

ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ELECTRICAL RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS; REPEALING ELECTRICAL RATE STRUCTURES ADOPTED BY THE CITY IN ORDINANCE NO. 59 OF 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 46 of 2004 and Arkansas Code, the City Council of the City of Benton, Arkansas has the authority to set rates for the Utility; and

WHEREAS, the rates' structure set forth herein are reasonable and necessary for the continued operations of the Utility for the reasons set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the prior rate structures for the City were established in previous ordinances that now must be repealed.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The retail rates for electric service set by Benton Utilities made part of this ordinance as Exhibit 1 are adopted as the rates to be charged in the City of Benton, Arkansas, as fair and equitable for electric services. These rates shall become effective with billing on or after July 1, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28 day of April 2025.



Tom Farmer, Mayor



Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

BENTON UTILITIES
ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE
INDUSTRIAL/LARGE POWER SERVICE

AVAILABILITY:

At any point on the existing system having adequate capacity and suitable voltage for delivery of service.

APPLICATION:

To all electric service required by customer on the premises, for which no specific schedule is provided, when supplied at one delivery point and measured through one-kilowatt hour meter. Not applicable to temporary, resale or shared service.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Three-phase, 60 Hz at one standard delivery voltage required by customer and available at customer's service location.

NET MONTHLY RATE:

Effective for bills mailed on or after July 1, 2025

Service Availability Charge	\$655.00
Demand Charge	\$10,000.00
Each KW of Demand in Excess of 1000 KW	\$10.00 Per KW
Energy Charge	\$0.0475 Per KWH

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT:

The above energy charges will be increased or decreased to reflect to the nearest one-thousandth (.001) mill per KWH the change in the cost of fuel, capacity costs, transmission costs and purchased power incurred by Benton Utilities for the supply of service hereunder, above or below 57 mills per KWH.

DEMAND:

The demand, in KW, as shown by or computed from readings on the Benton Utilities demand meter, for the 15-minute period of the customer's greatest use during the month, but in no event less than 1,000 KW. Demand measurement may be made by a KVA demand meter or equivalent. The Demand Charge will be calculated on the higher of the registration in KW or the registration in KVA times 0.9. This will be implemented once metering equipment is capable of performing this function.

TAXES:

The above rates are subject to all local, state, and federal taxes and franchise fees which are currently in effect or any taxes which are imposed by laws or ordinances on or after the effective date of this rate schedule.

PAYMENT:

The net bill, computed in accordance with the net monthly rate, shall be due and payable upon presentation and shall apply for a period of twenty-one (21) days. A gross bill in the amount of the net bill plus 5 percent will be due after twenty-one (21) days on all bills.

BENTON UTILITIES
ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE
LARGE GENERAL SERVICE

AVAILABILITY:

At any point on the existing system having adequate capacity and suitable voltage for delivery of service.

APPLICATION:

To all electric service required by customer on the premises, for which no specific schedule is provided, when supplied at one delivery point and measured through one-kilowatt hour meter. Not applicable to temporary, resale or shared service.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Three-phase, 60 Hz at one standard delivery voltage required by customer and available at customer's service location.

NET MONTHLY RATE:

Effective for bills mailed on or after July 1, 2025

Service Availability Charge	\$115.00
Demand Charge	\$1,000.00
Each KW of Demand in Excess of 100KW	\$10.00 Per KW
Energy Charge	\$0.0600 Per KWH

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT:

The above energy charges will be increased or decreased to reflect to the nearest one-thousandth (.001) mill per KWH the change in the cost of fuel, capacity costs, transmission costs and purchased power incurred by Benton Utilities for the supply of service hereunder, above or below 57 mills per KWH.

DEMAND:

The demand in KW, as shown by or computed from readings on the Benton Utilities demand meter, for the 15-minute period of the customer's greatest use during the month, but no event less than 100 KW. Demand measurement may be made by a KVA demand meter or equivalent. The demand charge will be calculated on the higher of the registration of the KW or the registration in KVA times 0.9. This will be implemented once metering equipment is capable of performing this function.

TAXES:

The above rates are subject to all local, state, and federal taxes and franchise fees which are currently in effect or any taxes which are imposed by laws or ordinances on or after the effective date of this rate schedule.

PAYMENT:

The net bill, computed with the net monthly rate, shall be due and payable upon presentation and shall apply for a period of twenty-one (21) days. A gross bill in the amount of the net bill plus 5 percent will be due after twenty-one (21) days on all bills.

Benton Utilities
ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE
NIGHT-TIME OUTDOOR LIGHTING SERVICE

AVAILABILITY:

At any point to any customer on the existing secondary distribution system.

APPLICATION:

To unmetered automatically controlled outdoor lighting service operating all night. Benton Utilities will install, own, operate and maintain lamp fixtures, including all necessary lamp replacements. All necessary service maintenance and lamp renewals will be furnished at the utilities expense. All will be required to sign a minimum two year contract.

NET MONTHLY FACILITIES CHARGE:

175 Watt LED equivalent	\$13.92 per month
400 Watt LED Flood equivalent	\$26.19 per month
35 foot pole	\$6.90 per month

TAXES:

The above rates are subject to all local, state, and federal taxes and franchise fees which are currently in effect or any taxes which are imposed by laws or ordinances on or after the effective date of this rate schedule.

