

What is an Access Charge?

The cost of providing access to the electrical grid and other expenses related to delivering electricity to our members is fixed, or does not change, regardless of how many kilowatt-hours (kWh) a member uses.

A portion of A&N Electric Cooperative's (ANEC) proposed rate adjustment includes a modest increase in the monthly access charge. All utilities impose a flat monthly charge, as approved by the Virginia State Corporation Commission, designed to recover certain fixed expenses associated with making utility service available to your location.

Currently, the access charge for a residential service is \$8. The new proposed access charge would be \$14 each month.

The average access charge in Virginia

is currently at about \$21 for electric distribution cooperatives.

The access charge is a monthly investment that helps ANEC cover the expenses of operating and maintaining the electric distribution system. Staying ahead of cybersecurity threats and maintaining electrical distribution equipment and substations take careful planning and require substantial resources. The access charge keeps that equipment up to date and operating properly. It allows the Cooperative to respond to issues around the clock, 365 days a year, and it ensures staff is trained to respond to issues and keep electricity flowing safely to your home or business.

Regardless of how much electricity a

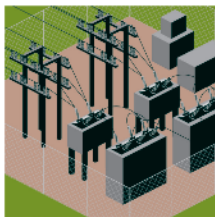
particular family uses, the cost of delivering power to that house is the same. As a not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative, we believe the operational costs should be spread fairly and equitably across all of our members, regardless of the level of electricity use. This gives all our members an equal share in ANEC's operation.

Your monthly investment ensures you have access to safe, reliable and affordable power when you need it. We're committed to using that investment wisely for the benefit of all members of our community.

For more information about the Cooperative's proposed Rate Adjustment with the Virginia State Corporation Commission, log onto www.anec.com/content/rate-case.

What Does An Access Charge Cover?

The access charge keeps the cooperative's electric distribution equipment up to date and operating properly. It also ensures staff is trained to respond to issues and keep electricity flowing safely to your home or business. Staying ahead of cybersecurity threats and maintaining electrical distribution equipment and substations take careful planning and require substantial resources. ANEC's access charge covers a portion of all the costs associated with giving you access to the electric grid. **These include:**



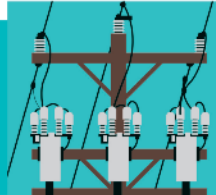
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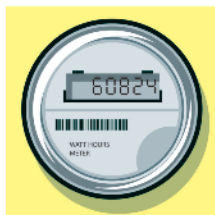
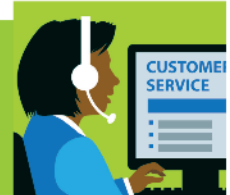
24/7, 365 Response



Poles/Lines



Trained Professionals



Meters/Transformers

- A&N Electric Cooperative (“ANEC”) has applied for approval of a companion rate schedule for a community solar pilot program that would be available, on a voluntary basis, to ANEC members that are receiving electric service under a residential rate schedule.
- ANEC members that enroll in the pilot program would be able to purchase 50 kilowatt-hour blocks of energy (“Solar Blocks”) from two solar facilities located in Virginia.
- Each member that enrolls in the pilot program would pay a flat and fixed rate of \$5.42 per Solar Block per month.
- Further information about this case is available on the State Corporation Commission's website at: www.scc.virginia.gov/case.

On January 30, 2018, A&N Electric Cooperative (“ANEC” or “Cooperative”) filed an application (“Application”) with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to § 56-585.1:3 C of the Code of Virginia for approval of a companion rate schedule for a community solar pilot program (“Community Solar Tariff”).

The Community Solar Tariff is a three-year pilot program for the development of a solar program that would be available, on a completely voluntary basis, to ANEC members that are receiving electric service under a residential rate schedule (“Subscribers”). ANEC’s wholesale power supplier, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, has entered into long-term contracts for the output of two solar generating facilities (“Solar Facilities”) located in Virginia and ANEC plans to make units of energy from the Solar Facilities available to Subscribers in 50 kilowatt-hour blocks (“Solar Blocks”), until all of the available units are fully subscribed. A Subscriber may purchase energy by subscribing to one or more Solar Blocks up to a level that is not expected to exceed the Subscriber’s metered monthly kilowatt-hour usage. The Cooperative states that it will work with Subscribers to limit subscriptions to no more than the Subscriber’s expected monthly usage.

Under the Community Solar Tariff, each Subscriber would pay a flat and fixed rate of \$5.42 per Solar Block per month (“Fixed Block Charge”). The Fixed Block Charge is based on the Cooperative’s prevailing

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residential electricity supply service rate, including applicable riders plus a solar adder, and represents a premium to the rate available under the Subscriber’s standard tariff rate. A Subscriber would be responsible for the Fixed Block Charge under the Community Solar Tariff even in months in which actual usage is less than the size of the Solar Block(s) the Subscriber purchased. Subscribers would also remain subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable standard tariff, except as modified by the Community Solar Tariff, and would remain subject to the other basic terms, conditions, and membership agreements of the Cooperative. Subscribers would be able to cancel their subscriptions at any time after giving at least 30 days’ notice to the Cooperative.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for further details of the Cooperative’s proposals.

The Cooperative’s Application, as well as the Order for Notice and Comment that the Commission entered in this case, are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Cooperative’s business office in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Cooperative, Timothy E. Biller, Esquire, Hunton & Williams LLP, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, VA 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Cooperative may provide the documents by electronic means.

Copies of the Application and the public version of all documents filed in this case also are available for interested persons to review in the Commission’s Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission’s website: www.scc.virginia.gov/case.

