

# Maryland's Utility Rates and Charges

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Explanation and data on utility bills, rates, and charges, and how—and why—they have changed over time.

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# About This Report

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- This report has information about current and historic rates and charges of the major Maryland electric and gas utilities. It includes dozens of figures illustrating and comparing rates and charges and how they have changed over time.
- The report appendix has current and historic rate and charge information organized alphabetically by utility. The information is also available on [OPC's website](#) and will be periodically updated.
- All figures and charts in this report show only rates and charges under the standard tariffs for residential customers. Rates and charges for other customer classes or non-standard options (such as time-of-use rates) for residential customers will be different.
- Rates shown in this report are intended to illustrate general rate trends. The rates are based on standard residential rate schedules. Reported rates may vary slightly from rates as they appear or appeared on customer bills because they reflect an annual weighted average, do not incorporate certain surcharges or reconciliations, or because they are not adjusted for temporary riders, including changes for tax benefits from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and related credits being passed through to customers ahead of schedule.
- Rates shown for Pepco reflect the Public Service Commission's June 10, 2024, order, and Baltimore Gas and Electric rates for 2024-2026 are based on a Commission order that is subject to a rehearing request.

# Glossary

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- **Capital expenditure:** Dollars a utility spends on projects and equipment that replace or expand the utility's infrastructure. Capital expenditures go into the utility's "rate base" (see below) with the Public Service Commission's approval.
- **Delivery charges:** The charges for delivering gas or electricity to your home, including the monthly customer charge and the distribution rate charge that depends on energy usage. Sometimes referred to as "distribution" charges.
- **Distribution rate:** The rate that is multiplied by the amount of gas or electricity the customer consumes each month to determine the volumetric component of the delivery charges.
- **Monthly customer charge:** A monthly fixed charge on customer bills that makes up the other main portion of the delivery charges.
- **Rate base:** The total dollar amount of the utility's capital investments that have not yet been paid for by customers. Utilities receive a return, including profit, that is based on rate base size and that is recovered from customers in their delivery charges.
- **Supply charge:** A charge for the physical energy the customer consumes, measured in therms for gas and kilowatt-hours for electricity. Also called the "commodity" charge.
- **Utility infrastructure:** The pipes, towers, wires, computers, and other equipment and infrastructure that the utility needs to deliver gas or electricity to customers.

# Key Findings

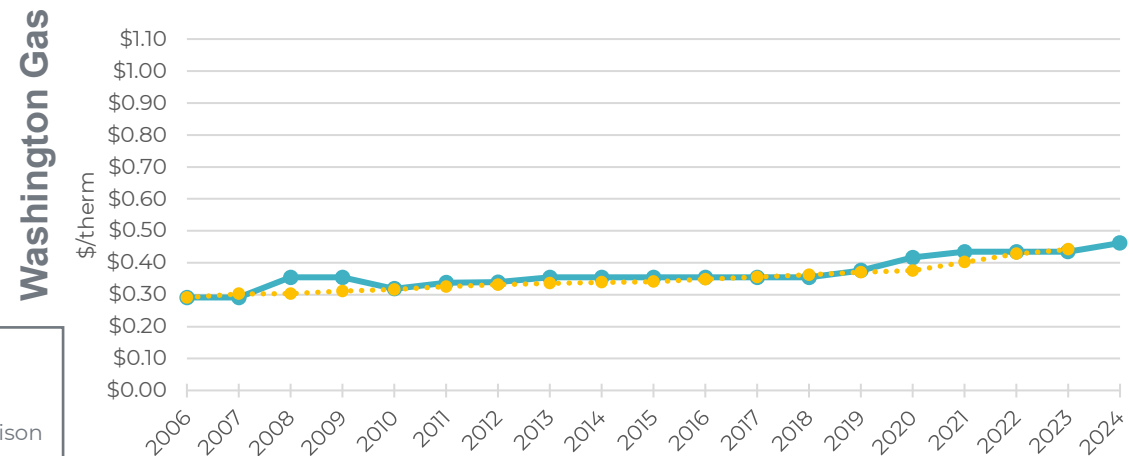
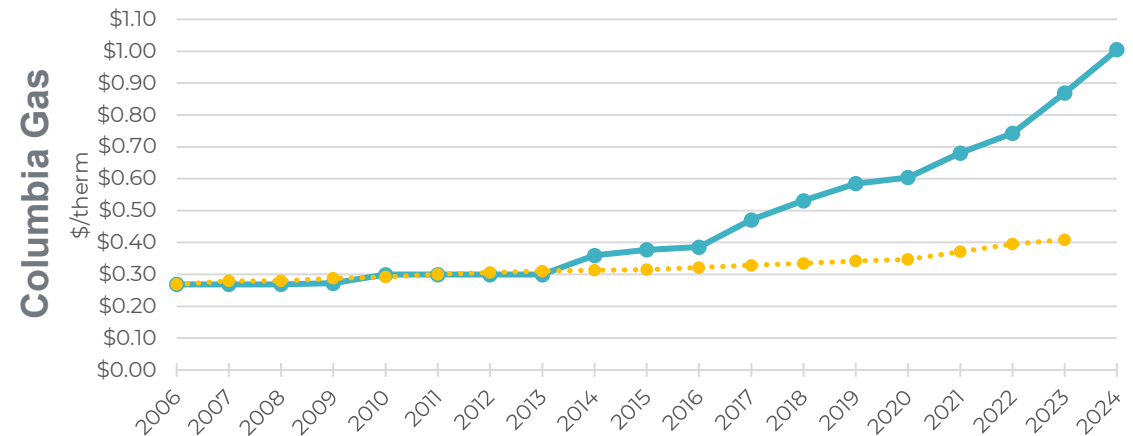
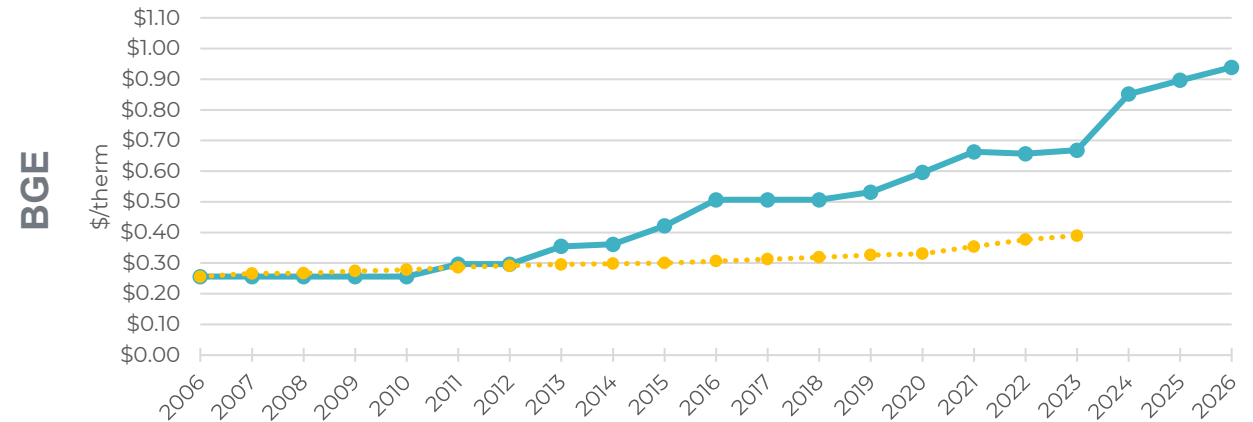
## GAS UTILITY FINDINGS

# Current and Historic Distribution Rates

Baltimore Gas & Electric (BGE) rates have more than **tripled** since 2010, increasing from 26 cents/therm to 85 cents/therm in 2024, exceeding the rate of inflation by a factor of nearly three. Under a recent Commission order, rates will rise to 94 cents/therm in 2026.

Columbia Gas rates increased at about **3.5 times** the rate of inflation, increasing from 30 cents/therm in 2010 to \$1.00/therm in 2024.

Washington Gas rates increased at about the rate of inflation, from 32 cents/therm in 2010 to 46 cents/therm in 2024.

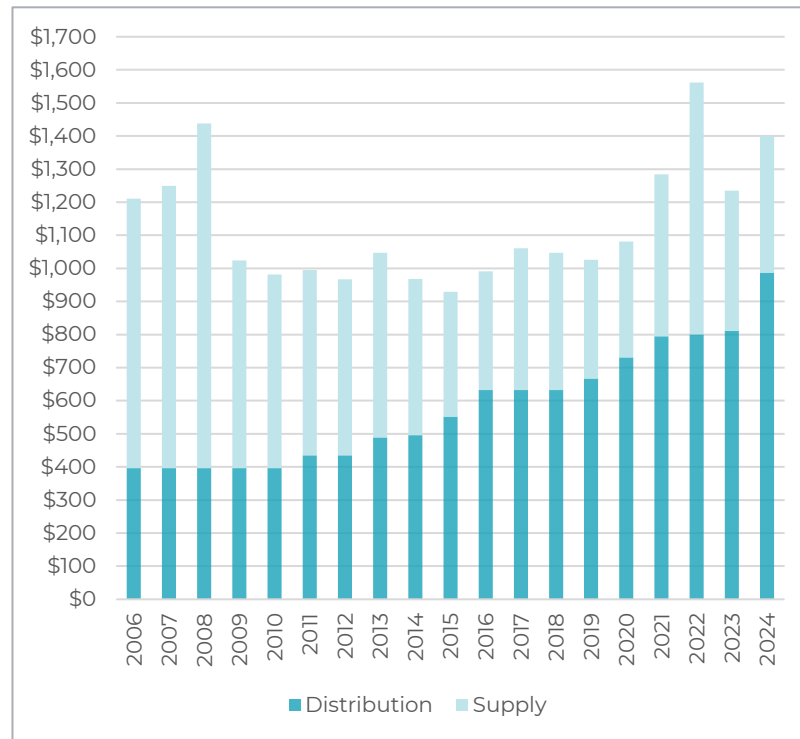


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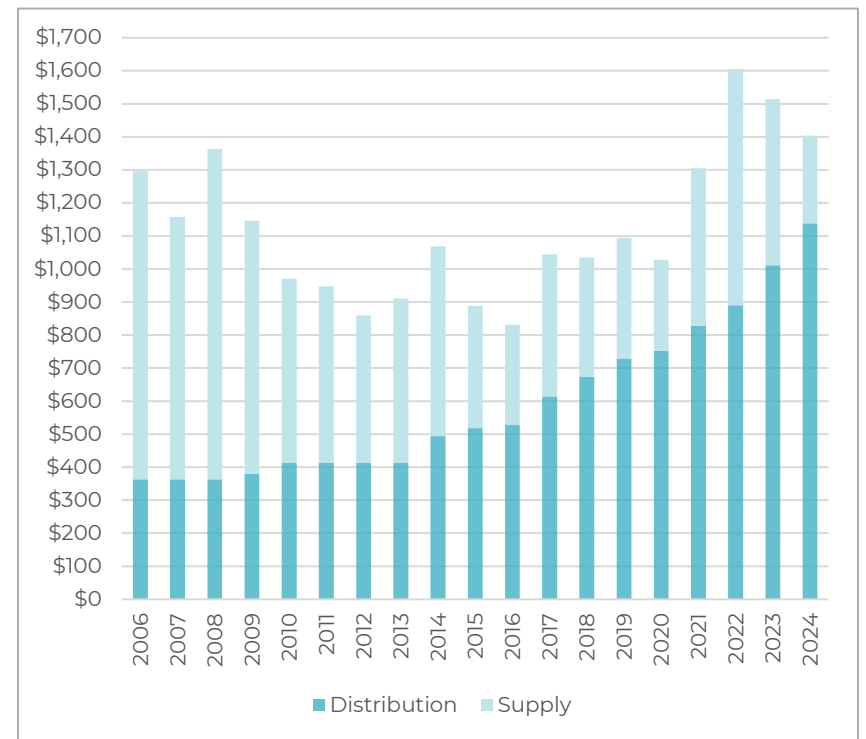
# Reductions in Gas Supply Costs Have Masked the Effect of BGE and Columbia Gas Delivery Cost Increases

Absent substantial increases in delivery costs after 2010, declining gas supply (commodity) costs would have lowered overall customer gas bills.

