

To AEMC,

I think that distribution charges should be (at least in part) based on coincident maximum demand of the customer. The current energy based charge roughly represents the impact a customer has on the network but it is inequitable. For example, a person who does not have an air conditioner or plasma TV pays more than their fair share in distribution charges.

However having a simple capacity charge would discourage offpeak usage, any such system must account for capacity during high local demand periods.

Thank you for your consideration

Regards,

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