



# City of Alachua

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CITY MANAGER

PUBLIC SERVICES  
DIRECTOR MARCUS COLLINS

Florida Public Service Commission  
c/o Office of Commission Clerk  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

August 17, 2015

Re: Electric Rate Increase, RS, GS, GSD, GSLD (Un-docketed)

Clerk of Commission,

Attached are the electric rate increases for the City of Alachua in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 366 and Rule 25-29, F.A.C. The categories effective are RS, GS, GSD, and GSLD; adoption of the new rate is scheduled for December 1, 2015.

The change in rate structure is based on the following elements:

1. Increase cost of Bulk Power Purchase under contract.
2. Increase cost of annual O & M projects.
3. Increase cost of Capital Projects; new Electric Substation and Transmission Line.

The rate increase for all classes is 1.5%. This is less than the Commission established price index for operating costs effective March 2, 2015. (Re: Docket No. 15005WS-2015 Price Index.) All rates are fair, just and reasonable. Supporting documentation is attached for review by the Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marcus Collins at (386) 418-6140.

Sincerely,

Marcus Collins  
Director of Public Services

Enclosures (7)

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**City of Alachua: (GS) Commercial  
Proposed Electric Rates**

Non-Residential (Non-Demand)	Current Alachua	Proposed Alachua	Clay	GRU	Duke	Alachua		Clay	GRU	DUKE
						NonDemd 1500 kWh	NonDemd 1500 kWh	NonDemd 1500 kWh	NonDemd 1500 kWh	NonDemd 1500 kWh
						Current	Proposed	Current	Current	Current
Customer Charge:	\$ 11.50	\$ 11.68	\$ 17.00	\$ 29.50	\$ 11.59	\$ 11.50	\$ 11.68	\$ 17.00	\$ 29.50	\$ 11.59
Energy Charge <1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.0970	\$ 0.0985	0.08350	\$ 0.0690	\$ 0.0705	\$ 97.00	\$ 98.50	\$ 83.50	\$ 69.00	\$ 70.49
Energy Charge >1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.0970	\$ 0.0985	0.08350	\$ 0.1000	\$ 0.0705	\$ 48.50	\$ 49.25	\$ 41.75	\$ 34.50	\$ 35.25
BPC Adjustment <1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.02500	0.02960	\$ 0.0780	\$ 0.0477					\$ 47.70
BPC Adjustment >1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.02500	0.02960	\$ 0.0780	\$ 0.0577	\$ 37.50	\$ 37.50	\$ 44.40	\$ 117.00	\$ 28.85
<b>Electric Bill: 1,500 kWh:</b>	<b>\$ 194.50</b>	<b>\$ 196.93</b>				<b>\$ 194.50</b>	<b>\$ 196.93</b>	<b>\$ 186.65</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>	<b>\$ 193.88</b>

**City of Alachua: (GSD)**

**Proposed Electric Rates**

Non-Residential (Demand)	Current Alachua	Proposed Alachua	Clay	GRU	Duke	Alachua		Clay Demand 60000 150 Current	GRU Demand 60000 150 Current	DUKE Demand 60000 150 Current
						Demand 60000 150 Current	Demand 60000 150 Proposed			
Customer Charge:	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.71	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 11.59	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.71	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 11.59
Energy Charge>1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.0690	\$ 0.0701	\$ 0.0600	\$ 0.0400	\$ 0.0239	\$ 4,140.00	\$ 4,206.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,431.00
Demand Charge: \$/kW	\$ 7.25	\$ 7.36	\$ 4.35	\$ 8.50	10.04	\$ 1,087.50	\$ 1,104.00	\$ 652.50	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,506.00
BPC Adjustment <1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.0296	\$ 0.0780	\$ 0.0477	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,776.00	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 47.70
BPC Adjustment >1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.0296	\$ 0.0780	\$ 0.0577					\$ 3,404.30
<b>Electric Bill: 60,000 kWh: 150 kW</b>	<b>\$ 6,772.50</b>	<b>\$ 6,855.71</b>				<b>\$ 6,772.50</b>	<b>\$ 6,855.71</b>	<b>\$ 6,108.50</b>	<b>\$ 8,455.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,400.59</b>