### BGE



### Columbia Gas



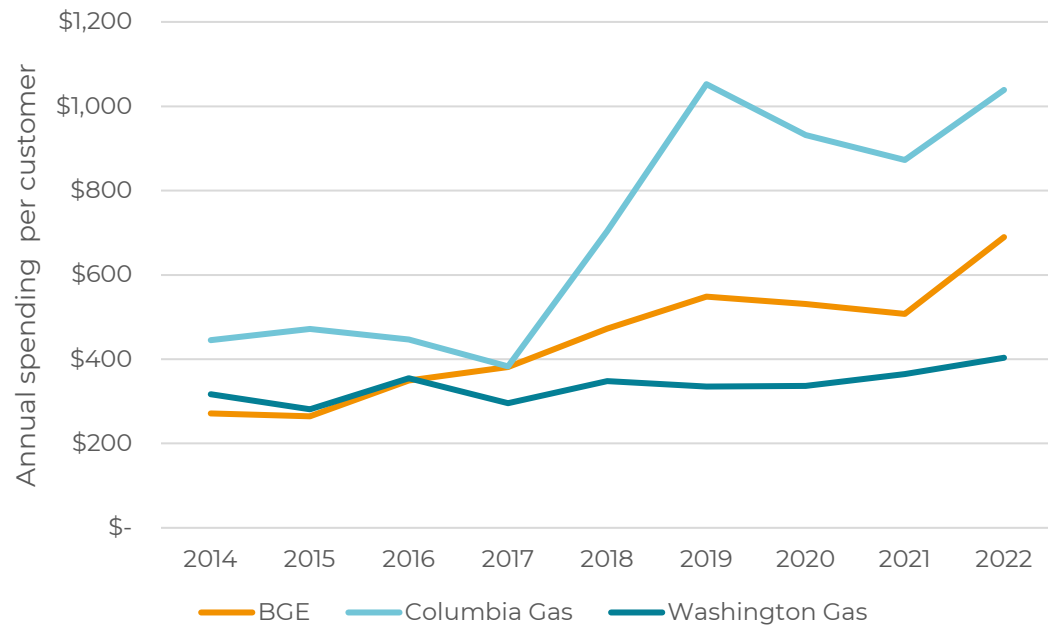
Calculations are based on gas usage of 940 therms per year.

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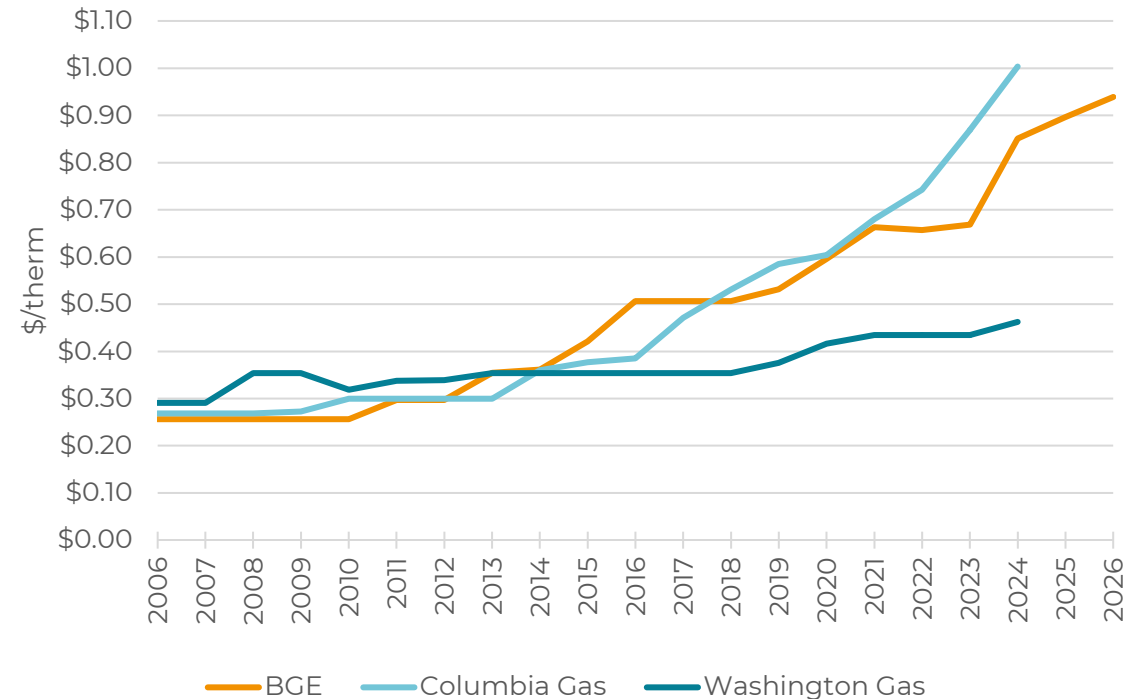
# Washington Gas' distribution rates are about half of BGE's and Columbia Gas' rates due to its slower pace of infrastructure spending

Washington Gas' pace of spending on capital gas infrastructure has been much slower than BGE and Columbia Gas. From 2019 to 2022, on average Washington Gas annually spent \$360/customer on gas infrastructure, while BGE spent \$570/customer and Columbia Gas spent \$974/customer.

### Annual Gas Utility Infrastructure Spending Per Customer



### Gas Utility Distribution Rates





GAS UTILITY FINDINGS

## Summary comparison of current distribution rates

Utility	Fixed Monthly Charge		Distribution Rate (per therm)*		
	2010	2024	2010	2024	Yearly Average % Increase
Washington Gas	\$10.20	\$11.85	\$0.3853	\$0.4621	1.9%
BGE	\$13.00	\$15.55	\$0.2561	\$0.8513	8.7%
Columbia Gas	\$10.97	\$16.25	\$0.2994	\$1.0039	9.3%

## ELECTRIC UTILITY FINDINGS Distribution Rate Increase Highlights, 2010-2024

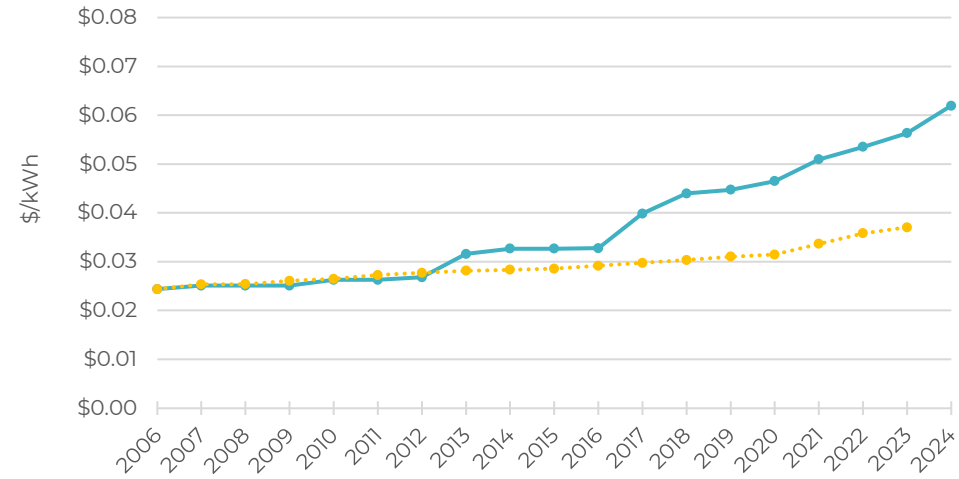
*The three Exelon utilities' rates have increased substantially and well above inflation rates:*

**Pepco** rates have increased from 2.6 cents/kWh to 6.2 cents/kWh.

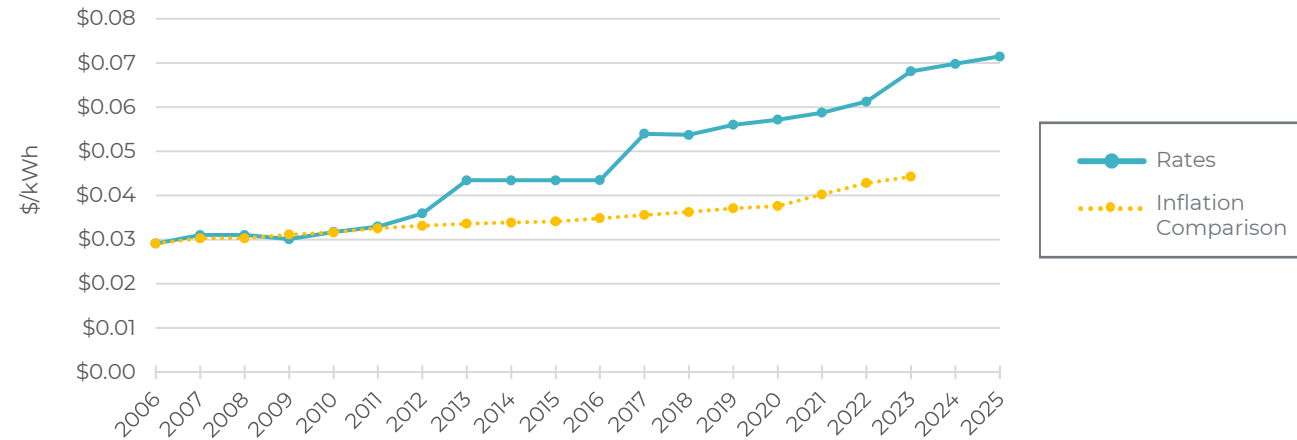
**Delmarva Power** rates have increased from 3.2 cents/kWh to 7.0 cents/kWh.

