

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-14**

**CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES CHARGES  
FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY**

- WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana law, IC 8-1.5-3-8, the Columbia City Board of Public Works serves as the managing body for the municipally owned electric utility for the City of Columbia City and the Columbia City Common Council serves as the legislative body; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Columbia City is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and, therefore, all electric rates and charges are subject to the control and/or approval of the Columbia City Common Council; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana law requires all municipally owned utilities to establish rates and charges sufficient to produce revenue for all reasonable and necessary costs of operation and maintenance, working capital, depreciation, capital improvements, debt service on bonds and debt service reserve requirements associated with the utility; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana law allows that municipal utility rates and charges may also include a reasonable rate of return upon the utility plant, at the discretion of Common Council, as well as "payments in lieu of taxes", also at the discretion of the Common Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation (specifically Indiana House Bill 1002), effective July 1, 2022, that repeals the Indiana Utility Receipts Tax ("URT"); and
- WHEREAS, O. W. Krohn & Associates has prepared a revised Schedule of Electric Rates and Charges reflecting the repeal of the URT; and
- WHEREAS, the following rates and charges shall be subject to proper notice and hearing to the applicable customers, pursuant to Indiana law, and any rates herein to be effective immediately following passage of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City in Whitley, Indiana, that the rates and charges for the City of Columbia City municipally owned electric utility be amended as follows:

**See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the amended rates and charges as affected by the removal of the URT are to be implemented by July 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that notice shall be provided to the electric utility customers setting forth that the adjustment in rates and charges reflects the repeal of the URT.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the new rates and charges for the City of Columbia City's municipally owned electric utility include sufficient revenues to provide a reasonable rate of return

upon its utility plant.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the new rates and charges for the City of Columbia City's municipally owned electric utility include sufficient revenues to provide a payment in lieu of taxes from the respective utility funds to the City of Columbia City's General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that proper notice and hearing on this Ordinance be published and mailed to applicable customers pursuant to all Indiana laws including, but not limited to, IC. 8-1.5-3-8.1 and IC. 5-3-1.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and rates shall change starting with the July 1, 2022, billing cycle.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City in Whitley County, State of Indiana, this 24 day of May, 2022.

**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, BY:**

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Daniel Weigold

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Theodore J. Varga, Jr.

Walter Crowder  
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Walter C. Crowder

Jennifer B. Zartman-Romano  
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Jennifer Middleton  
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**ATTEST:**

Rosie Coyle  
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Rosie Coyle, Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Columbia City, Indiana

**APPROVED AND SIGNED BY:**

Ryan Daniel  
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Ryan Daniel, Mayor

Date: 5-24-22

COLUMBIA CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY

EXHIBIT A

SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES

METERED USAGE CHARGES ARE SUBJECT TO ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT TRACKING FACTOR

	URT REMOVAL PHASE 3 RATES*
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE:	
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH	\$ 14.79
ENERGY CHARGE PER KWH PER MONTH	
FIRST 500 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.11748
OVER 500 KWH PER MONTH	0.11059
<i>Surcharge for Renewable Energy Generation = \$50.00 per Month</i>	
RESIDENTIAL WATER HEATER AND ELECTRIC HEAT SERVICE:	
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH	
WATER HEATER	\$ 14.79
ALL ELECTRIC	14.79
ENERGY CHARGE PER KWH PER MONTH	
FIRST 900 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.11029
OVER 900 KWH PER MONTH	0.10400
<i>Surcharge for Renewable Energy Generation = \$50.00 per Month</i>	
GENERAL SERVICE (SMALL):	
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH	
SINGLE PHASE	\$ 29.58
THREE PHASE	39.44
SINGLE AND THREE PHASE	69.02
<i>Charge of \$2.01 per KVA of capacity in excess of 25 KVA for single-phase and 75 KVA for three-phase</i>	
ENERGY CHARGE PER KWH PER MONTH	
FIRST 5,000 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.11303
OVER 5,000 KWH PER MONTH	0.10643
<i>Surcharge for Renewable Energy Generation = \$50.00 per Month</i>	
GENERAL SERVICE (SMALL) ALL ELECTRIC:	
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH	
SINGLE PHASE	\$ 34.51
THREE PHASE	44.37
SINGLE AND THREE PHASE	73.95
<i>Charge of \$2.31 per KVA of capacity in excess of 25 KVA for single-phase and 75 KVA for three-phase</i>	
ENERGY CHARGE PER KWH PER MONTH	
FIRST 7,000 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.10420
OVER 7,000 KWH PER MONTH	0.09831
<i>Surcharge for Renewable Energy Generation = \$50.00 per Month</i>	
GENERAL SERVICE (LARGE):	
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH	\$ 93.67
MAXIMUM LOAD CHARGE	PER MONTH PER KVA OF BILLING MAXIMUM LOAD 7.01
ALL KWH USAGE PER KWH	\$ 0.08644
<i>Billing Minimum Load Charge = 50% of Transformer Nameplate</i>	
GENERAL SERVICE INDUSTRIAL:	
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH	\$ 118.32
MAXIMUM LOAD CHARGE	PER MONTH PER KVA OF BILLING MAXIMUM LOAD 6.96
ALL KWH USAGE	\$ 0.08381
<i>Billing Minimum Load Charge = 50% of Transformer Nameplate</i>	
MUNICIPAL:	
STREET LIGHTING (PER KWH)	\$ 0.15199
ALL OTHER SERVICE (PER KWH)	0.12368
SECURITY LIGHTING SERVICE:	
RATE PER LAMP PER MONTH	
100 WATT	\$ 11.34
175 WATT	14.79
250 WATT (or LED equiv.)	16.76
400 WATT (or LED equiv.)	31.55
1,000 WATT (or LED equiv.)	46.84

\* The rates presented reflect the previously adopted Phase 2 rate schedule per Ordinance No. 2021-2 adjusted for a 1.4% reduction as required by state legislation due to the elimination of the Utility Receipts Tax.