PAYMENT:

The net bill, computed in accordance with the net monthly rate, shall be due and payable upon presentation and shall apply for a period of 21 days. A gross bill in the amount of the net bill plus 5% (five percent) will be due after twenty-one (21) days on all bills.

BENTON UTILITIES
ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE
Public Authority Service

AVAILABILITY:

At any point on the existing secondary distribution system.

APPLICATION:

To all electric service for facilities owned and operated by The City of Benton and Benton Utilities, for which no specific schedule is provided, supplied at one point of delivery and measured through one kilowatt hour meter. Not applicable to resale or shared service.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Service will normally be a single phase. 60 Hz. At approximately 120/240 volts. Three-phase service may be available under provision of Benton Utilities regulations.

NET MONTHLY RATE:

Effective for bills mailed on or after July 1, 2025

Customer Service Charge	\$10.00
Energy Charge	\$.0600 Per KWH

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The above energy charges will be increased or decreased to reflect to the nearest one-thousandth (.001) mill per KWH the change in cost of fuel, capacity costs, transmission costs and purchased power incurred by Benton Utilities for the supply of service hereunder, above or below 57 mills per KWH.

TAXES:

The above rates are subject to all local, state, and federal taxes and franchise fees which are currently in effect or any taxes which are imposed by laws or ordinances on or after the effective date of this rate schedule.

PAYMENT:

The net bill, computed in accordance with the net monthly rate, shall be due and payable upon presentation and shall apply for a period of twenty-one (21) days. A gross bill in the amount of the net bill plus 5 percent will be due after twenty-one (21) days on all bills.

BENTON UTILITIES
ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE
Residential Service

AVAILABILITY:

At any point on the existing secondary distribution system.

APPLICATION:

For residential service to single family residences or individual family apartments supplied through one meter, including incidental family use, on the appurtenant premises. This rate schedule is not applicable to commercial type use on the appurtenant premises such as a beauty shop or auto repair shop. Where a portion of the residence premises (not separately metered) is used for non-residential purposes, the predominant use of the service, as determined by Benton Utilities, shall determine the rate schedule applicable to all service. Service is for the use of the customer and may not be shared and may not be resold to others.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Service will normally be a single phase. 60 Hz. At approximately 120/240 volts. Three-phase service may be available under provision of Benton Utilities regulations.

NET MONTHLY RATE:

Effective for bills mailed on or after July 1, 2025

Customer Service Charge	\$15.00 ¹
Energy Charge	\$.09008 Per KWH

1. A ten(10) percent discount will be applied if the account holder is greater than or equal to the age of 65.

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The above energy charges will be increased or decreased to reflect to the nearest one-thousandth (.001) mill per KWH the change in cost of fuel, capacity costs, transmission costs and purchased power incurred by Benton Utilities for the supply of service hereunder, above or below 57 mills per KWH.

TAXES:

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PAYMENT:

The net bill, computed in accordance with the net monthly rate, shall be due and payable upon presentation and shall apply for a period of twenty-one (21) days. A gross bill in the amount of the net bill plus 5 percent will be due after twenty-one (21) days on all bills.

BENTON UTILITIES
ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE
SMALL GENERAL SERVICE (Demand)

AVAILABILITY:

At any point on the existing secondary distribution system.

APPLICATION:

To all electric service, for which no specific schedule is provided, supplied at one point of delivery and measured through one-kilowatt hour meter. Not applicable to resale or shared service.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Single or three-phase, 60 Hz at one standard delivery voltage required by customer and available at customer's service location.

NET MONTHLY RATE:

Effective for bills mailed on or after July 1, 2025

Service Availability Charge	\$21.45
Demand Charge	\$5.00 Per KW
Energy Charge	\$0.06985 Per KWH

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT:

The above energy charges will be increased or decreased to reflect to the nearest one-thousandth (.001) mill per KWH the change in the cost of fuel, capacity costs, transmission costs and purchased power incurred by Benton Utilities for the supply of service hereunder, above or below 57 mills per KWH.

DEMAND:

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TAXES:

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PAYMENT:

The net bill, computed with the net monthly rate, shall be due and payable upon presentation and shall apply for a period of twenty-one (21) days. A gross bill in the amount of the net bill plus 5 percent will be due after twenty-one (21) days on all bills.

BENTON UTILITIES
ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE
SMALL GENERAL SERVICE (Nondemand)

AVAILABILITY:

At any point on the existing secondary distribution system.

APPLICATION:

To all electric service, for which no specific schedule is provided, supplied at one point of delivery and measured through one-kilowatt hour meter. Not applicable to resale or shared service.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Single or three-phase, 60 Hz at one standard delivery voltage required by customer and available at customer's service location.

NET MONTHLY RATE:

Effective for bills mailed on or after July 1, 2025

Service Availability Charge	\$21.45
Energy Charge	\$0.07620 Per KWH

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT:

The above energy charges will be increased or decreased to reflect to the nearest one-thousandth (.001) mill per KWH the change in the cost of fuel, capacity costs, transmission costs and purchased power incurred by Benton Utilities for the supply of service hereunder, above or below 57 mills per KWH.

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