers, if possible, as they consume large amounts of energy.
- Turn off unnecessary lights and use natural light.
- Use the air-dry setting on your dishwasher.
- Unplug unused electronics.