

Shrewsbury Electric& Cable Operations

Electric Cost of Service and Rate Design

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SELCO



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General project overview

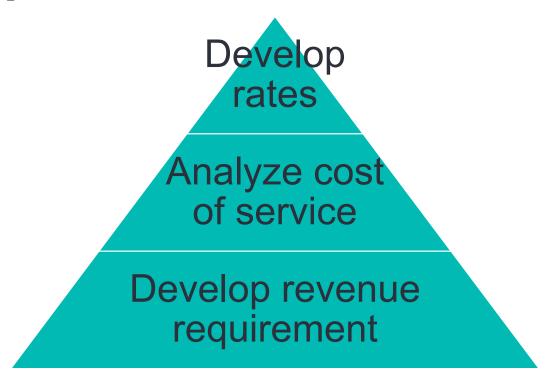
Project objectives

- > Conduct and develop a comprehensive allocated cost of service and rate design study for electric operations
- > Review existing rate structures
- > Recommend rates that reflect costs of providing service
- > Develop tailored rate models that can be used internally by **SELCO**

Data collection

- > Study is based on management's assumptions
- > Quality and quantity of data received was excellent and useful in preparing studies
- > We greatly appreciate the assistance of the SELCO team in this project

Rate study process



Revenue requirement components

Operating expenses

- Costs of serving customers
- Normalized based on budget and historical trends

Depreciation

- Reduction in life of assets
- Provides funds for asset replacement

Return on ratebase

- Based on cost of debt and equity
- Provides funds for debt service and inflationary increases in historical cost of utility plant in service
- Rate of return used in studies was 5.53%

Cost of service approach

Functionalize Costs

- Establish Cost Functions/Groupings to be Recovered
- Demand, Energy, Billing, & Customer

Classify Costs

- Allocate Forecasted Revenue Requirements by Function/Group
- Fixed Costs are Demand and Customer Related, Variable Costs are Energy Related

Allocate to Customers

- Cost Causative, Measurable, Objective, Stable/Predictable/Consistent
- Directly Assign Costs where Applicable/Possible
- Allocate Remainder using Industry Standard Methods

Rate design

• Determine the overall difference between customer revenues and the revenue requirement Overall rate increase • Develop rate objectives for the utility • Develop revenue targets for each customer class Rate design • Develop customer rates based on revenue targets Outcome

Overall rate design objectives

- Meet the financial needs of the electric utility for reliable service
- > Smooth and steady increases
- > Recover the costs of service
- Move customer classes to their cost of service over a period of time and after extended analysis

Successful implementation of new rate structures

- 1. Board and management support is key
- 2. Public presentations at Board meetings
- 3. Information campaigns
 - a) Website
 - b) Included with customer bills on rate changes
 - c) Social media
 - d) Signage in pay stations
 - e) Local media
- 4. Once rate structures are implemented, ongoing information should be part of the process



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Revenue requirement, cost of service and rate design study



Executive summary and recommendations

- 1. Our review of the electric revenue requirement indicates a 9% increase in rates overall is needed to cover the cost of service
- 2. We recommend moving customer classes closer to their cost of service and reduce subsidization of some rate classes by the other rate classes

Executive summary and recommendations

- 3. Street light rates are a new introduction and are subsidized by other rate classes
- 4. We recommend developing a rate plan that increases rates by 1% per in order to keep up with inflation in expenses that is not covered by load growth

Forecasted Revenue Requirement

| | | Budget 2024 | Pr | roposed Rates 2024 | | 2025 | | Forecasted 2026 | | 2027 |
|--------------------------------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------------|----|------------|----|--------------------|----|------------|
| Revenue from rates | \$ | 36,593,972 | \$ | 39,778,561 | \$ | 40,381,570 | \$ | 41,981,849 | \$ | 46,018,318 |
| Revenue Requirement | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operation and maintenance expenses | \$ | 34,932,162 | \$ | 34,932,162 | \$ | 35,213,108 | \$ | 36,712,595 | \$ | 39,290,833 |
| Depreciation expense | | 2,737,749 | | 2,737,749 | | 3,108,363 | | 3,478,977 | | 3,549,591 |
| Return on ratebase | | 2,355,043 | | 2,355,043 | | 2,878,312 | | 3,382,261 | | 3,332,591 |
| Other revenues | _ | (118,530) | _ | (118,530) | _ | (118,530) | _ | (118,530) | _ | (118,530) |
| Total Revenue Requirement | \$ | 39,906,425 | \$ | 39,906,425 | \$ | 41,081,253 | \$ | 43,455,303 | \$ | 46,054,485 |
| Revenue Increase Required | \$ | 3,312,453 | \$ | 127,864 | \$ | 699,683 | \$ | 1,473,454 | \$ | 36,167 |
| Revenue Percentage Increase Required | | 9.05% | | 0.32% | | 1.73% | | 3.51% | | 0.08% |

