

MITCHELL EMC TIME-OF-USE IRRIGATION SERVICE



What is Time of Use (TOU)?

- TOU is a rate structure where the cost of electricity varies based on the time period in which the energy is consumed. Unlike real time pricing (RTP), Mitchell EMC's TOU rate offers two pricing periods: On-Peak and Off-Peak.

Why is Mitchell offering TOU?

- Mitchell EMC pays a higher price for wholesale energy when the demand for electricity is high and conversely a lower price when electricity is more plentiful. TOU offers Members a way to reduce their power bill by shifting their usage of electricity to a less expensive time of the day; thereby reducing Mitchell EMC's wholesale costs. Those savings are reflected in the Off-Peak energy charge.

How does TOU work?

- Mitchell EMC's TOU rate has two pricing periods: On-Peak and Off-Peak. When a Member uses electricity on-peak, he pays a higher price that more closely reflects the price of wholesale energy. During off-peak hours, the Member pays a reduced cost for the electricity he uses. Mitchell EMC can offer electricity at a lower price during off-peak hours because it purchases the energy at a lower wholesale rate.

Does it require special equipment?

- Yes, the TOU rate requires a special meter that will not only record the amount of electricity used, but also the time in which it was used. No other equipment is necessary.

When are peak hours?

- On-peak hours are weekdays beginning at 3:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM, June 1 through September 30, excluding Independence Day and Labor Day. All other hours are off-peak.

What are the energy charges for the TOU rate?

- On-peak energy is 25.775¢ per kWh; off-peak energy is 9.775¢ per kWh

Can my house or office be on the TOU rate?

- No, unfortunately the TOU rate is only offered for irrigation systems at this time.

Do I have to curtail my hours of irrigation?

- No. A reduction in the total hours of irrigation is not required.

How will the TOU rate benefit me?

- Members who can shift their hours of irrigation from on-peak to off-peak would benefit under the TOU rate. Reduction of electrical consumption or total hours irrigated is not required to see savings from TOU; only a shift from on-peak hours to off-peak hours.

Will the TOU rate raise my power bill?

- The TOU rate was designed to recover the same costs as Mitchell EMC's existing irrigation rate with no change in the pattern of electrical usage. It offers the potential to save money if the Member can shift his electric consumption from on-peak to off-peak.

Would I be able to lower the power bill on my existing account on TOU?

- Members who can modify their usage pattern and shift their electric consumption from on-peak to off-peak will definitely benefit by converting to the TOU rate.

Through an automated meter reading (AMR) system, Mitchell EMC can analyze hourly energy consumption for existing accounts. For information on last summer's usage, contact our office at 336-5221

How do I sign up for the TOU rate?

- Simply contact our office and tell them that you would like to be on Mitchell EMC's Time-of-Use rate and pay the \$200 fee for the TOU meter.

Once on the TOU rate, can I change my rate back?

- Mitchell EMC's rates require a minimum one (1) year contract. Members can only change rates after the contract period has expired.

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