**BGE** electric rates have increased from 2.5 cents/kWh to 4.6 cents/kWh.

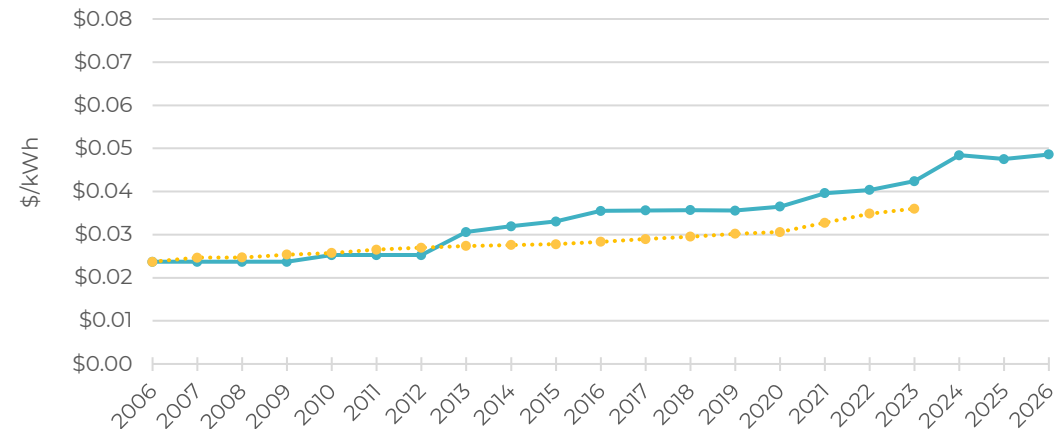
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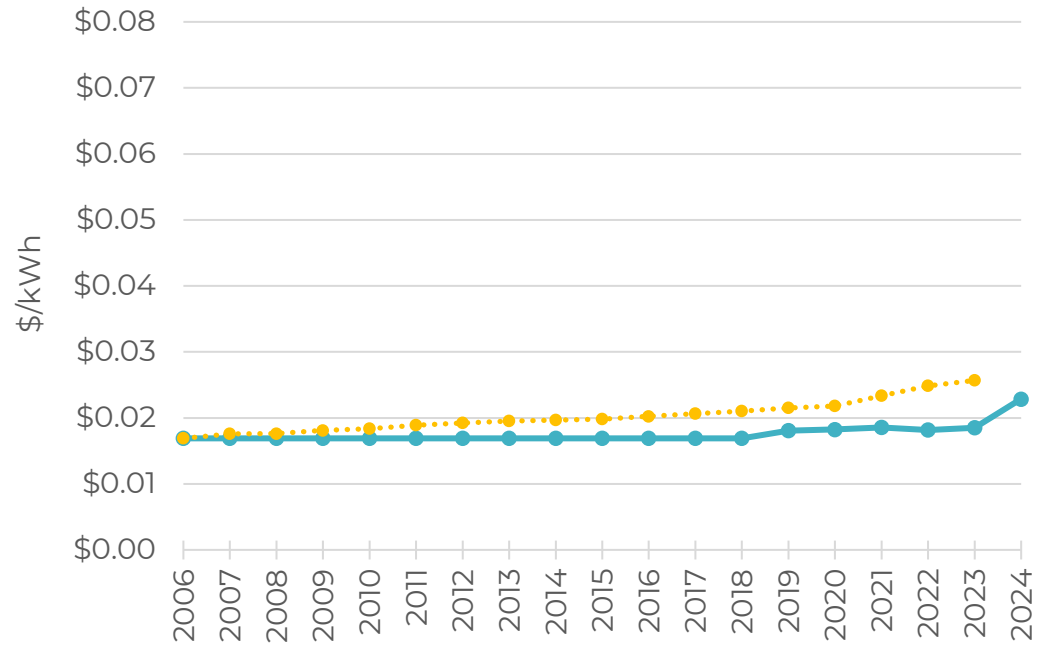
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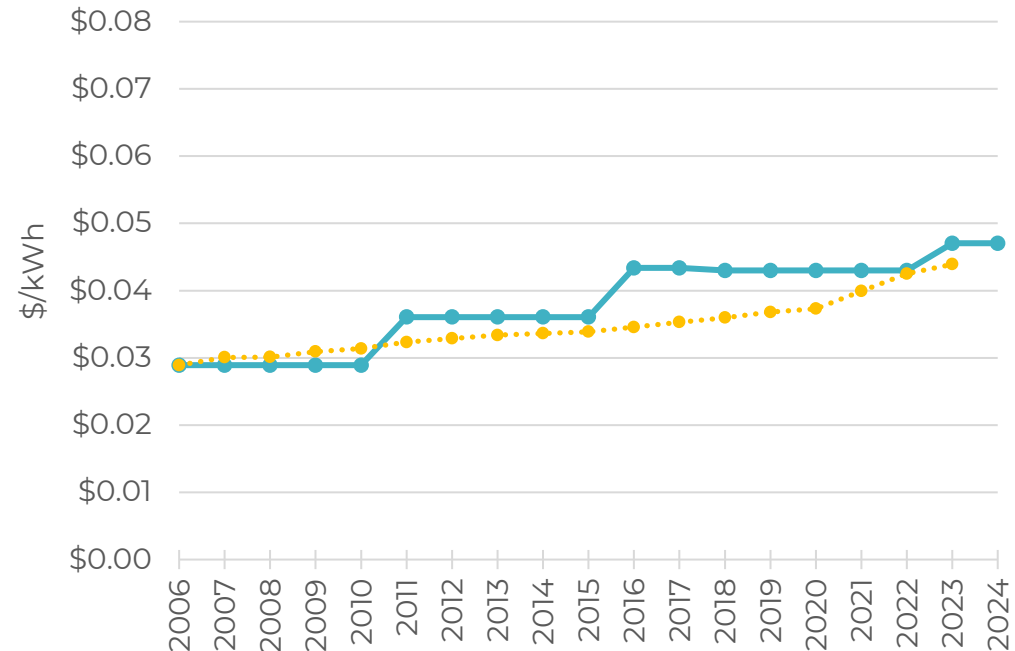
Potomac Edison’s distribution rates have stayed stable and are currently substantially less than BGE, Pepco, and Delmarva Power.

Distribution rates for SMECO, a cooperative and the State’s fourth largest electric utility, have increased slightly faster than the rate of inflation.

Potomac Edison



SMECO



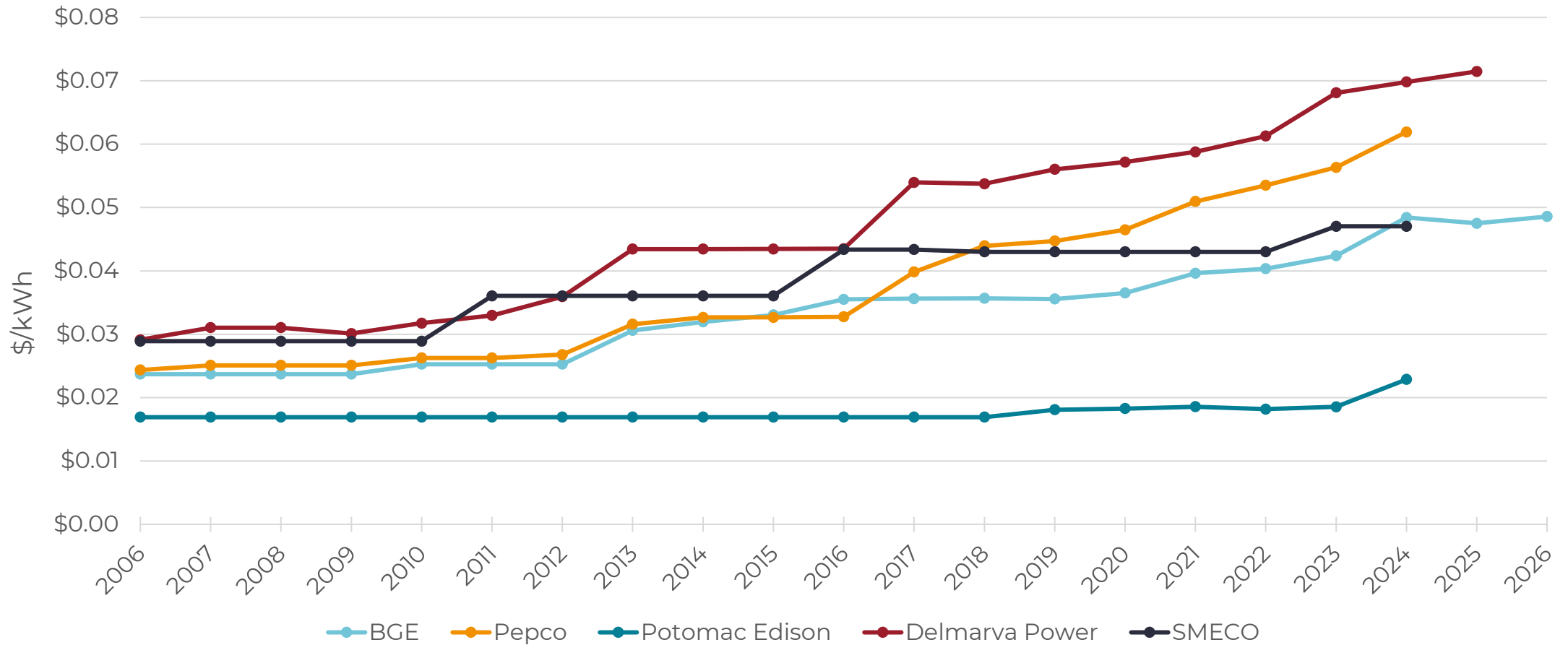
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	2010	2024	2010	2024	Yearly Average % Increase
Potomac Edison	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$0.0169	\$0.0229	2.3%
SMECO	\$8.60	\$9.50	\$0.0289	\$0.0470	3.6%
BGE	\$7.50	\$9.30	\$0.0253	\$0.0459	4.6%
Delmarva Power	\$6.00	\$9.19	\$0.0317	\$0.0698	6.0%
Pepco	\$6.65	\$8.44	\$0.0263	\$0.0618	6.4%

# ELECTRIC UTILITY FINDINGS

## Summary comparison of distribution rates



# Accelerated cost recovery helps drive rate increases

Maryland has in place two forms of accelerated cost recovery mechanisms

## **Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement Plan (STRIDE) law**

Enacted in 2013, covering the costs of gas pipe replacement work

## **Multi-Year Rate Plans**

Adopted by the Public Service Commission in 2020, covering all utility costs

# Accelerated cost recovery helps drive rate increases

## STRIDE

- BGE, Washington Gas, and Columbia Gas—Maryland’s largest gas utilities—have taken advantage of the STRIDE program.
- Washington Gas has made the least progress in its STRIDE program and has consistently not accomplished the work it has planned to complete.\*
- STRIDE program costs are recovered through the STRIDE surcharge until they are moved into regular rates at the time of a rate case, helping to drive up distribution rates.
- BGE performed gas pipe replacement work under STRIDE until 2024. Under a recent PSC order, the company now is performing its gas pipe replacement work under its multi-year rate plan, which provides the same accelerated cost recovery benefit to the utility as the STRIDE law.

\* See Public Service Commission Order No. 90099 (March 2, 2022) (stating that “the company has overpromised and under delivered” on its STRIDE plans).

# Accelerated cost recovery helps drive rate increases

## Multi-Year Rate Plans

- The term “multi-year rate plan” is shorthand for an approved schedule of rate changes (typically increases) that provide accelerated cost recovery for projected utility spending.
- Multi-year rate plans cover future years, usually three years, while standard ratemaking under rate cases can occur frequently or many years apart. (Maryland utility Potomac Edison went almost 25 years—from 1994 to 2018—without a rate increase.)
- Maryland’s three utility subsidiaries of the Chicago-based Exelon Corporation—BGE, Pepco, and Delmarva—have had multi-year rate plans.
- BGE’s current multi-year plan runs through 2026, and Delmarva Power’s runs through 2025. In a recent order, the Public Service Commission rejected the second two years of Pepco’s proposed three-year multi-year rate plan.



# Accelerated cost recovery helps drive rate increases

The STRIDE and multi-year alternative rate mechanisms have shifted the risks of utility overspending to customers and increased customer rates.

