



The Power Cost Adjustment has been Reinstated

Beginning with this bill, there is a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) of \$0.005 (1/2 cent) per kilowatt-hour added as a separate line item on your GELD electric bill.

The PCA is a way for Groton Electric to recoup the increased generation costs associated with higher fuel prices and power costs in the winter months. This winter, the PCA will be 1/2 cent per kilowatt-hour on the December 2019 and March 2020 bills and 1 cent per kilowatt-hour on the January and February 2020 bills.

For about 10 weeks in the winter in New England, natural gas becomes the most expensive natural gas in the world averaging four times the cost of the rest of the United States. One of the reasons is because New England has inadequate natural gas pipeline infrastructure. By law, natural gas must be reserved for residential heating before it can be used for electric generation. However, when it is cold, there is not an adequate supply of natural gas so the electric generators in New England must switch to diesel fuel to generate electricity. Diesel fuel is substantially more expensive (and more carbon emitting) than burning natural gas to generate electricity.

GELD management monitors power prices closely and discusses this topic at their monthly board meetings. You can be assured that GELD ratepayers' best interest are always their top priority.