Cost of Service

Cost of Service by Class

| | | Forecasted | Difference | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | FY 2024 Cost of | Revenues at | Over/(Under) Cost of | Indicated Rate |
| Customer Class | Service | Current Rates | Service | Increase/(Decrease) |
| Residential | 19,572,056 | 19,360,169 | (211,887) | 1.1% |
| Commercial | 5,663,384 | 4,395,596 | (1,267,788) | 28.8% |
| General Service - GS1 | 3,785,329 | 3,071,935 | (713,394) | 23.2% |
| General Service - GS2 | 8,348,646 | 8,382,671 | 34,025 | -0.4% |
| Municipal | 1,246,711 | 1,091,646 | (155,065) | 14.2% |
| Residential Net Metered Rate | 410,397 | 118,697 | (291,700) | 245.8% |
| Commercial Net Metered Rate | 10,174 | 8,150 | (2,024) | 24.8% |
| Protective Lighting | 285,079 | 16,092 | (268,987) | 1671.6% |
| Street Lighting | 429,342 | 140,048 | (289,294) | 206.6% |
| Electric Vehicle | 15,862 | 8,968 | (6,894) | 76.9% |
| Interdepartmental | 139,444 | - | (139,444) | 0.0% |
| Total | \$ 39,906,424 | \$ 36,593,972 | \$ (3,312,452) | 9.1% |

Recommended Rate Changes

Recommended Rate Changes by Class

| | Rate Design | | | Difference from |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----|-------------|-----------------|
| Customer Class | Rate Change | Rev | enue Target | Cost of Service |
| Residential | 5.00% | \$ | 20,328,000 | \$ 755,944 |
| Commercial | 25.00% | | 5,494,000 | (169,384) |
| General Service - GS1 | 25.00% | | 3,840,000 | 54,671 |
| General Service - GS2 | 2.00% | | 8,550,000 | 201,354 |
| Municipal | 10.00% | | 1,201,000 | (45,711) |
| Residential Net Metered Rate | 11.00% | | 132,000 | (278,397) |
| Commercial Net Metered Rate | 10.00% | | 9,000 | (1,174) |
| Protective Lighting | 30.00% | | 21,000 | (264,079) |
| Street Lighting | 30.00% | | 182,000 | (247,342) |
| Electric Vehicle | 30.00% | | 12,000 | (3,862) |
| Interdepartmental | 0.00% | | | (139,444) |
| Total | | \$ | 39,769,000 | \$ (137,424) |

<u>-0.34%</u>

Proposed Rates

| | Cur | rent Rates | Prop | osed Rates |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------------|------|------------|
| Residential | | | | |
| Distribution charge | \$ | 0.0412 | \$ | 0.0433 |
| Transmission charge | \$ | 0.0263 | \$ | 0.0276 |
| Generation charge | \$ | 0.0660 | \$ | 0.0693 |
| Customer Charge | \$ | 11.55 | \$ | 12.13 |
| G&T Adjustment | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| NYPA Credit | \$ | (0.0066) | \$ | (0.0069) |
| Commercial | | | | |
| Distribution charge | \$ | 0.0437 | \$ | 0.0546 |
| Transmission charge | \$ | 0.0207 | \$ | 0.0259 |
| Generation charge | \$ | 0.0660 | \$ | 0.0825 |
| Customer Charge | \$ | 12.00 | \$ | 15.00 |
| G&T Adjustment | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| General Service - GS1 | | | | |
| Distribution charge | \$ | 0.0223 | \$ | 0.0279 |
| Transmission charge | \$ | 0.0195 | \$ | 0.0244 |
| Generation charge | \$ | 0.0660 | \$ | 0.0825 |
| Demand charge | \$ | 4.4500 | \$ | 5.5625 |
| Customer Charge G&T Adjustment | \$ | 50.00 | \$ | 62.50 |

Proposed Rates, cont.

