

# BAY CITY ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER

Quarter 2 Newsletter - 2023



## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Bay City Electric Light & Power (BCELP) is committed to providing you with safe, economical, and reliable electric service while implementing programs designed to assist you in making your home or business more energy efficient and climate friendly.

We fulfill this commitment by responding quickly to all outages whether they're caused by weather, wildlife, or accident. We offer rebates and incentives on qualifying energy waste reduction products to help offset your cost. We sponsor and participate in community events to educate you, our customer, about electrical safety, sustainability, and energy efficiency.

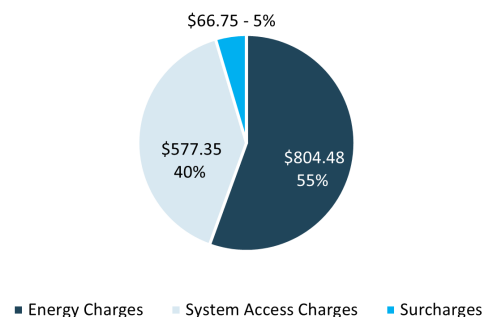
Additionally, during the past year we have completed a number of projects designed to secure our promise of safety, efficiency and reliability.

Some of these projects include:

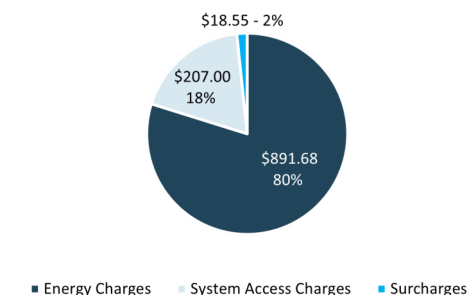
- New Backus Substation
- Generating Plant Engine Overhauls
- Brighten up Bay City - Streetlight Upgrades
- And, more than 3,100 trees trimmed

Just to name a few ... stay tuned, there is more to come!

### 2023 Competitor Annual Bill-\$1,448.58



### 2023 BCELP Annual Bill-\$1,117.23



Annual electric consumption average used for comparison is 8,148 kWh. Competitor rate pulled from January 2023 billing statement.



## SOLAR ENERGY

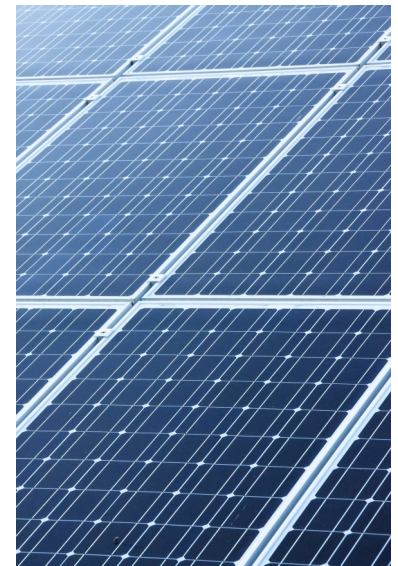
Bay City Electric Light & Power includes solar energy as part of our purchased power portfolio. As your public power provider, we are committed to providing our customers with reliable energy while reducing our carbon footprint to make our environment a better place.

Solar energy has many benefits. Here are a couple:

1. It reduces air pollution because it produces ZERO greenhouse gas emissions.
2. It reduces water pollution because it consumes ZERO water.

If you are interested in installing solar, do your homework. Get multiple estimates. We encourage you to speak with our staff as part of your research to discuss your energy history, rates and impact to your electric bill.

Also, make sure to check on possible rebates and incentives offered to commercial and residential customers for the installation of solar through the Bay City Electric Light & Power Clean Energy Program. If you are interested in finding out more about solar, contact us at (989) 894-8350.



## ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Prepare your home for summer! The BCELP Clean Energy Program offers **free** residential home energy check-ups that can show homeowners how to lower their energy bills. A home energy check-up involves a professional energy advisor coming to your home and identifying ways that you can save energy and cut down on your monthly utility expenses.

The home energy check-up will provide home owners with a custom report on where energy is wasted. During the visit, the advisor will perform direct installation of energy saving measures **you** choose like LED bulbs, faucet aerators, efficient showerheads, pipe wrap, nightlights, and more.

The energy advisor can answer your questions about insulation, lighting, appliances and heating equipment, and help you determine areas for improvement. To arrange a home energy check-up at no cost to you contact (888) 316-8014 to schedule your appointment today. And, for other ways to save, visit [www.BayCityEnergySmart.org](http://www.BayCityEnergySmart.org).

## KNOW BEFORE YOU DIG



You can do your part to help maintain electric reliability. Do you know where underground utility services are? If you're planning a home improvement job, planting a tree or installing a fence, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. Too often risky assumptions are made about whether or not to call 811 to get utility lines marked. All excavating projects, big or small, require a call to Miss Dig.



### Utility Customer Service (UCS)

Programs available for eligible customers:

- Programs for seniors 65 years of age or older
- Full time active military personnel protections
- Critical care/life support discounts
- Winter Protection Plan

For additional programs and applications contact UCS at (989) 894-8104 option 7 or at [www.BayCityMI.org](http://www.BayCityMI.org).

Need utility assistance?

Dial 211 – Hearing impaired dial (800) 649-3777



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