**City of Alachua: (GSLD)**

**Proposed Electric Rates**

Non-Residential (Large Demand)	Current Alachua	Proposed Alachua	Clay	GRU	Duke	Alachua		Clay	GRU	DUKE
						Demand 400000 1000 Current	Demand 400000 1000 Proposed	Demand 400000 1000 Current	Demand 400000 1000 Current	Demand 400000 1000 Current
Customer Charge:	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.71	\$ 80.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 11.59	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.71	\$ 80.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 11.59
Energy Charge>1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.0660	\$ 0.0670	\$ 0.0600	\$ 0.0360	\$ 0.0239	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 26,800.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 9,540.00
Demand Charge: \$/kW	\$ 7.25	\$ 7.36	\$ 4.35	\$ 8.50	10.04	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 7,360.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 10,040.00
BPC Adjustment <1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.0296	\$ 0.0780	\$ 0.0477	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,840.00	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 47.70
BPC Adjustment >1,000 kWh:	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.02500	\$ 0.0296	\$ 0.0780	\$ 0.0577					\$ 23,022.30
<b>Electric Bill: 400,000 kWh: 1000 kW</b>	<b>\$ 43,695.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,205.71</b>				<b>\$ 43,695.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,205.71</b>	<b>\$ 40,270.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,661.59</b>

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

**Rate Schedule RS**

**AVAILABILITY-** This service is available to consumers within or outside the corporate city limits.

**APPLICABILITY-** Rate is applicable to a residential electric service installation in a single-family house, a single unit in a multi-family house, a single suite in a multiple apartment or a group of multiple apartments, and all bona fide farm uses. All energy supplied shall be through a single meter at a single point of delivery. (See CONDITION OF SERVICE, below.)

**LIMITATIONS-** Subject to all rules of this tariff and of this utility. Not for resale.

<b><u>RATES-</u></b>	Service Charge .....	\$ 9.14 per month
	First 1,000 kWh.....	\$ 0.0934 per kWh
	All kWh consumed in excess of 1,000 kWh .....	\$ 0.1036 per kWh

An amount equal to all applicable taxes imposed against the sale or consumption of electric energy shall be added to the rates set above. The United States of America, the State of Florida, and all political subdivisions, agencies, boards, commission and instrumentalities thereof, and all recognized churches are exempt from the City's utility tax.

**MINIMUM BILL-** The minimum bill per month shall be the service charge plus Billing Demand plus other applicable charges, covered by Ordinance, State Statutes or Federal Law.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT-** Bills for service will be rendered monthly following the last regular meter reading date and become due and payable. Bills will be considered delinquent at the close of business seven (7) days after the due date and will be assessed a ten percent (10%) late charge. Electric service is subject to disconnection on the day the account becomes delinquent.

**BULK POWER COST ADJUSTMENT-** (See Bulk Power Cost Adjustment Clause on Sheet 9.0)

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Marcus Collins, Director

Effective: December 1, 2015

**GENERAL SERVICE NON DEMAND**

**Rate Schedule GS**

**AVAILABILITY**- This service is available to consumers within or outside the corporate city limits.

**APPLICABILITY**- Applicable to non-residential customers accepting service from the City directly from a distribution line and not having an established demand greater than 20 kilowatts (20 kW). (See CONDITION OF SERVICE, below.)

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE**- Single or three (3) phase at available voltages. All energy supplied shall be delivered through a single meter at a single point of delivery.

**LIMITATIONS**- Subject to all rules of this tariff and of this utility. Not for resale.

**RATES**-           Service Charge ..... \$11.68 per month

                          All kWh ..... \$ 0.0985 per kWh

An amount equal to all applicable taxes imposed against the sale or consumption of electric energy shall be added to the rates set above. The United States of America, the State of Florida, and all political subdivisions, agencies, boards, commission and instrumentalities thereof, and all recognized churches are exempt from the City's utility tax.