| General Service - GS2 | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Distribution charge | \$ 0.0185 | \$ 0.0189 |
| Transmission charge | \$ 0.0191 | \$ 0.0195 |
| Generation charge | \$ 0.0660 | \$ 0.0673 |
| Demand charge | \$ 4.45 | \$ 4.54 |
| Customer Charge | \$ 120.00 | \$ 122.40 |
| G&T Adjustment | \$ - | \$ - |
| Municipal | | |
| Distribution charge | \$ 0.0347 | \$ 0.0382 |
| Transmission charge | \$ 0.0207 | \$ 0.0228 |
| Generation charge | \$ 0.0660 | \$ 0.0726 |
| Customer Charge | \$ 12.00 | \$ 13.20 |
| G&T Adjustment | \$ - | \$ - |
| Residential Net Metered | | |
| Distribution charge | \$ 0.0412 | \$ 0.0433 |
| Transmission charge | \$ 0.0263 | \$ 0.0276 |
| Generation charge | \$ 0.0660 | \$ 0.0693 |
| Customer Charge | \$ 11.55 | \$ 12.13 |
| Distribution Standby Charge | \$ 2.50 | \$ 3.50 |
| G&T Adjustment | \$ - | \$ - |
| NYPA Credit | \$ (0.0066) | \$ (0.0079) |
| | | |

Proposed Rates, cont.

| \$ | 0.0437 | \$ | 0.0279 |
|----|----------------------------------|---|--|
| \$ | 0.0207 | \$ | 0.0244 |
| \$ | 0.0660 | \$ | 0.0825 |
| \$ | 12.00 | \$ | 13.20 |
| \$ | 2.50 | \$ | 3.50 |
| | - | | - |
| | | | |
| \$ | 10.50 | \$ | 13.65 |
| \$ | 14.00 | \$ | 18.20 |
| \$ | 18.50 | \$ | 24.05 |
| \$ | 22.00 | \$ | 28.60 |
| \$ | 10.00 | \$ | 13.00 |
| | | | |
| N/ | Α | \$ | 2.00 |
| | | \$ | 0.0382 |
| | | \$ | 0.0228 |
| | | \$ | 0.0726 |
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Net Cash Flow

| | <u>Budg</u> | <u>geted</u> 2024 | | <u>Forecasted</u> | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | 2024 | Proposed | | | |
| | Budget | rates | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| Revenues and other sources of cash: | | | | | |
| Operating revenues from sales | \$36,593,972 | \$39,778,561 | \$40,381,570 | \$41,981,849 | \$46,018,318 |
| Interest income | 6,745 | 6,745 | 6,745 | 6,745 | 6,745 |
| Other electric revenue | 111,785 | 111,785 | 111,785 | 111,785 | 111,785 |
| Debt proceeds | | | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | |
| Total Revenues and Other Sources of Cash | \$36,712,502 | \$39,897,091 | \$50,500,100 | \$52,100,379 | \$46,136,848 |
| Uses of Cash: | | | | | |
| Operation and maintenance expense | 34,932,162 | 34,932,162 | 35,213,108 | 36,712,595 | 39,290,833 |
| Debt - Principal | 1,225,910 | 1,225,910 | 1,999,584 | 2,052,205 | 2,106,456 |
| Interest on LT Debt | 268,431 | 268,431 | 830,071 | 767,850 | 703,399 |
| PILOT | 859,419 | 859,419 | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 |
| Capital expenditures | 3,578,390 | 3,578,390 | 12,500,000 | 12,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| Total Other Uses of Cash | \$40,864,312 | \$40,864,312 | \$51,442,763 | \$52,932,650 | \$45,500,688 |
| Net Cash Flow | <u>\$ (4,151,810</u>) | \$ (967,221) | \$ (942,663) | \$ (832,271) | \$ 636,160 |