## Standard rate case

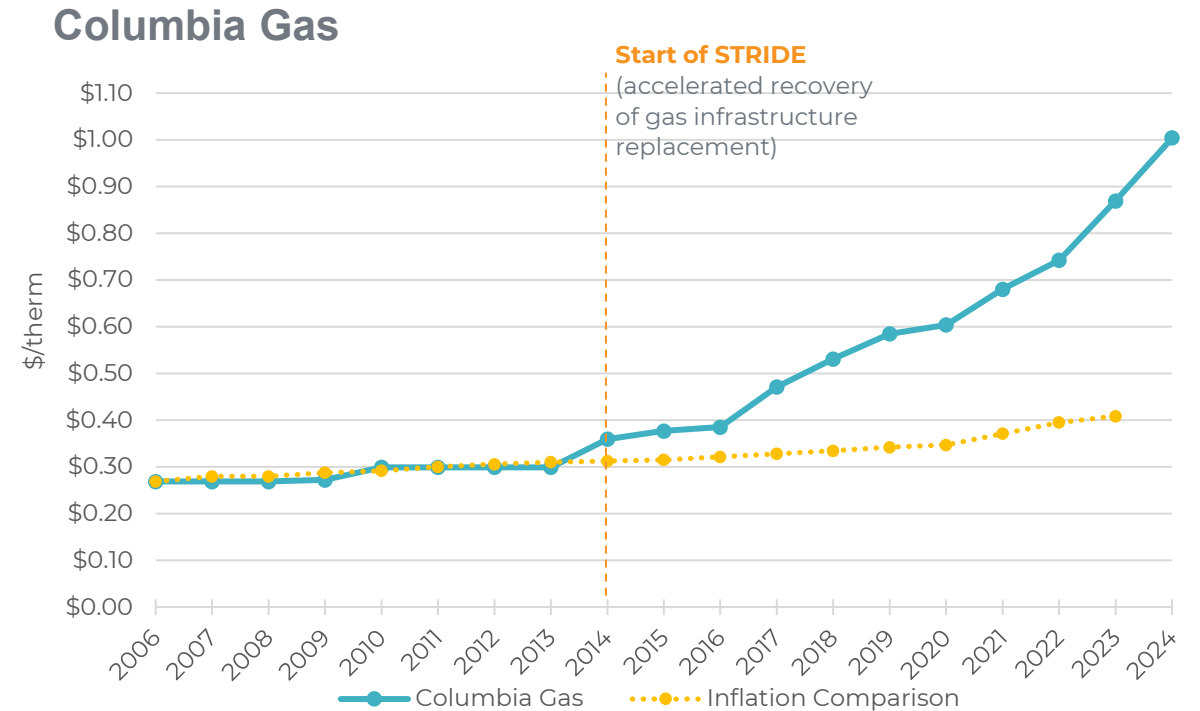
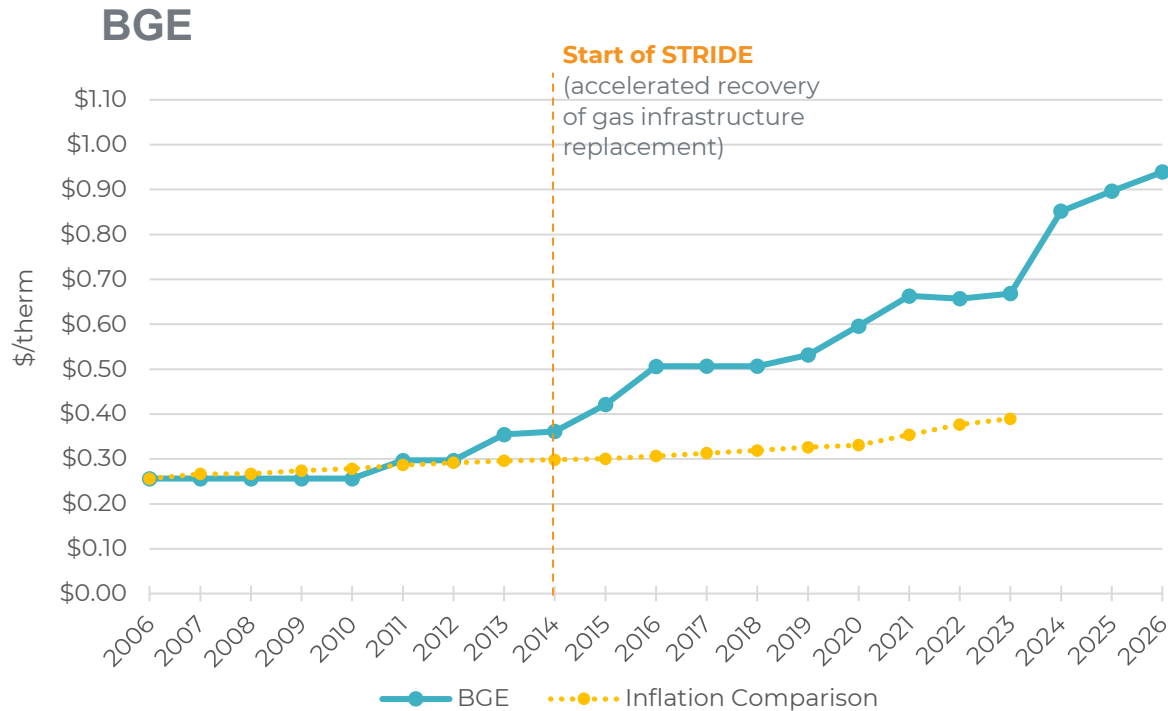
- Rates are based on the utility’s actual spending in a past year that is close in time to the filing of the rate case.
- By using actual costs to set rates, the Public Service Commission (PSC) can assess how reasonable the company’s spending was when determining rates.
- Recovery for capital investments generally starts after the capital projects are used and useful—i.e., placed into service—for customers and the utility has filed a rate case.
- Utilities are free to file rate cases as frequently or infrequently as they want based on their assessment of how their investors are faring from current rates.

## Alternative “multi-year” ratemaking

- Rates are based on projected utility capital investment spending over a future period, with the utility retaining flexibility to change its capital investment plans.
- Utilities charge customers for project costs *before* those projects are used to serve customers.
- Allows utilities to recover any overspending from customers, thereby shifting the utility’s risk from its investors to its customers.
- The faster rate recovery and lowering of utility risk promotes higher levels of spending.

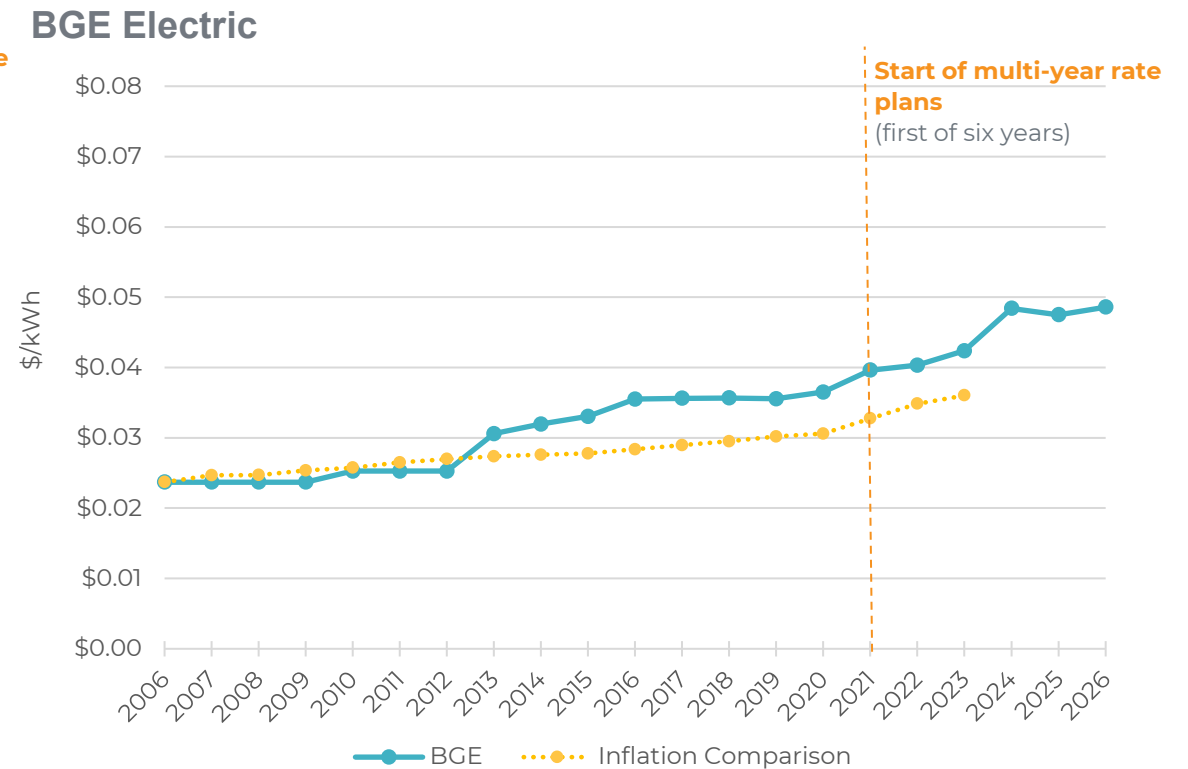
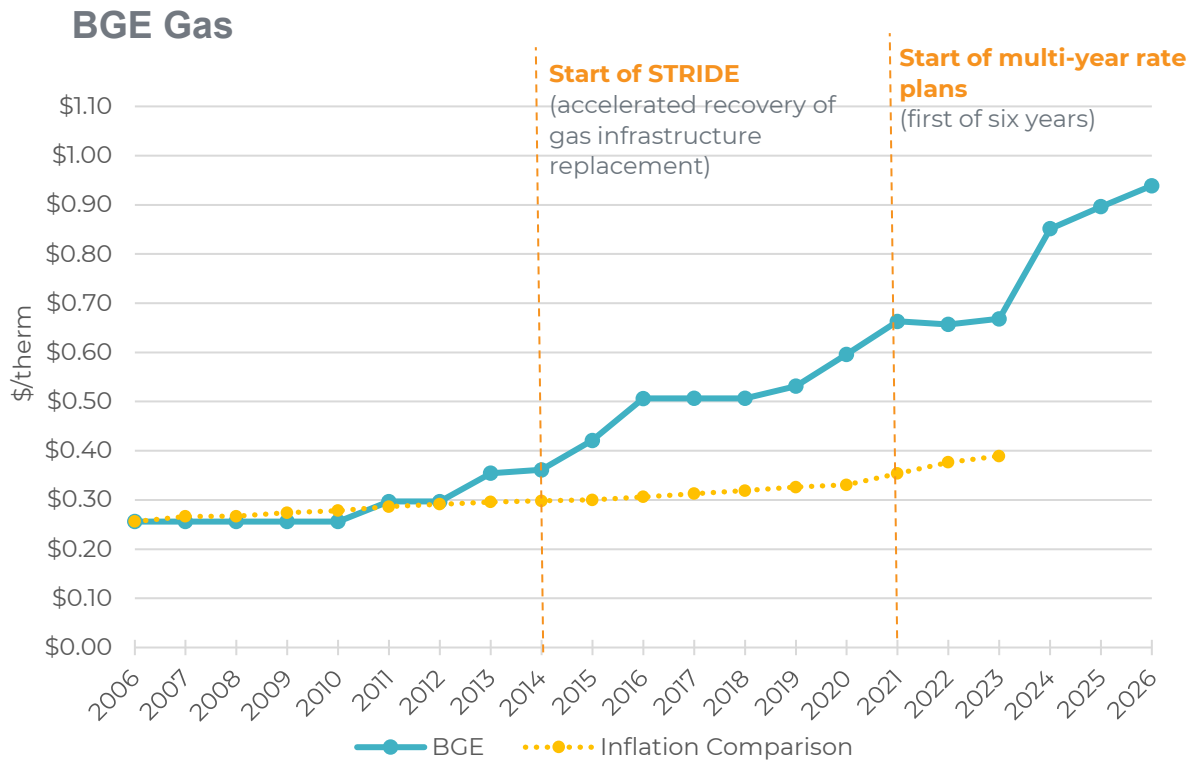
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**STRIDE** programs went into effect in 2014, leading to immediate rate increases for BGE and Columbia Gas customers.



