



Customer Newsline

Residential Budgets

Heating your home can increase your electric bill substantially during the winter. Spread out your charges with our 11-month residential budget billing!

How does it work?

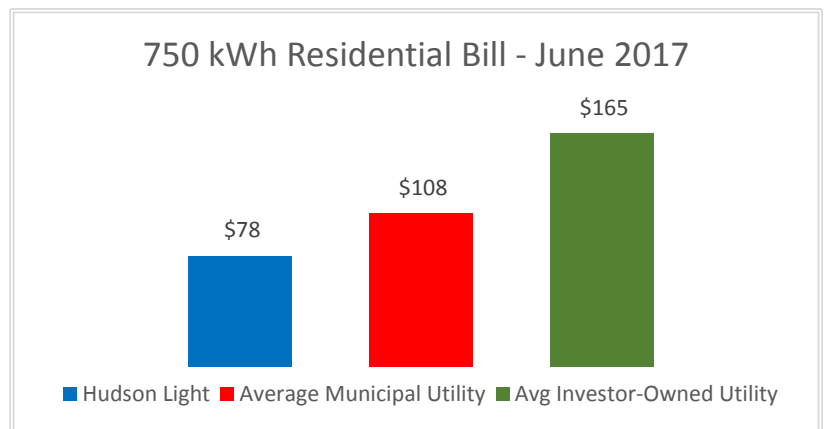
1. We estimate your annual electric usage and divide it into 12 equal payments.
2. You pay the same amount for 11 months - October through August.
3. September is the settlement month when you pay your actual bill in order to bring your balance back to zero.

All bills have to be paid in full in September in order to participate in the program. If you have a credit, it will be applied to future bills.

If you are a current budget customer, the bill you receive in October will show your new amount. If you are not a budget customer and would like to try the program, please call us at 978-568-8736 or email us at info@hudsonlight.com before September 15th.

LOWEST RATES IN THE STATE!

A study by the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) shows Hudson Light customers' average bills to be the **lowest in the State!**



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NYPA CREDIT

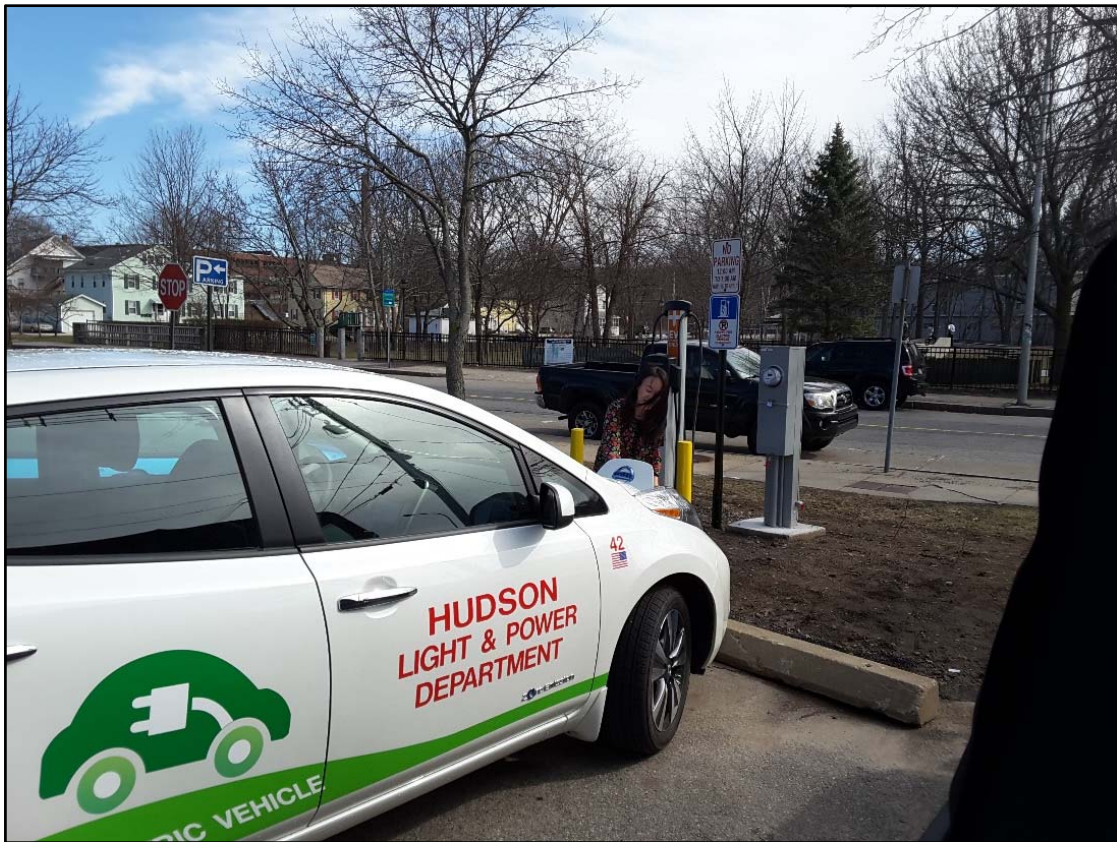
In July, the Hudson Municipal Light Board approved an increase in the New York Power Authority (NYPA) residential credit, bringing the average residential bill down to about 10 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). The credit is connected to hydro-electric power we purchase from New York.

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

The first week of October is Public Power Week. Hudson Light is a prime example of the benefits of public power:

- ✓ Reliable and local service
- ✓ Fast response time during outages
- ✓ Low rates
- ✓ Generous conservation and solar power incentives

NEW ELECTRIC CAR CHARGER REBATE!



