

### What kind of savings might I expect from a TOU rate plan?

The dollar amount saved will vary among members based on your patterns of electricity use and kilowatt-hours used. The more electricity use you shift to off-peak, the more money you might save. Eighty seven percent of hours per day are off-peak.

### What behaviors can I change that will help me make a difference in lowering my electric bill?

Some tips for shifting the time of your use are:

- Use automatic timers to run appliances such as water heaters, pool pumps, etc. during off-peak hours.
- Install programmable thermostats to shift AC/heating to off-peak times.
- Plug computers, printers and televisions into power strips that can be turned off when not in use during peak hours.
- Do chores such as washing and drying laundry and cooking during off-peak hours.

### Could I end up paying more money on the TOU rate?

By signing up for the TOU rate, you will likely be required to make minor adjustments to your daily routine. If you don't adjust your energy use patterns, you could pay more. However, by shifting your energy use to off-peak hours, you will likely save.

### If I choose to try TOU rates, how long is my commitment?

EMEPA members who sign up for a TOU rate plan are entering into an agreement for a minimum of six months. The agreement will continue until terminated by either party. Accounts disconnected for nonpayment will be removed immediately from the TOU rate plan. Once terminated, the TOU rate will not be available for members at that location for a period of 12 months.

### How do I sign up for the TOU plan?

You can sign up by visiting any EMEPA office and completing the TOU Rate Plan Agreement form. If you're unable to visit one of our offices, give us a call to arrange for electronic submission of the form.

### What are the current TOU rate amounts?

Current rates are listed at [www.emepa.com](http://www.emepa.com).

### Are there any sign up fees associated with TOU rates?

No, there are no initial sign up fees or charges associated with the TOU rate plan.

### How does my meter know which hours are on-peak and which hours are off-peak hours?

EMEPA's automated meter infrastructure system is programmed with the applicable TOU schedule and able to record kilowatt-hours for on-peak and off-peak hours at specified intervals.



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## Residential Time-of-Use Rate Plan

East Mississippi Electric Power Association's Time-of-Use (TOU) electric rate plan offers you a money-saving option for using your electric service during off-peak hours. By reducing your electric use during peak times, you have the opportunity to decrease your monthly energy costs without reducing the overall amount of electricity you use.

### What is a TOU rate plan?

EMEPA's TOU rate plan is based on the time of day you use electricity and our cost of supplying electricity to you during that time. If you use electricity when the total used by all EMEPA members is low (off-peak) your rate will be lower than the standard rate. On-peak hours, or electricity used during periods of high demand, will cost more than the standard rate.



### Why is EMEPA offering TOU rate plans?

TOU rate plans provide you an opportunity to lower your electricity costs without reducing the total amount of electricity used. By shifting electricity use off-peak, we can avoid the need to build new generation plants. In addition, off-peak use will allow our current facilities to operate more efficiently, reducing your electricity costs even more.

### Who is eligible for a TOU rate plan?

Residential and non-residential members are eligible for these rate plans (some restrictions apply). TOU rate plans are not available for temporary/seasonal accounts or accounts participating in the prepay program.



### How does a TOU rate plan lower my bill?

When you shift electric use to periods of lower demand (off-peak), you can potentially see significant savings each year. Shifting your electric use to off-peak hours helps EMEPA avoid peak demand charges, and we can pass those savings on to you.

## What are the on-peak and off-peak hours for residential accounts?

### South System Summer Period (April – October)

On-peak: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday  
Off-peak: All remaining hours, major holidays\* and weekends.

### North System Summer Period (April – October)

On-peak: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday  
Off-peak: All remaining hours, major holidays\* and weekends.

### South System Winter Period (November – March)

On-peak: 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday  
Off-peak: All remaining hours, major holidays\* and weekends.

### North System Winter Period (November – March)

On-peak: 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday  
Off-peak: All remaining hours, major holidays\* and weekends.

*\*Major holidays include: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.*