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SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES

METERED USAGE CHARGES ARE SUBJECT TO ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT TRACKING FACTOR

	May 1, 2021 PHASE 1 RATES	May 1, 2022 PHASE 2 RATES	URT REMOVAL PHASE 3 RATES*
<b>RESIDENTIAL SERVICE:</b>			
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.79
ENERGY CHARGE PER KWH PER MONTH			
FIRST 500 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.11579	\$ 0.11915	\$ 0.11748
OVER 500 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.10900	\$ 0.11216	\$ 0.11059
<i>Surcharge for Renewable Energy Generation = \$50.00 per Month</i>			
<b>RESIDENTIAL WATER HEATER AND ELECTRIC HEAT SERVICE:</b>			
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH			
WATER HEATER	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.79
ALL ELECTRIC	15.00	15.00	14.79
ENERGY CHARGE PER KWH PER MONTH			
FIRST 900 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.10870	\$ 0.11185	\$ 0.11029
OVER 900 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.10250	\$ 0.10547	\$ 0.10400
<i>Surcharge for Renewable Energy Generation = \$50.00 per Month</i>			
<b>GENERAL SERVICE (SMALL):</b>			
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH			
SINGLE PHASE	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 29.58
THREE PHASE	40.00	40.00	39.44
SINGLE AND THREE PHASE	70.00	70.00	69.02
<i>Charge of \$2.01 per KVA of capacity in excess of 25 KVA for single-phase and 75 KVA for three-phase</i>			
ENERGY CHARGE PER KWH PER MONTH			
FIRST 5,000 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.11140	\$ 0.11463	\$ 0.11303
OVER 5,000 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.10490	\$ 0.10794	\$ 0.10643
<i>Surcharge for Renewable Energy Generation = \$50.00 per Month</i>			
<b>GENERAL SERVICE (SMALL) ALL ELECTRIC:</b>			
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH			
SINGLE PHASE	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 34.51
THREE PHASE	45.00	45.00	44.37
SINGLE AND THREE PHASE	75.00	75.00	73.95
<i>Charge of \$2.31 per KVA of capacity in excess of 25 KVA for single-phase and 75 KVA for three-phase</i>			
ENERGY CHARGE PER KWH PER MONTH			
FIRST 7,000 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.10270	\$ 0.10568	\$ 0.10420
OVER 7,000 KWH PER MONTH	\$ 0.09690	\$ 0.09971	\$ 0.09831
<i>Surcharge for Renewable Energy Generation = \$50.00 per Month</i>			
<b>GENERAL SERVICE (LARGE):</b>			
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 93.67
MAXIMUM LOAD CHARGE	PER MONTH PER KVA OF BILLING MAXIMUM LOAD	7.11	7.11
ALL KWH USAGE PER KWH			\$ 0.08644
<i>Billing Minimum Load Charge = 50% of Transformer Nameplate</i>			
<b>GENERAL SERVICE INDUSTRIAL:</b>			
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 118.32
MAXIMUM LOAD CHARGE	PER MONTH PER KVA OF BILLING MAXIMUM LOAD	\$ 7.06	\$ 7.06
ALL KWH USAGE			\$ 0.08381
<i>Billing Minimum Load Charge = 50% of Transformer Nameplate</i>			
<b>MUNICIPAL:</b>			
STREET LIGHTING (PER KWH)	\$ 0.14980	\$ 0.15414	\$ 0.15199
ALL OTHER SERVICE (PER KWH)	\$ 0.12190	\$ 0.12544	\$ 0.12368
<i>Plus ECA Tracking Factor</i>			
<b>SECURITY LIGHTING SERVICE:</b>			
RATE PER LAMP PER MONTH			
100 WATT	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.50	\$ 11.34
175 WATT	14.00	15.00	14.79
250 WATT (or LED equiv.)	16.00	17.00	16.76
400 WATT (or LED equiv.)	30.00	32.00	31.55
1,000 WATT (or LED equiv.)	45.00	47.50	46.84

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STATE OF INDIANA        )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF WHITLEY    )

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State personally appeared Ryan Daniel, Nicole Penrod, and Walt Crowder as Members of the Board of Public Works of the City of Columbia City, and Rosie Coyle, Clerk of the Board of Works and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Water Pollution Treatment Contract as and for their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed my Notarial Seal, this 24 day of May, 2022.

*Sally Dyan Wherry*  
Notary Public and Resident of  
*Whitley* County, Indiana

My Commission Expires:  
9-26-2023