In collaboration with the Town of Hudson, Hudson Light installed a new electric car charging station on South Street in Hudson operated by ChargePoint.

Hudson Light and Power has added Energy Star certified residential electric car chargers to its list of conservation incentives. The Department now offers 50% of the unit price with a maximum benefit of \$250.00 on chargers installed by residential customers at their homes. For information on Energy Star qualifying products, visit <https://www.energystar.gov/products/other/evse>.

Electric Car Incentive Information

Hudson Light Incentive: <https://www.hudsonlight.com>

State Incentives: <https://mor-ev.org/>

Federal Incentives: <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/taxcenter.shtml>

EV Savings Calculator: <https://www.afdc.energy.gov/calc/>

Eversource Transmission Line – FAQs

A new 115,000 volt transmission line is being proposed to connect Eversource’s Sudbury Substation with Hudson Light & Power’s Forest Ave Substation. The following are frequently asked questions that we have received:

How did this project come about?

The Independent System Operator of New England (ISO-NE) is an organization that operates the wholesale electric market in New England under the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). ISO-NE identified weaknesses in the transmission system and created an umbrella project to address these weaknesses. This umbrella project was called the Greater Boston Reliability Project (GBRP). The GBRP consists of 20+ separate projects of which one is the Sudbury to Hudson transmission line project. ISO-NE directed Eversource and Hudson Light and Power to pursue this project.

Will this benefit Hudson Light customers?

Hudson Light customers will benefit in reduced costs and increased reliability. After completion of the project, our system will be fed from three transmission sources on two geographically separated rights of way. Our substation will be upgraded to accommodate the new transmission line. Our local transmission costs will be reduced and all upgrade costs and on-going maintenance costs will be reimbursed through the ISO-NE wholesale market with a FERC allowed return on our investment (FERC rates of return have typically been 10-11%).

What are the negatives?

Abutters, local residents and town officials have obvious concerns: unsightly overhead transmission lines, removal of trees, reduction of property values, the still-debated impact of electro-magnetic fields. For these reason, an underground option is under consideration. Hudson Light has maintained from the start that local concerns must be addressed so that any decision will take into consideration the pros and cons of the proposal. The Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board Process is designed to address these concerns.

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PROJECT PROCESS

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates regional wholesale markets including transmission of electricity through ISO-NE.



Using North American Reliability Corporation standards, ISO-NE determines vulnerabilities in the transmission system and directs applicable market participants to provide improvement proposals.



Multiple proposals are developed and reviewed by the ISO-NE Reliability Committee and the Transmission Committee. Approved projects move through to the siting process.



For projects within a State’s borders, FERC defers siting decisions to the State Level.



For the Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Project, the Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board holds public hearings for comments and concerns.



EFSB CASE DOCUMENTS (DOCKET EFSB17-02) ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

<http://170.63.40.34/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>

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Transmission Line...

What is the status of the project?

Public hearings have been held and the project is before the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board. Information on the case can be found at <http://170.63.40.34/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. Enter EFSB17-02 in the docket number search.

Eversource information is available at:

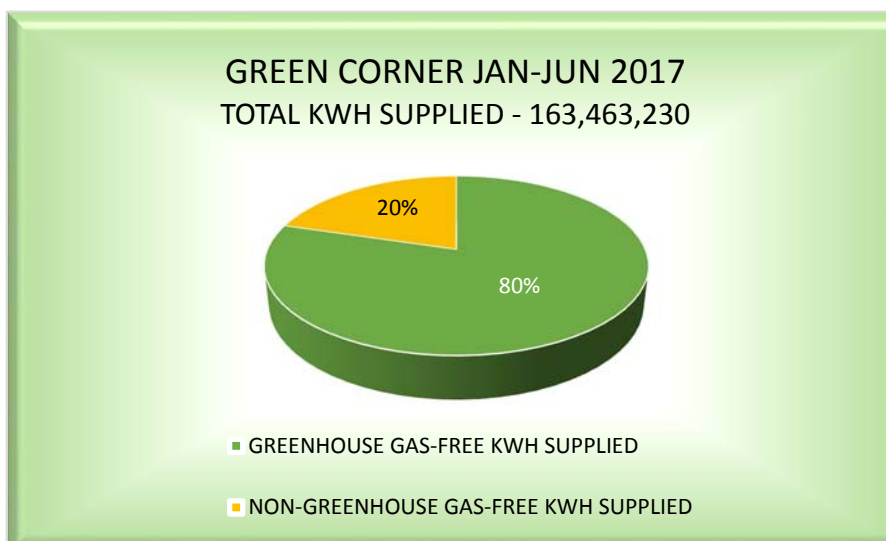
<https://www.eversource.com/Content/ct-g/about/major-projects-infrastructure/sudbury-to-hudson-project>

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Lowest rates in the State...

The Department has worked hard to keep costs as low as possible while maintaining our high level of service. We are proud to be “the best of the best.”

To view the MMWEC study, visit us online at www.hudsonlight.com.



ABOUT US

hudsonlight.com

Payment Locations:

PO Box 844568, Boston, MA 02284

For fast, efficient payment processing, please use the envelope enclosed with your bill. Do not submit post-dated checks. Do not use payment envelopes for correspondence.

49 Forest Ave., Hudson
Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.
24-Hour Drop Box.

Hudson Town Hall
Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm; 24-Hour Drop Box.

Contacting Us:

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Email: info@hudsonlight.com
Conservation Hotline: 888-772-4242

Fall Holiday Closings

September 4th Labor Day
October 9th Columbus Day
November 10th Veterans Day
November 23RD Thanksgiving Day

Light Board Meetings

Third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, 49 Forest Ave., Hudson.
Open to the Public. Agendas are posted online 48 hours prior to meeting.