

Flint Energies announces April 1 rate changes!

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Following an in-depth cost of service study, the Flint Energies Board of Directors announced today several rate changes that will affect consumer-members' billing beginning April 1. Most members will see a net decrease in their overall monthly bills from a rate perspective for 2026. Flint's residential base charge will move from \$36 per month to \$38 per month, continuing a long-term initiative to gradually align this monthly charge with the fixed costs of operating the 7,000+ mile electric system.

Flint Energies' residential energy rate will move from 10.55 to 11.05 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). This is the first increase in the cooperative's residential energy rate in nearly a decade.

To help offset these adjustments, the Board has proactively taken the necessary steps to lower the cooperative's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) for 2026. For a typical residential account using 1,200 kWh per month, the WPCA reduction is expected to be approximately \$10.80 per month. When combined with the base charge and energy rate changes, this results in a net monthly bill decrease of \$2.80. Members who use less energy will also likely see a net decrease, though to a lesser extent. The WPCA appears as a separate line item on each month's bill and could be adjusted up or down each month and is dependent upon a member's actual monthly usage, as well as wholesale power costs.

Flint's Board of Directors also approved rate adjustments for several other retail rates base charges which will be implemented April 1.

All these changes allow the Cooperative to meet financial needs and continue to provide safe and reliable electric service for more than 80,000 members.

"We work every day to achieve operating efficiencies as we face rising power supply and other material costs," said Flint President/CEO Jeremy Nelms. "As your local, not-for-profit electric cooperative, our primary goal is to minimize the effects of potential increases while maintaining safe, cost-effective and reliable electric service that you can depend on."

Flint Energies remains dedicated to keeping members' rates affordable. The Board, who is made up of Flint members, understands the need to make any rate adjustments only when necessary. The Board always keeps the overall co-op's membership's best interests and impacts in mind.

Flint Energies offers a library of energy-savings tips and energy audits on request to help members reduce their monthly energy bills.

For additional information or questions regarding these rate changes, please contact Flint at 800-342-3616 or email at hello@flintemc.com.

Option for Low Income

Members who are approved for the Low-Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can be placed on Flint's low-income rate. After April 1, Consumer-members that confirm their LIHEAP standing with a check payment will be eligible for a reduced monthly base service charge of \$19 per month. Local Community Action Agencies administer the LIHEAP program.

About Flint Energies

Flint Energies is a not-for-profit electric cooperative owned by its members in parts of 17 central Georgia counties. Flint employs 220 employees and serves nearly 100,000 electric meters. We are 100% locally controlled and democratically governed by nine Directors elected from among the membership. In 1937, Flint Energies was created to bring people together to meet common needs like reliable electric energy, and our mission remains focused on improving the quality of life in Middle Georgia. Flint Energies is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Follow Flint on X, Instagram and Facebook.