**MINIMUM BILL**- The minimum bill per month shall be the service charge plus Billing Demand plus other applicable charges, covered by Ordinance, State Statutes or Federal Law.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT**- Bills for service will be rendered monthly following the last regular meter reading date and become due and payable. Bills will be considered delinquent at the close of business seven (7) days after the due date and will be assessed a ten percent (10%) late charge. Electric service is subject to disconnection on the day the account becomes delinquent.

**BULK POWER COST ADJUSTMENT**- (See Bulk Power Cost Adjustment Clause on Sheet 9.0)

**CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**- If at any time the billing demand equals or exceeds 20 kW for any nine consecutive months, the rate class shall be changed to General Service Demand.

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**GENERAL SERVICE DEMAND**

**Rate Schedule GSD**

**AVAILABILITY-** This service is available to consumers within or outside the corporate city limits.

**APPLICABILITY-** Applicable to non-residential customers with electrical demand requirements of 20 kilowatts (kW), but less than 999 kW, throughout the area serviced by the utility. All energy supplied shall be through a single meter at a single point of delivery. (See **CONDITION OF SERVICE**, below.)

**LIMITATIONS-** Subject to all rules of this tariff and of this utility. Not for resale.

**RATES-**

Service Charge .....	\$45.71 per month
All kW.....	\$7.36 per kW
All kWh .....	\$ 0.0701 per kWh

An amount equal to all applicable taxes imposed against the sale or consumption of electric energy shall be added to the rates set above. The United States of America, the State of Florida, and all political subdivisions, agencies, boards, commission and instrumentalities thereof, and all recognized churches are exempt from the City's utility tax.

**BILLING DEMAND-** The maximum fifteen-minute integrated demand.

**POWER FACTOR-** When the power factor is less than 90 percent (90%), the Billing Demand may be determined upon the basis of 90 percent (90%) of the calculated kVA demand.

**MINIMUM BILL-** The minimum bill per month shall be the service charge plus Billing Demand plus other applicable charges, covered by Ordinance, State Statutes or Federal Law.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT-** Bills for service will be rendered monthly following the last regular meter reading date and become due and payable. Bills will be considered delinquent at the close of business seven (7) days after the due date and will be assessed a ten percent (10%) late charge. Electric service is subject to disconnection on the day the account becomes delinquent.

**BULK POWER COST ADJUSTMENT-** (See Bulk Power Cost Adjustment Clause on Sheet 9.0)

**CONDITIONS OF SERVICE-** If at any time the billing demand equals or exceeds 1,000 kW for any nine consecutive months, the rate class shall be changed to General Service-Large Demand.

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**GENERAL SERVICE LARGE DEMAND**

**Rate Schedule GSLD**

**AVAILABILITY-** This service is available to consumers within or outside the corporate city limits.

**APPLICABILITY-** Applicable to non-residential customers accepting service from the City directly from a distribution line and having an established demand of 1,000 kilowatts (kW) or more for any nine (9) consecutive month. (See **CONDITION OF SERVICE**, below.)

**LIMITATIONS-** Subject to all rules of this tariff and of this utility. Not for resale.

**RATES-**

Service Charge .....	\$45.71 per month
All kW.....	\$7.36 per kW
All kWh .....	\$ 0.0670 per kWh

An amount equal to all applicable taxes imposed against the sale or consumption of electric energy shall be added to the rates set above. The United States of America, the State of Florida, and all political subdivisions, agencies, boards, commission and instrumentalities thereof, and all recognized churches are exempt from the City's utility tax.

**BILLING DEMAND-** The maximum fifteen-minute integrated demand.

**POWER FACTOR-** When the power factor is less than 90 percent (90%), the Billing Demand may be determined upon the basis of 90 percent (90%) of the calculated kVA demand.