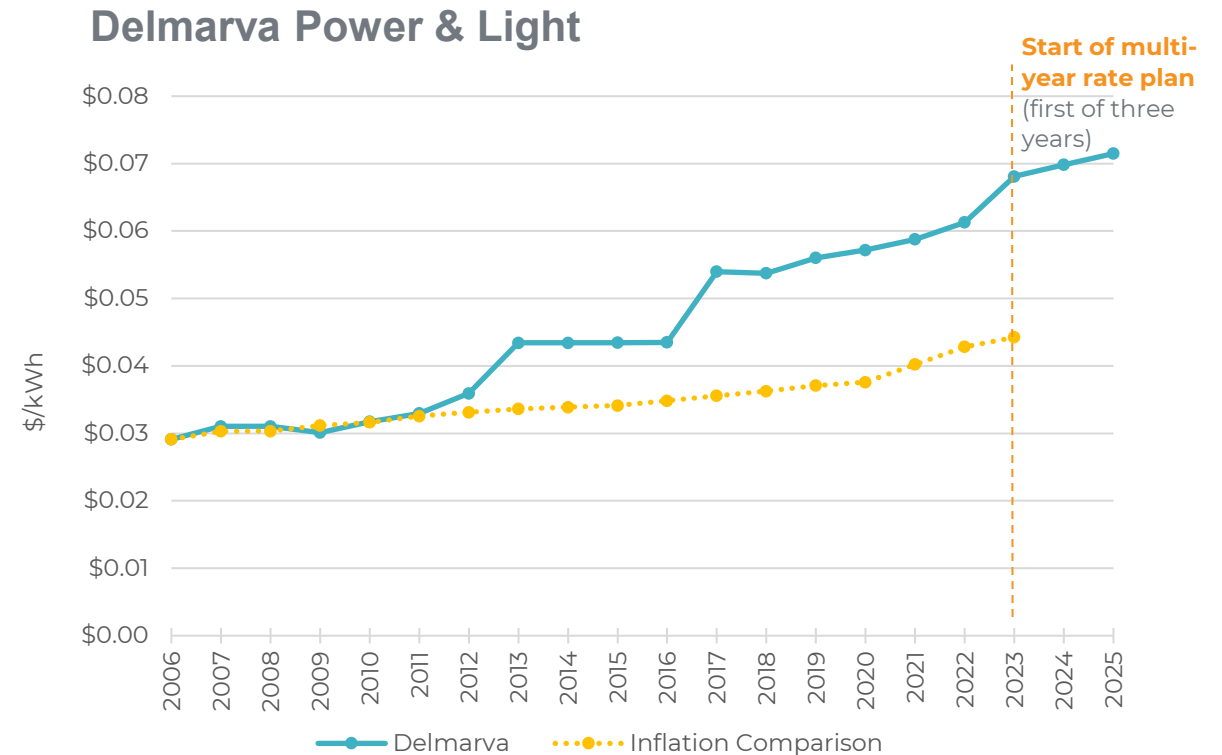
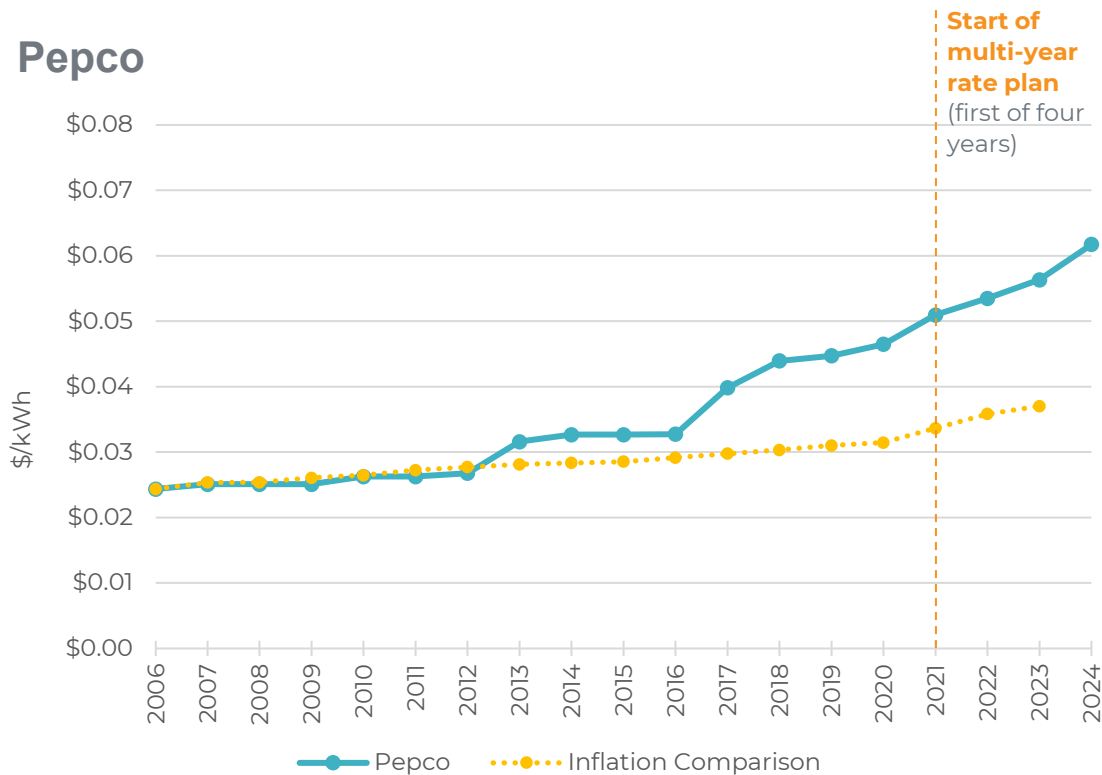
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# Utility bill basics: rates and charges

Electric and gas utility bills include charges for two primary categories of services:

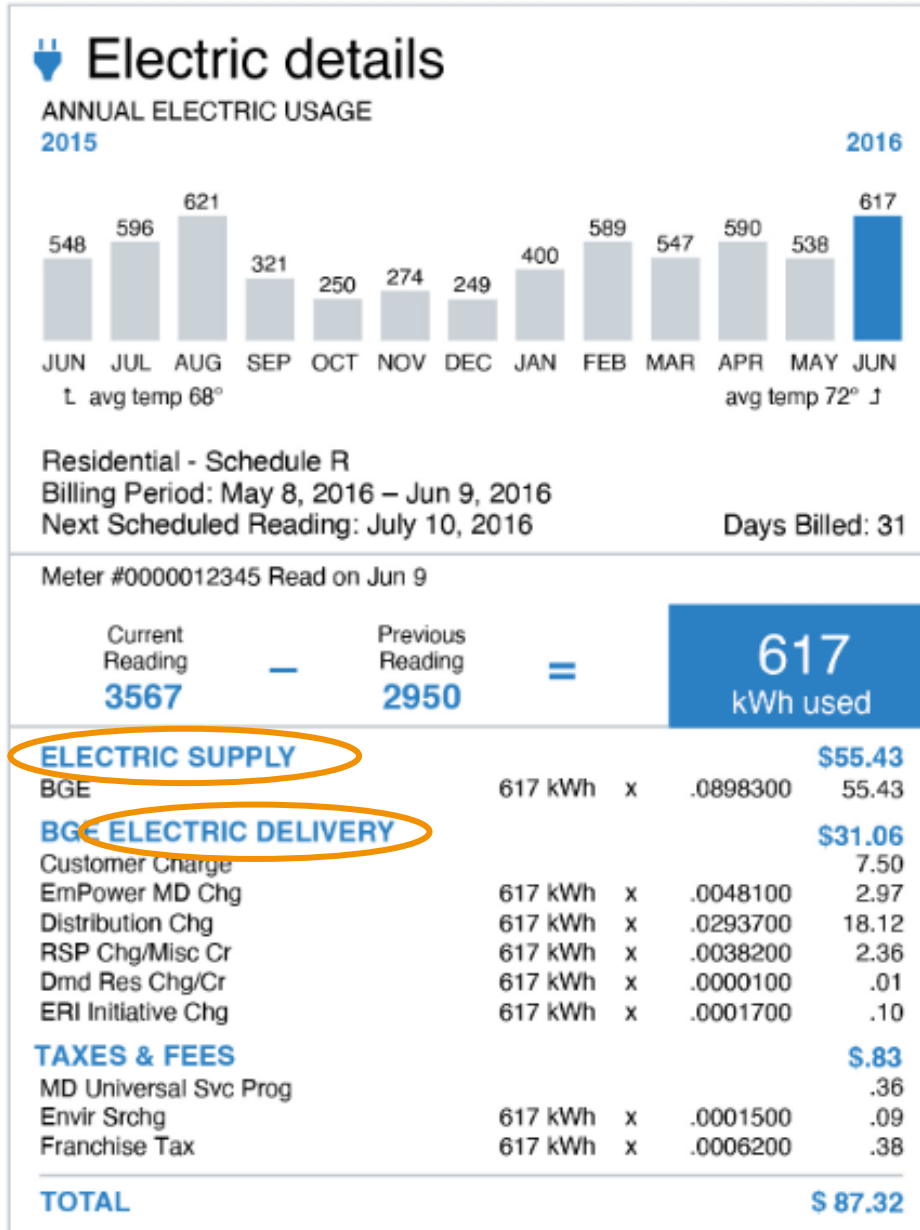
## DELIVERY SERVICE

(or distribution service)

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## SUPPLY SERVICE

(or commodity service)



# Delivery Service Charges

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The delivery charges on customer bills include costs of the utility's "rate base"

The "rate base" comprises the utility's outstanding (not yet fully paid for) capital expenditures.

The utility's profit largely depends on the size of its rate base

The rate base grows with additional capital spending and shrinks as capital assets are depreciated. The larger the rate base, the larger the utility's profits.

Customers also pay operational costs in the utility's distribution charges

Operational costs include most of the utility's personnel costs and the utility's tax responsibility for the profit component of its rate of return, and any local taxes.

Delivery charges include the utility's profit and cost of debt—in combination often called the utility's "rate of return" or "weighted average cost of capital"

The "rate of return" or "weighted average cost of capital" is a percentage that is multiplied by the rate base to determine an annual level of return.

# Supply Service Charges

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- The utility's supply charge—sometimes called standard offer service, a fuel charge, or commodity charge—is for the cost of the gas or electricity you use.
  - The amount of gas used (the gas molecules) is measured in therms.
  - The amount of electricity used is measured in kilowatt hours (kWhs).
  - Utilities procure gas and electricity through competitive procurements regulated by the Public Service Commission, and the costs are passed through to customers with a small administrative fee.
    - [Click to learn more about gas supply procurement.](#)
    - [Click to learn more about electricity supply procurement.](#)
  - Commodity costs can go up and down with the market, lowering or raising your overall bill.



# Other surcharges

Your utility bill also includes surcharges that add to your bill.

Here are explanations of some of those surcharges:

## STRIDE surcharge

- Gas companies may have a “STRIDE” surcharge. The STRIDE surcharge is an additional charge for distribution service related to replacement of old infrastructure. What you pay in the STRIDE surcharge is eventually added into the overall delivery service charges.
- [Click to learn more about STRIDE.](#)

## EmPOWER surcharge

- This surcharge supports programs to promote energy efficiency, such as rebates for energy-efficient appliances, home energy audits, and related programs.
- [Click to learn more about programs through EmPOWER that can benefit you.](#)

## Local taxes

- While distribution charges cover the utilities’ tax obligation related to their profits, local taxes may be included as a separate line item on your bill.

# Delivery Service

**This report primarily focuses on the costs of delivery service.**



Utility delivery service charges are set by the Public Service Commission in rate cases.



Rate cases are months-long litigated proceedings where parties put on evidence and make legal arguments about the justness and reasonableness of proposed rate changes.



OPC represents the interests of residential customers in utility rate cases.

# Delivery costs

Delivery costs are recovered with two different charges on customer bills

1. A **distribution rate**, which is a volumetric charge that is calculated based on how much gas or electricity the customer uses; and
2. A fixed **monthly customer charge**, which is a flat monthly fee each residential customer pays regardless of how much gas or electricity the customer uses.

