

Seattle City Light (city-light)

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Business Rates

Your business success depends on keeping operational costs low. Our goal is to keep electricity rates affordable. As a not-for-profit utility, the rate you pay goes only toward the carbon neutral electricity that you use, and to cover utility operations that ensure the delivery of reliable, safe, equitable, and green energy.

Current Rates

City Light provides affordable rates for **carbon-neutral electricity** ([/web/20211026134844/http://www.seattle.gov/city-light/energy-and-environment](https://web.archive.org/web/20211026134844/http://www.seattle.gov/city-light/energy-and-environment)), primarily generated from carbon-free hydroelectricity.

To understand your rates, find the applicable rate chart below based on the location and maximum demand (in kW) of your business. Maximum demand is the range into which more than half of your normal billings fall. Classification of new customers will be based on City Light's estimate of maximum demand in the current year.

Maximum demand places your business in one of four categories:

Small	Medium	Large	High Demand
<50 kW	50-999 kW	1,000-9,999 kW	10,000+ kW

"Peak" is **defined** (https://web.archive.org/web/20211026134844/https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT21UT_SUBTITLE_IVLIPO_CH21.49SELIDE_21.49.020DE) as the period Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., excluding New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Seattle Businesses						
City of Seattle ("C")						
	Small	Medium	Large		High Demand	
Per kWh	\$0.1053	\$0.0803	Peak	\$0.0913	Peak	\$0.0867
			Off-Peak	\$0.0602	Off-Peak	\$0.0572

Per kW	-	\$4.01	Peak	\$3.85	Peak	\$3.85
			Off-Peak	\$0.27	Off-Peak	\$0.27
Minimum bill per meter per day	\$0.40	\$1.28	\$30.29		\$93.33	

Downtown Network ("D")				
	Small	Medium	Large	
Per kWh	\$0.1053	\$0.0987	Peak	\$0.1045
			Off-Peak	\$0.0690
Per kW	-	\$8.63	Peak	\$8.38
			Off-Peak	\$0.27
Minimum bill per meter per day	\$0.40	\$1.28	\$30.29	

Normandy Park, Renton and Unincorporated King County Businesses

Tukwila Businesses

Burien, Lake Forest Park, Seatac and Shoreline Businesses

Undergrounding Rates

Burien and Shoreline elected to underground distribution lines on some of their arterial streets. Instead of the jurisdiction paying for the work upfront, the undergrounding cost is recovered from all customers in that jurisdiction via a kWh undergrounding charge according to the table below:

Burien

Shoreline

Other Charges and Credits

Business rates may also include the following charges or credits:

- **Power factor charge:** \$0.0015/kVarh
- **Transformer investment credit:** \$0.27/kW

What's the Difference Between kW and kWh?

It's the difference between **demand (kW)** - measuring the maximum use of electricity at a given point in time - and **consumption (kWh)** - measuring the flow of electricity over an hour.

How Are Rates Designed?

Rates are driven by the cost of providing electricity to our customers, including costs for production, delivery and customer services, while also adhering to city, state and federal government regulations and requirements. Rates are generally approved by the Seattle City Council every two years. Business rates are determined by three factors: **class**, **structure**, and **element**.

+ Rate Class

+ Rate Structure

+ Rate Element

Other Business Rates

See our rates below for lighting; duct, vault and pole attachment rental; and Reserved Distribution Capacity (RDC).

+ Lighting, Rentals and RDC

Save Energy and Money (</web/20211026134844/http://www.seattle.gov/city-light/business-solutions#Programs>)

Find out how we can help your business reduce its energy consumption and save money.

Understand Your Bill (</web/20211026134844/http://www.seattle.gov/city-light/business-solutions/business-billing-and-account-information>)

Learn more about business billing and view sample bills.

Have questions about City Light rates? Need help with forecasting or analysis?

Contact us for more information about rates or help analyzing your bill.

Contact Us (https://web.archive.org/web/20211026134844/https://citylight.seattle.gov/business-rates?utm_source=biz-rates&utm_medium=website)

About Us (city-light/about-us)

Our Leadership Team (<city-light/about-us/our-leadership-team>)

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Working With Us (<city-light/about-us/working-with-us>)

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Top Requests

1. Pay My Bill

(<https://web.archive.org/web/20211026134844/https://myutilities.seattle.gov/eportal/#/>)

2. Find A Job (city-light/about-us/careers)

3. View Outages (city-light/outages)

4. Contact Us (city-light/about-us/contact-us)

5. Open An Account (city-light/start-or-stop-service)

Seattle City Light was created by the citizens of Seattle in 1902 to provide affordable, reliable, and environmentally responsible electric power to the City of Seattle and neighboring suburbs. Owned by the community it serves, City Light is a nationally recognized leader in energy efficiency, renewable resource development, and environmental stewardship. Seattle City Light provides electric power to more than 460,000 residential, business, and industrial customers. Its service area of 131.3 square miles includes the city of Seattle, areas north of Seattle including the city of Shoreline and parts of Lake Forest Park, and areas south of Seattle including parts of the cities of Burien, Tukwila, SeaTac, Renton, Normandy Park, and unincorporated King County.

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