On or before May 25, 2018, any interested person wishing to comment on the Cooperative’s Application shall file written comments on the Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, VA 23218-2118. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before May 25,

2018, by following the instructions on the Commission’s website: www.scc.virginia.gov/case. Compact discs or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00020.

On or before May 25, 2018, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Cooperative at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00020. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission’s Order for Notice and Comment.

On or before May 25, 2018, any interested person may file a written request for a hearing. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the hearing request shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above, and the interested person shall simultaneously serve a copy of the hearing request on counsel to the Cooperative at the address set forth above. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00020.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice may be viewed at www.scc.virginia.gov/case. A printed copy of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission’s Order for Notice and Comment in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address above.



Help equalize your electric bills with the Budget Billing plan

If you've experienced a higher-than-normal bill due to severe weather in the winter or summer, A&N Electric Cooperative's Budget Billing plan could help equalize your monthly bills. The plan is available to Co-op members who have had abnormally high usage for certain periods of the year.

In the Budget Billing plan, your monthly bill will be the average of your previous 11 months' usage, plus your current month's usage. With each new bill, the oldest month's usage will be dropped from the average and your current month's usage will be added. A member on the Budget Billing plan will not make the same payment each month, but the monthly payments should not vary by a large amount.

"Our budget billing program is a great way for members with higher usage during certain periods of the year to pay approximately the same amount every month," said Lori Shreaves, A&N Electric Cooperative's director of member services. "Instead of paying larger bills during months of higher usage, each payment is an average of the past 12 months' bills. This makes it easier for our members to budget for their electric bills monthly, rather than being faced with an unexpected expense."

To qualify, a member must live at their current location for at least the past 12 months and have established good credit with the Cooperative. You may not have more than two late payments in the past 12 months and a member's current account balance must be \$0, although exceptions may apply.

If you are interested in Budget Billing, return the Budget Billing Application Form (www.anec.com/content/programs-and-services) to the Cooperative billing office or contact us for additional information. Our personnel will be glad to review your account for consideration.

Sexauer represents Virginia at Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Council event held in Nashville

Anna Sexauer, a 2017 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour participant and the daughter of Brooke Browning Sexauer, a member of A&N Electric Cooperative (ANEC), traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, recently for the 76th Annual Meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

As Virginia's representative to the national Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Council (YLC), Sexauer participated in the Parade of Flags held during the opening session. Aaron Lay, a senior at Sequoyah High School in Tennessee who was chosen as YLC spokesperson, then addressed electric cooperative leaders from across the nation about his experiences in Washington, D.C., during the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour the previous June.

"Having the opportunity to stand on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered the famous 'I Have a Dream' speech inspired me that I, too, a rural farm kid from East Tennessee, have a dream as well," Lay said.

More than 6,000 representatives from electric co-ops across the nation attended the annual meeting, which sets NRECA's organizational and legislative agenda for 2018. Co-op representatives also heard from NRECA officials, key public figures and business experts about issues affecting electric cooperatives and their consumer members.

"I'm constantly impressed by the ideas and enthusiasm of our Youth Tour participants," NRECA CEO Jim Matheson said. "Youth Tour is one of the brightest spots in the electric cooperative movement. The future of our nation is in good hands with leaders like Aaron involved."

While in Nashville, YLC participants engaged in leadership workshops, networked with leaders in the cooperative community, and participated in a community service project.

"Youth Leadership Council participants are an inspiration and are among the best and the brightest students from across the nation," said Patsy Goard, one of the chaperones for ANEC's Youth Tour delegation. "As part of the YLC, these students will continue that education as they build out their network and make connections with others from across the country that will last a lifetime. Our youth are our future, and we're proud to continue giving them the tools to succeed."

More than 1,700 students from across America take part in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour each June. While visiting the nation's capital, they meet their U.S. representatives and senators, and one student from each state is selected by their chaperones and peers to serve as its YLC representative.


2017-2018 YLC participants pose for a picture with NRECA CEO Jim Matheson (center left) and NRECA COO Jeffrey Connor. Virginia representative Anna Sexauer is at the far right.



Anna Sexauer of A&N Electric Cooperative (far right) represents Virginia at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Nashville, Feb. 26-28, 2018. This photo was shared on the Cooperative Network's social media sites.



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- ▶ Visit us at www.facebook.com/ANElectricCoop and "like" us.
- ▶ Visit www.anec.com to sign up to receive Beat the Peak emails or text-message alerts.
- ▶ The **Touchstone Energy® Co-op Connections® Card** is **FREE** to all **ANEC members**. The card offers discounts at participating local and nationwide businesses, including prescription drug discounts.
 
- ▶ **A&N Electric Cooperative's Tasley office will be closed Monday, May 28th, in observance of Memorial Day.**

ANEC extends drive-thru hours on Fridays



For added member convenience, the Cooperative began extending drive-thru kiosk hours for bill payments on Fridays on Feb. 16.

The drive-thru is currently open during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The new drive-thru Friday hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The drive-thru is located at the A&N Electric Cooperative Tasley office.

Members can make their bill payments using cash, check or money order while using the drive-thru.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming online content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

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Know the warning signs of overloaded outlets:

- Flickering/blinking lights
- Warm or discolored wall plates
- Burning odor from receptacles
- Mild shock or tingle from appliances, receptacles or switches
- Frequently tripped circuit breakers

May is National Electrical Safety Month

  **plug into safety**

Countertop Convenience:

Oven cooking can really warm up a kitchen. Try using smaller appliances like microwaves and slow cookers to put more cooking heat where you need it.