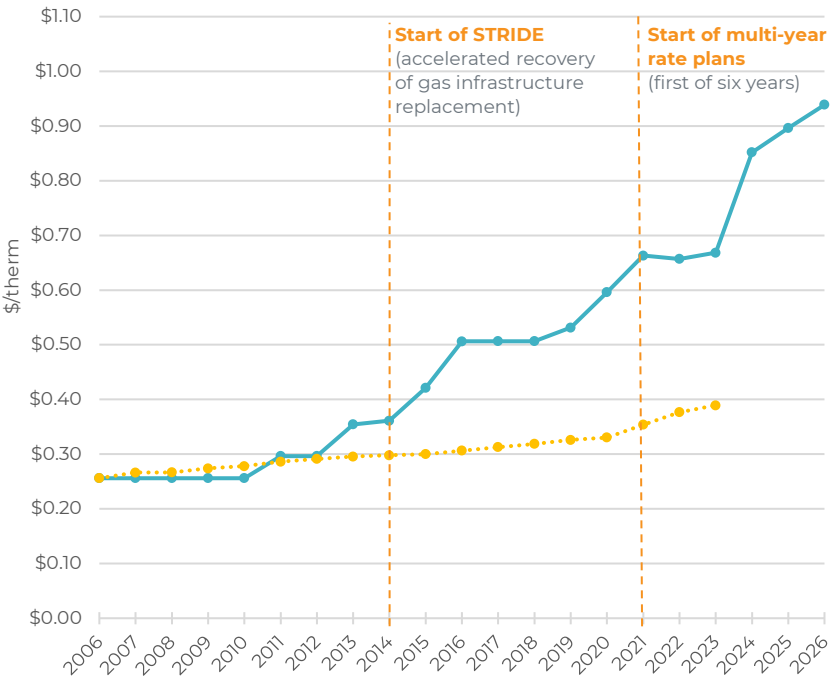


# Gas Utility Rates and Charges

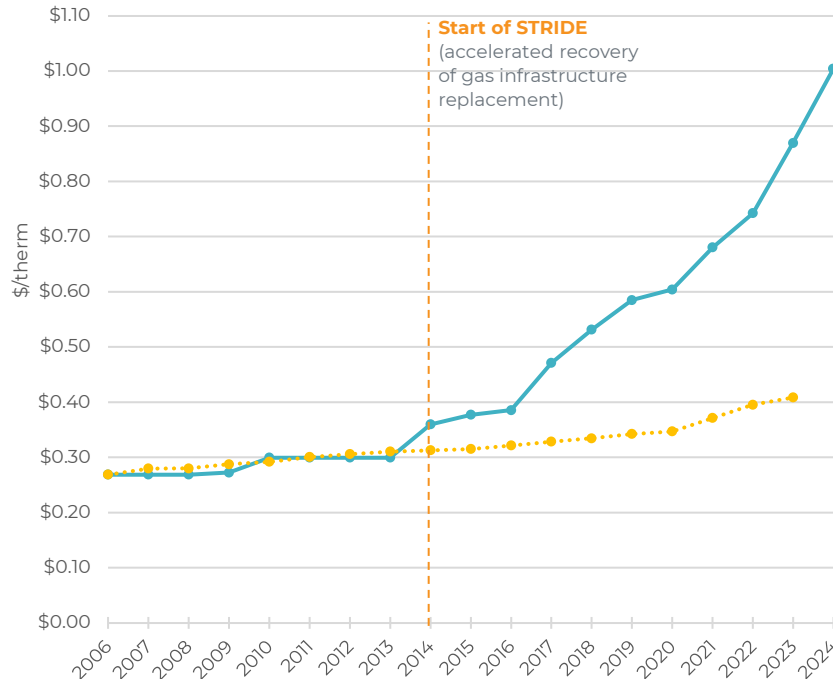
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# Distribution Rate Changes, Compared to Inflation

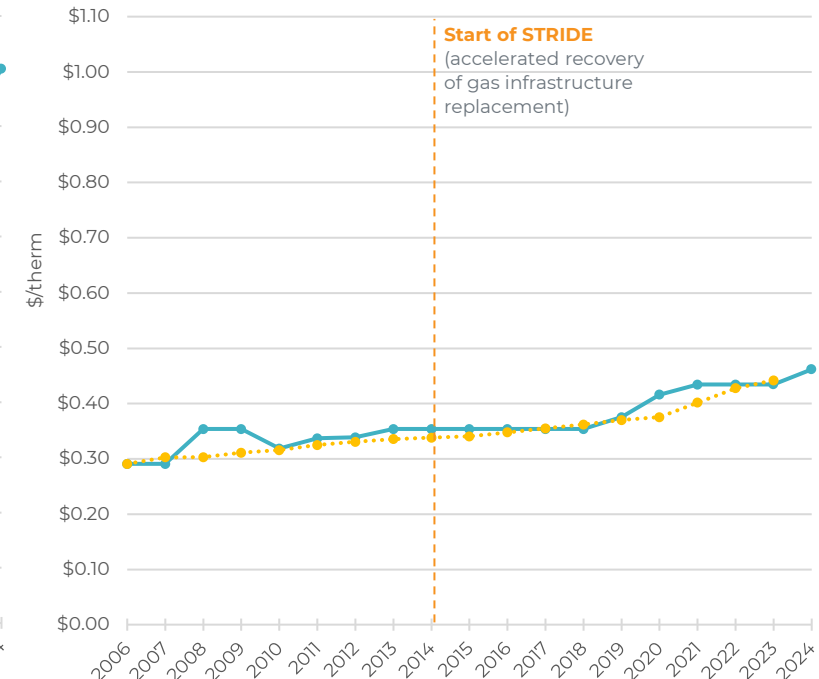
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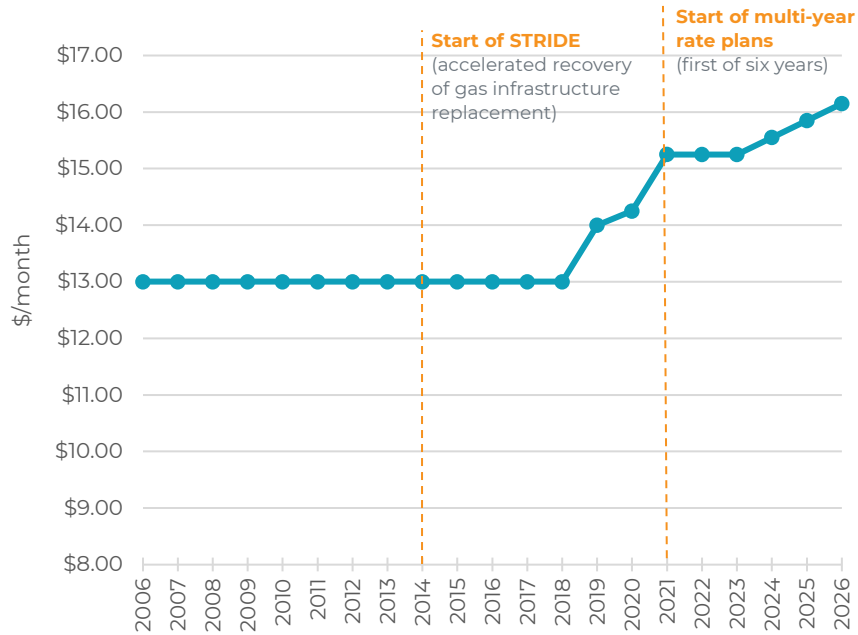
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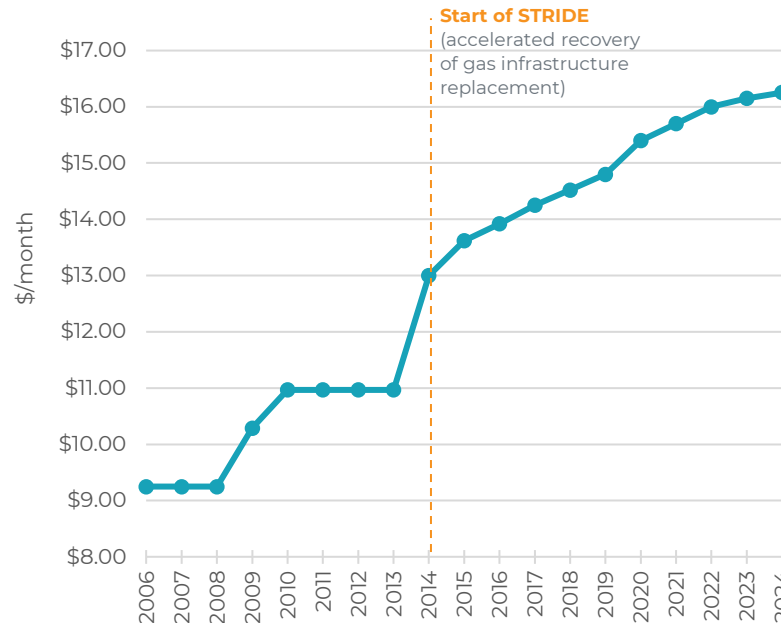
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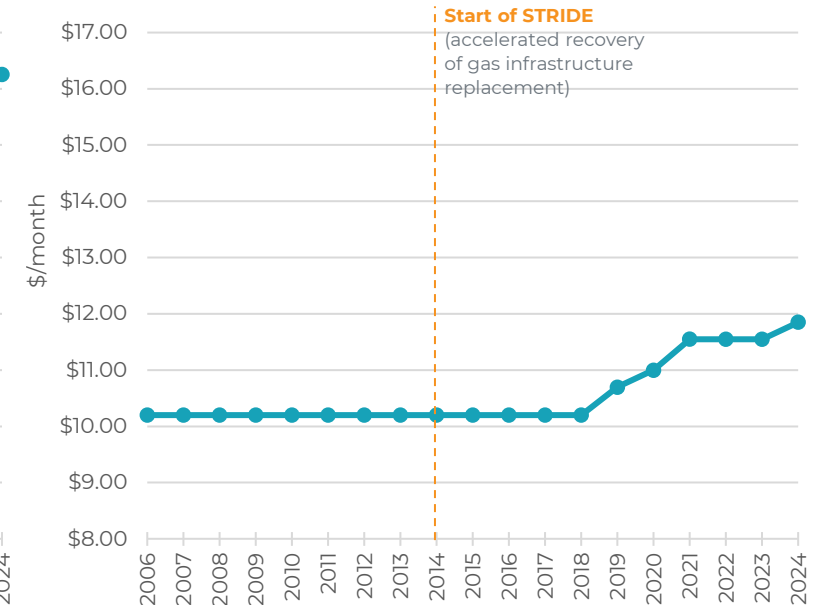
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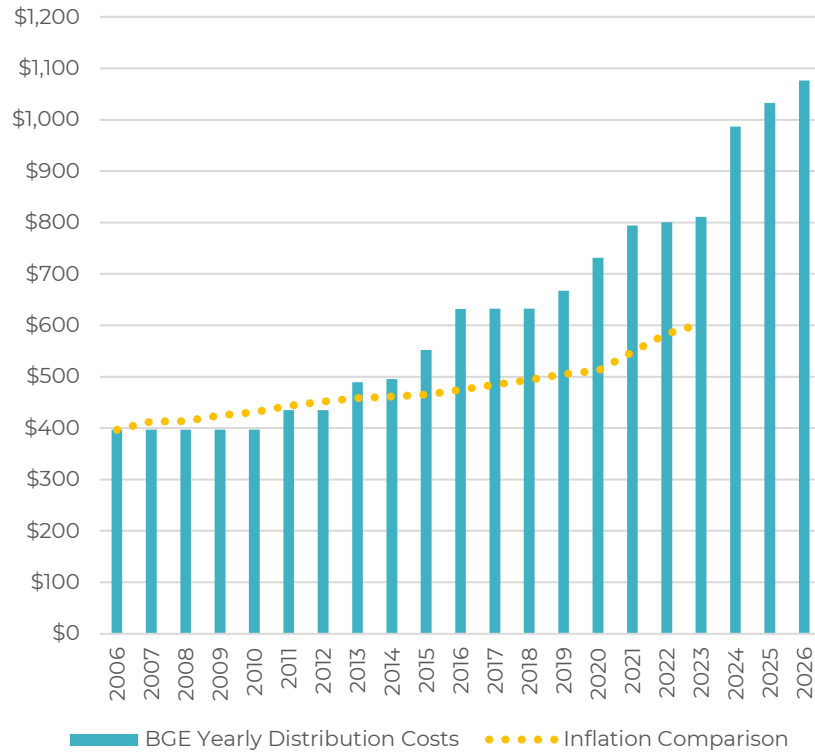


The STRIDE surcharge is not included in any of the charts in this report. In rate cases, prudently incurred STRIDE costs included in the surcharge are incorporated into utility base rates and are reflected in the distribution rate and customer charges. BGE's figures for 2024-2026 are pending a request for rehearing of its most recent rate case.