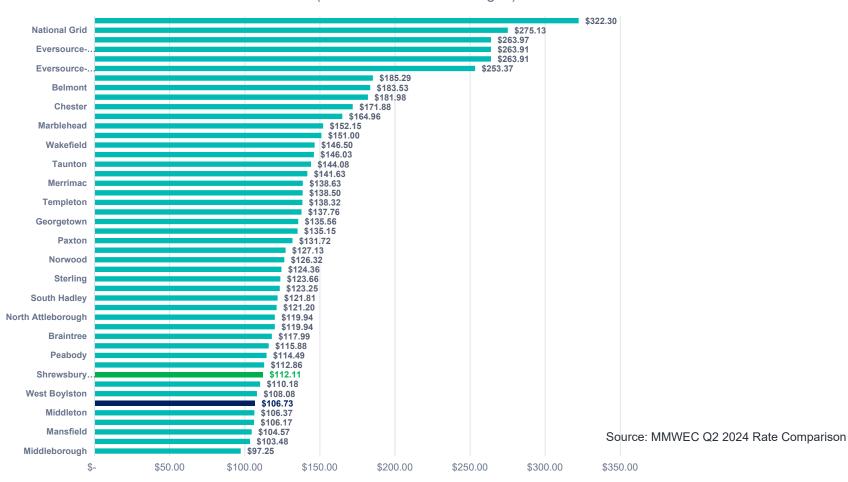
Debt Service Coverage

| | <u>Budge</u> | | | <u>:ed</u> | | | <u>Forecasted</u> | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----|--------------|----|-----------|-------------------|-----------|----|-----------|
| | | 2024 | | 2024 | | | | | | |
| | | Budget | Pro | oposed rates | | 2025 | | 2026 | | 2027 |
| Debt service coverage | | | | | | | | | | |
| Debt service principal | \$ | 1,225,910 | \$ | 1,225,910 | \$ | 1,999,584 | \$ | 2,052,205 | \$ | 2,106,456 |
| Debt service interest | | 268,431 | | 268,431 | | 830,071 | | 767,850 | | 703,399 |
| Total Debt Service | \$ | 1,494,341 | \$ | 1,494,341 | \$ | 2,829,655 | \$ | 2,820,055 | \$ | 2,809,855 |
| Cash flows for debt service | \$ | 1,309,386 | \$ | 4,493,975 | \$ | 4,386,992 | \$ | 4,487,784 | \$ | 5,946,015 |
| Debt coverage | | 0.88 | | 3.01 | | 1.55 | | 1.59 | | 2.12 |
| Debt service target | | 1.70 | | 1.70 | | 1.70 | | 1.70 | | 1.70 |

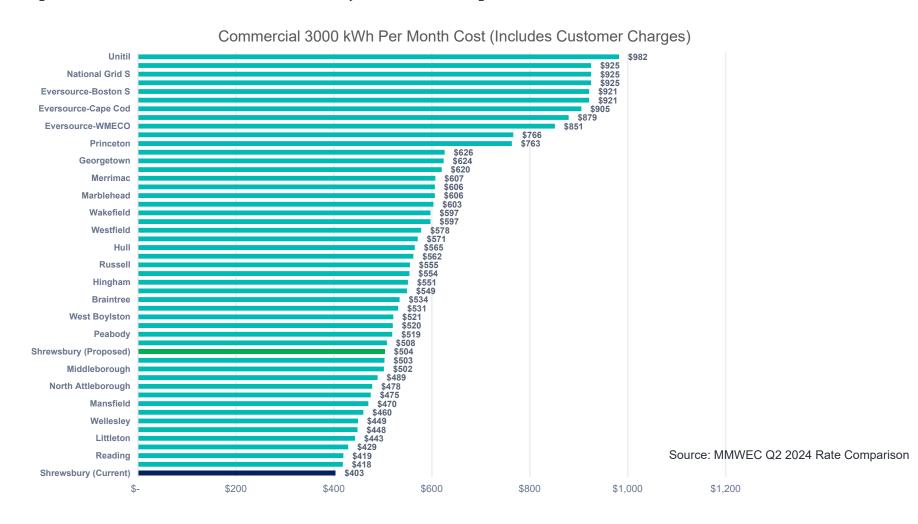
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Rate Comparison – 750 kWh per month

750 kWh Per Month Cost (Includes Customer Charges)



Rate Comparison - Commercial 3,000 kWh per month



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Rate Comparison – Current and Proposed Rates Average Bill

| Rate Class | 2023 Avg Monthly kWh Use/Customer | 2023 Avg Monthly Demand kW/Customer | Current Average Monthly Bill Cost | Proposed Rate % Increase | Average Monthly Bill After Increase | Average Monthly Bill Increase |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Residential | 743 | | \$105.84 | 5% | \$111.13 | \$5.29 |
| Commercial | 2,414 | | \$326.78 | 25% | \$408.48 | \$81.70 |
| GS1 | 19,765 | | \$2,487.72 | 25% | \$3,109.65 | \$621.93 |
| GS2 | 233,400 | 517 | \$26,600.89 | 2% | \$27,132.91 | \$532.02 |
| Municipal | 7,396 | | \$909.88 | 10% | \$1,000.87 | \$90.99 |
| Residential Net Metered | 428 | | \$90.87 | 20% | \$104.04 | \$13.17 |



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Discussions on the findings & recommendations

Thank you. We have enjoyed working with you!



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