

Energy Optimization Surcharges For the City of Norway

As a result of the Clean, Renewable and Efficient Energy Act, state legislation (Public Act 295) requires Michigan electric utilities to develop energy optimization plans to help customers to save energy.

Under state legislation, the City of Norway's electric utility (and all other electric and natural gas utilities in Michigan) are required to implement energy efficiency programs, called Energy Optimization, to create energy saving goals now and in the future.

Through shared membership in WPPI Energy, and collaboration with other Upper Peninsula municipalities and the Michigan Electric Cooperatives Association, we will implement these energy efficient programs for the benefit of our customers. All of the City of Norway's customers will be eligible for the programs offered.

As a customer of the City of Norway's Electric Department, your electric bills have an Energy Optimization surcharge, which is a required charge to fund the reduction of energy usage. The charge for the City of Norway's electric customers is \$0.00164 per kWh for residential customers and \$5.63 per month for commercial customers. For residential customers, this would be \$1.15 per billing for an average household that uses 700kWh per month. This surcharge will be used for the development, administration, and implementation of Energy Optimization programs for low-income, residential, and commercial customers. On your City of Norway Utility bill will have this surcharge under the code "EOP". It will be a separate line item on your bill so you can see exactly how much it is.

Spending money for the Energy Optimization now will enable our customers to lower bills over long-term and achieve significant savings. More importantly, this effort translates into lower energy bills, resource preservation, and a healthier, more sustainable future. We have a responsibility to strengthen the region's commitment to environmental stewardship and do our part to reduce energy use in Michigan.