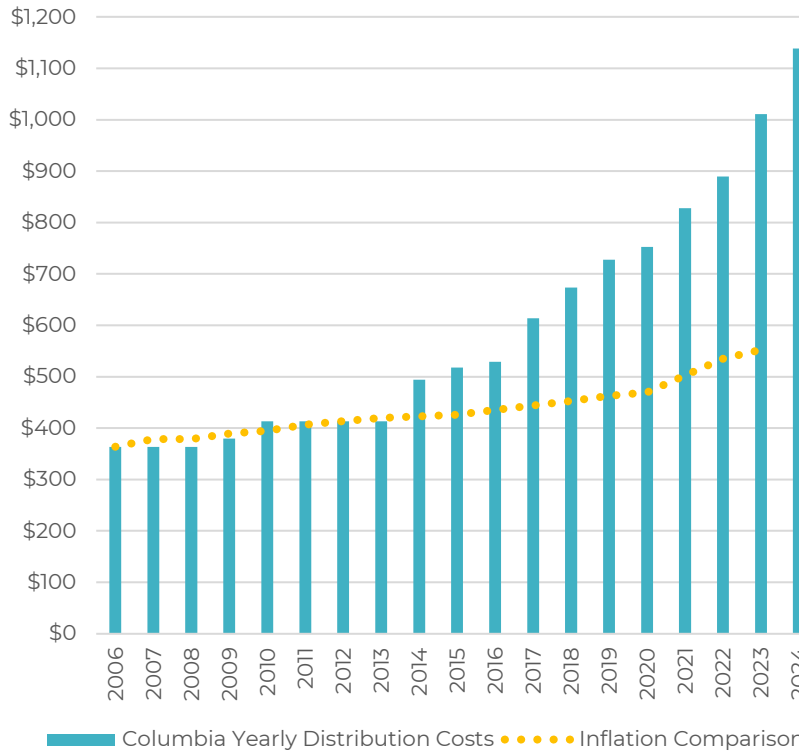
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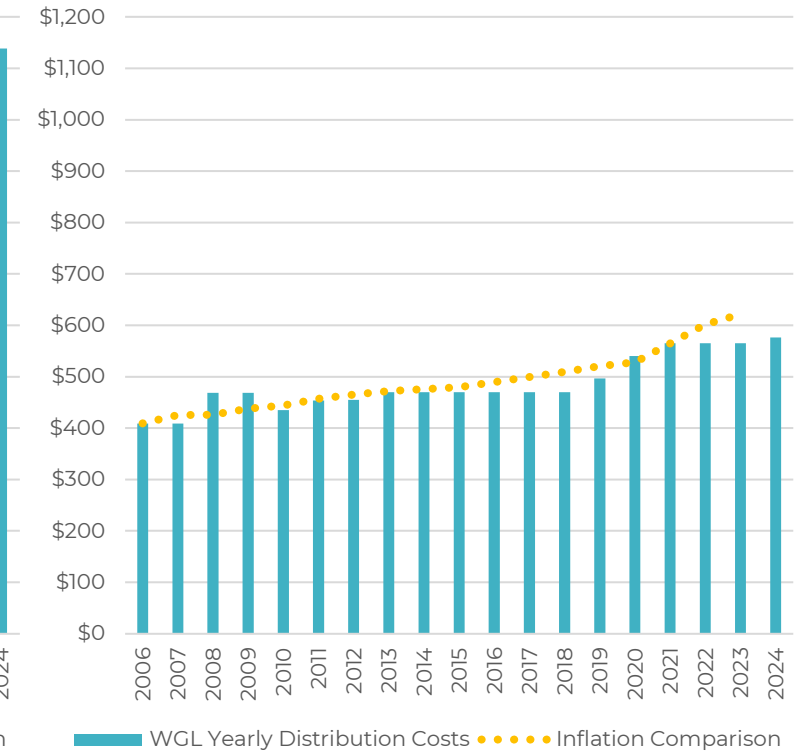
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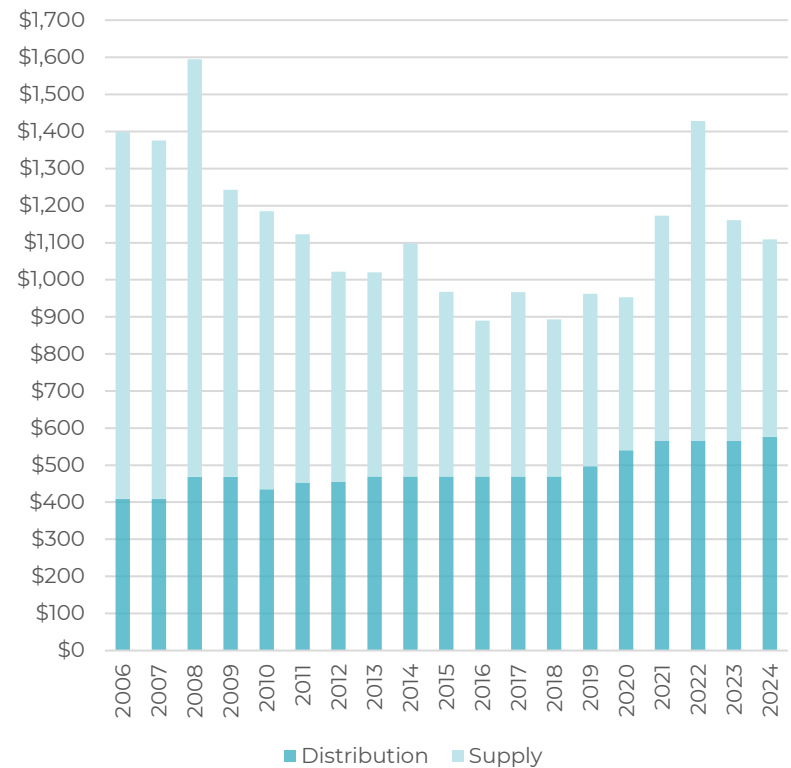
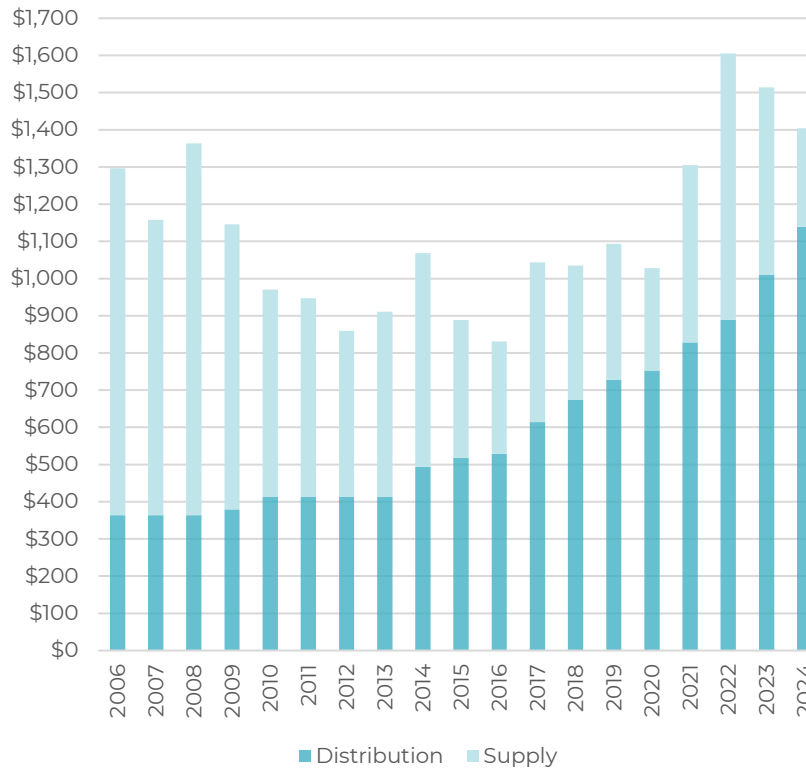
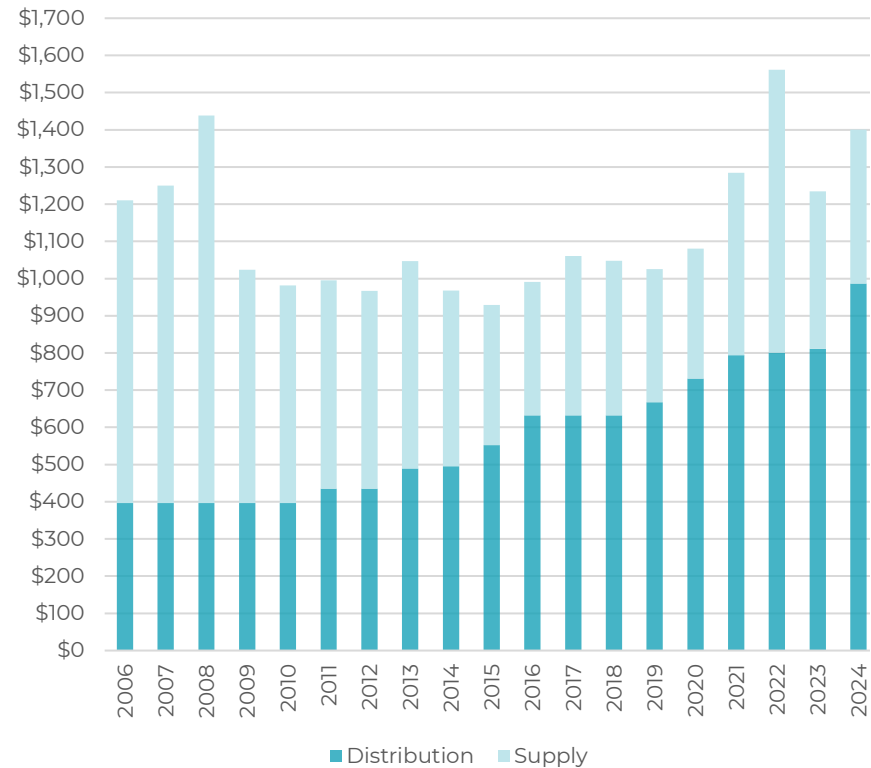
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# Total Bill: Delivery Plus Supply Charges

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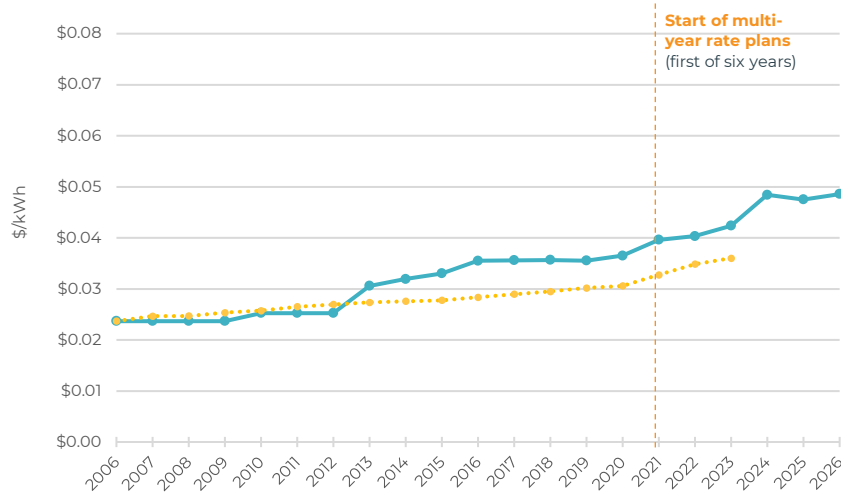


