

Frequently Asked Questions about Energy Choice

1. Q. Are Butler Electric Customers able to select an energy supplier other than Butler Electric?

A. No. Municipally owned Electric Utilities and Energy Co-ops are not currently included in the Energy Choice program.

2. Q. What rate would I use to compare to offerings being made by alternate energy suppliers?

A. The basic per kwh cost for energy currently charged by Butler Electric is approximately 10.2¢. That number is what you would use to compare to the prices being offered by alternate energy suppliers. Additional mandatory Federal and State charges are added to this number resulting in an energy charge of approximately 13¢.

3. Q. How do Butler Electric rates compare to other NJ Electric utilities?

A. Butler Electric rates are lower than all of the investor owned utilities supplying power in NJ. That includes PSE&G, JCP&L, Atlantic Electric and Rockland Electric.

4. Q. Is Energy Choice New?

A. Energy Choice has been in existence since 1999. However, to date, market conditions apparently have not been favorable to make energy cheap enough to compete with the large utilities. Natural Gas prices, coal prices, etc. affect the cost of generating electricity. With this in mind, alternate suppliers are affected by market fluctuations just as utilities are.

5. Q. Does Butler Electric make a profit on Energy Charges?

A. The LEAC charge you see on your bill is a DIRECT pass-through of charges for energy. Butler Electric recovers the cost of energy paid to suppliers and the cost of fees charged by State and Federal agencies. These costs include reliability charges, transmission charges, demand charges, etc.

Butler Electric is pleased to serve our customers and strives VERY hard to provide quick and reliable service and the lowest cost possible.