**MINIMUM BILL-** The minimum bill per month shall be the service charge plus Billing Demand plus other applicable charges, covered by Ordinance, State Statutes or Federal Law.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT-** Bills for service will be rendered monthly following the last regular meter reading date and become due and payable. Bills will be considered delinquent at the close of business seven (7) days after the due date and will be assessed a ten percent (10%) late charge. Electric service is subject to disconnection on the day the account becomes delinquent.

**BULK POWER COST ADJUSTMENT-** (See Bulk Power Cost Adjustment Clause on Sheet 9.0)

**CONDITIONS OF SERVICE-** All energy supplied shall be through a single meter at a single point of delivery.

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**ORDINANCE 15-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 38-170 RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE, SECTION 38-171 NON-RESIDENTIAL DEMAND SERVICE AND SECTION 38-172 NON-RESIDENTIAL, NON-DEMAND SERVICE; INCREASING THE BASE RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE, GENERAL SERVICE DEMAND, GENERAL SERVICE LARGE DEMAND AND GENERAL SERVICE NON-DEMAND; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alachua provides electric services for residential and non-residential customers located within its electric service territory; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alachua Commission has established rates and charges for electric services; and

**WHEREAS**, the electric rates and charges require amendment from time to time in order to ensure prudent management of public assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alachua Commission hereby amends Section 38-170, Section 38-171 and Section 38-172 of the City of Alachua Code of Ordinances

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA.**

**Section 1. Amendment of Code of Ordinances**

The following sections of Chapter 38 of the City of Alachua Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 38-170. Residential Electric Rates is hereby amended as set forth below:**

- A. Base Rate – The rate to be charged and collected for electric energy furnished by the City to consumers for residential service shall be a customer service charge

CUSTOMER CHARGE ~~\$9.00~~ \$9.14 per month

Plus a kilowatt hour per month consumption charge for the first 1,000 kilowatt hours of energy consumed

ENERGY CHARGE (1<sup>st</sup> - 1,000 kWh) ~~\$0.0920~~ \$0.0934 per kWh

Plus a kilowatt hour per month consumption charge in excess of 1,000 kilowatt hours of energy consumed

ENERGY CHARGE (Above – 1,000 kWh) ~~\$0.1020~~ \$0.1036 per kWh







**Section 5. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and adoption on the second and final reading.

**PASSED** on first reading on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

**PASSED** and **DULY ADOPTED**, in regular session, with a quorum present and voting, by the City Commission, upon second and final reading on this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2015.

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA**

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Gib Coerper, Mayor

**SEAL**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

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Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

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- B. Taxes – An amount equal to all applicable taxes imposed against the sale or consumption of electric energy shall be added to the rates hereinabove set forth. The United States of America, the State and all political subdivisions, agencies, boards, commissions and instrumentalities thereof and all recognized churches are exempt from the City's utility tax.
- C. Availability – This service is available to consumers both within and outside the corporate limits of the city.

**Section 38-171. Non-Residential Demand Service is hereby amended as set forth below:**

- A. Base Rate for General Service Demand. The rate to be charged and collected for electric energy furnished by the City for non-residential demand service shall be a customer service charge.

CUSTOMER CHARGE \$45.71 per month

Plus a kilowatt demand charge per month consumption for energy consumed.

DEMAND CHARGE \$7.36 per kw

Plus a kilowatt hour per month consumption charge for energy consumed.

ENERGY CHARGE \$0.0701 per kWh

- B. Base Rate for General Service Large Demand. The rate to be charged and collected for electric energy furnished by the City for non-residential large demand service shall be a customer service charge.

CUSTOMER CHARGE \$45.71 per month

Plus a kilowatt hour per month consumption charge for energy consumed.

DEMAND CHARGE \$7.36 per kW

Plus a kilowatt hour per month consumption charge for energy consumed.

ENERGY CHARGE \$0.0670 per kWh

- C. Taxes – An amount equal to all applicable taxes imposed against the sale on consumption of electric energy shall be added to the rates hereinabove set forth. The United States of America, the State and all political subdivisions, agencies, boards, commissions and instrumentalities thereof an all recognized churches are exempt from the City's utility tax.

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