

Electricity Site ID

Your 13-digit “electrical serial number.” This number is unique to you, and if we provide your service, it will start with 0040.

Meter Number

A six or seven-digit number usually found on your meter’s digital display.

Reading

The number taken off your meter that we use to calculate the cost of your bill.

Energy Charges

The cost of the energy you used during this billing period, measured in cents per kilowatt hour.

Administration Charge

A fee to cover the cost of preparing your bill and providing customer service.

Cancel/Rebill

An amount indicating a change to your previous meter reading. If you’re confused, call 310-WIRE (9473) and we’ll go over it with you.

Distribution Charge

A fee to cover the cost of building, operating and maintaining the electrical distribution system.

Delivery Charge

The regulated cost of delivering your electricity.

Transmission Charge

A fee to cover the cost of building, operating and maintaining the power grid.

Rate Riders

When we implement rates on a temporary basis while waiting for approval from the AUC, Rate Riders are used to collect or refund the difference between interim rates and final approved rates. When the rates are approved, they may be higher or lower than the original rate and your Rider will reflect this difference. Each Rider is flowed through separately to the retailer (billing company) as per the Tariff Bill Code. Every retailer may have different naming conventions.

Local Access Fee

A fee charged on behalf of your local government for the land where we construct, maintain and operate electrical distribution systems.

GST

A goods and services tax (GST) you pay on most goods and services sold or provided in Canada. FortisAlberta must add a 5% GST charge based on your total bill.

Quarterly Transmission Adjustment Rider

Reconciles current costs to date and estimates transmission costs into the next quarter. This Rider is adjusted at the beginning of each quarter (April 1, July 1, October 1 and January 1) and is calculated as \$/kWh based on the transmission component of the Total Distribution Tariff and allocated to each rate class.

A-1 Municipal Assessment Rider

The A-1 Municipal Assessment Rider is a property tax determined in part by the local taxation authority and calculated as a percentage of the base Distribution Tariff, which is composed of a distribution and transmission component. We collect this Rider through your bills from the Retailer. The amount collected is flowed through back to the municipality on a yearly basis. Those customers in rate classes 21, 23, 24, 26, 29, 38 and 65, are exempt from the A-1 Rider.