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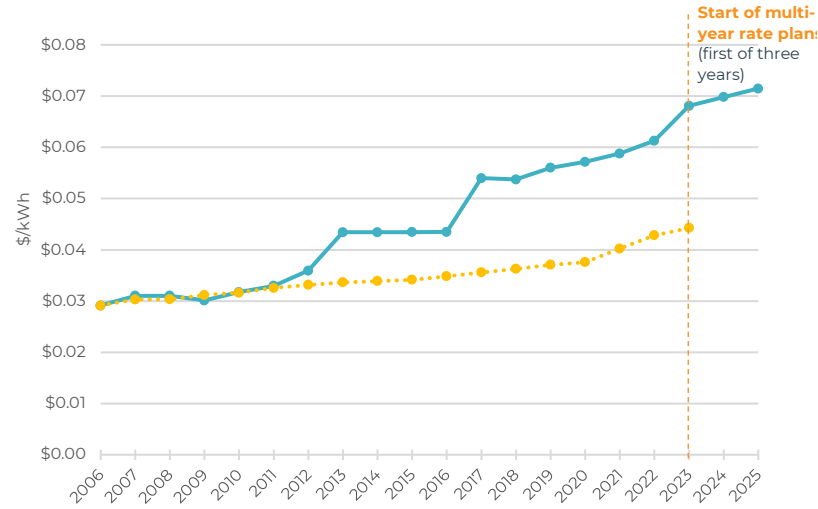
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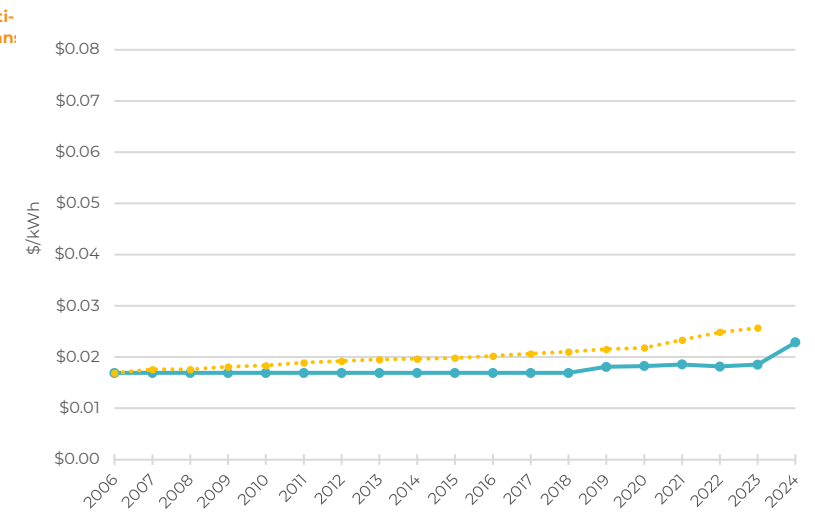


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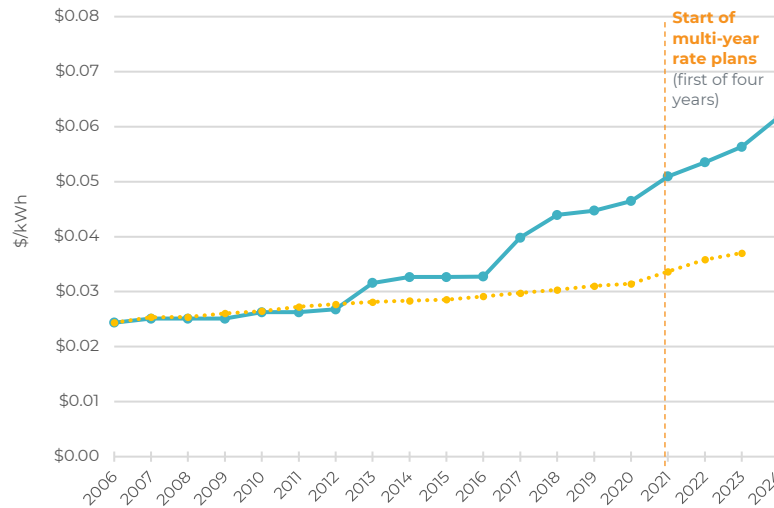
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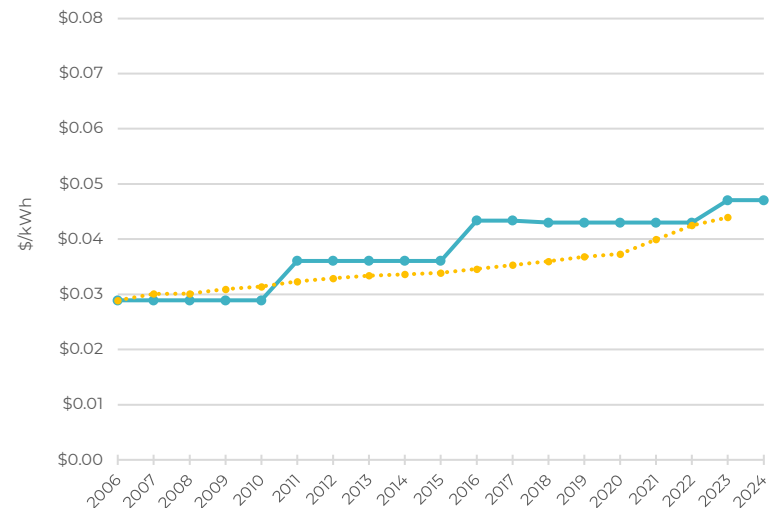
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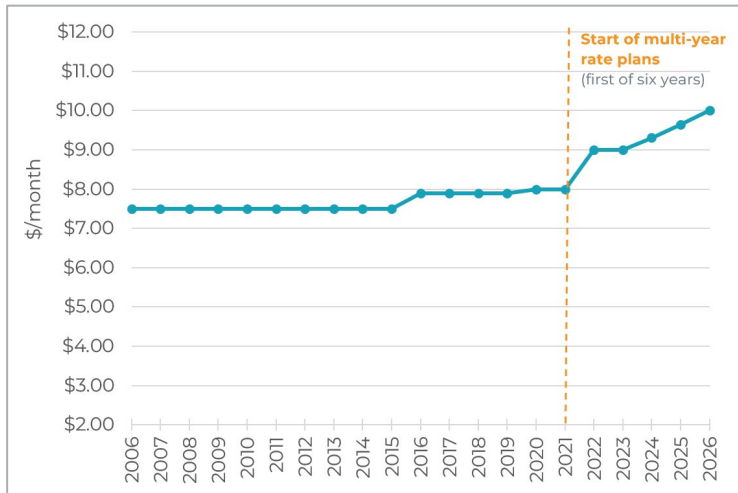
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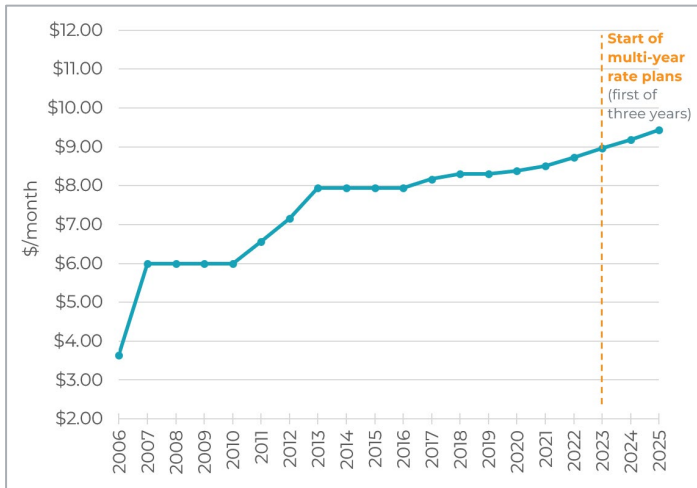
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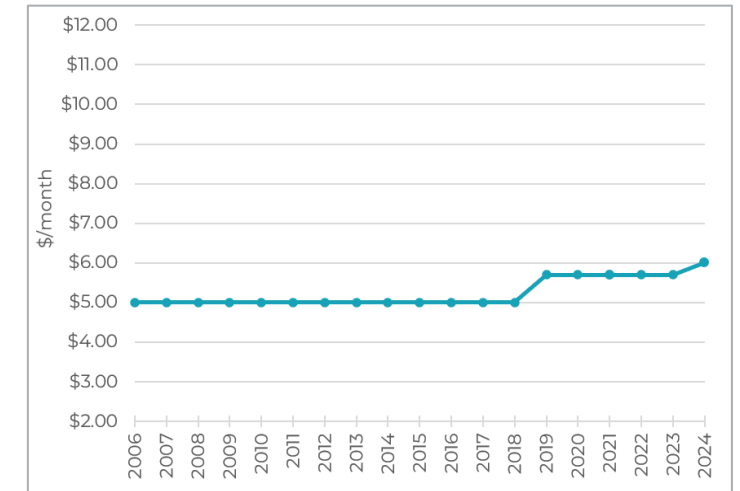
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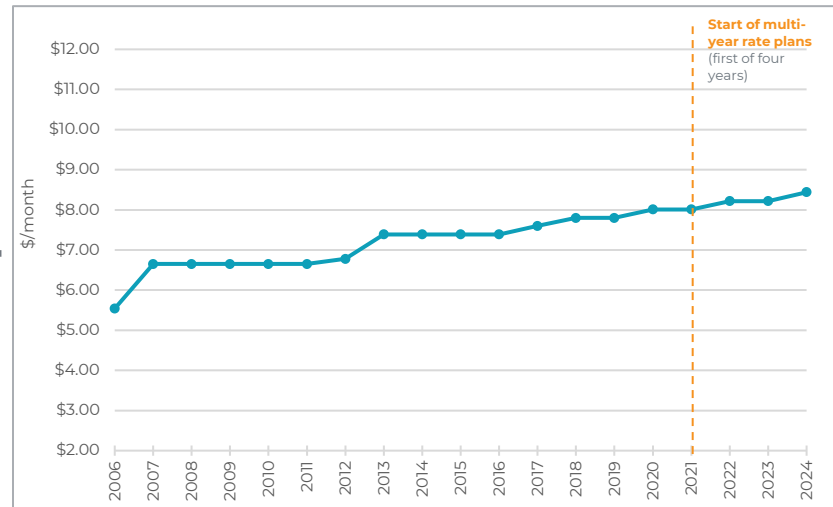


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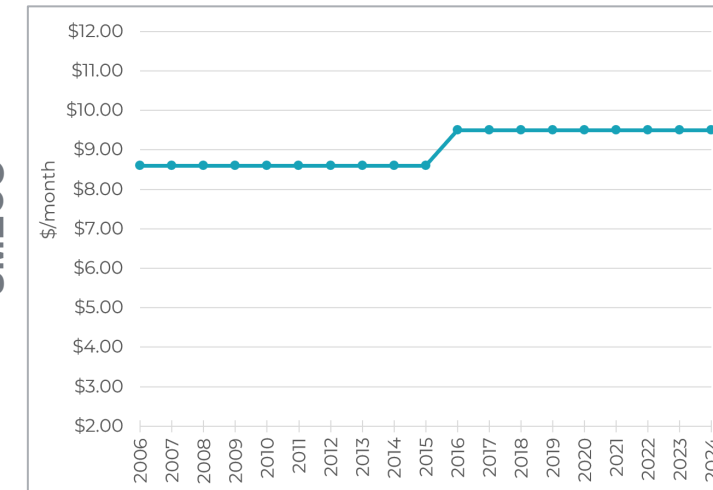


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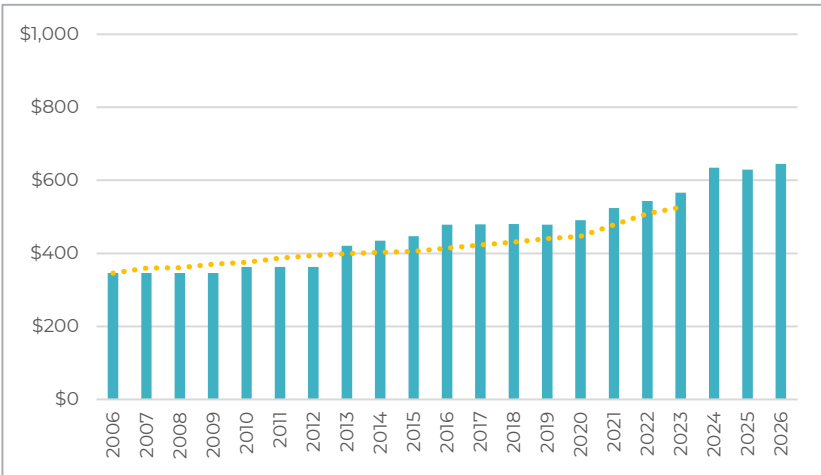
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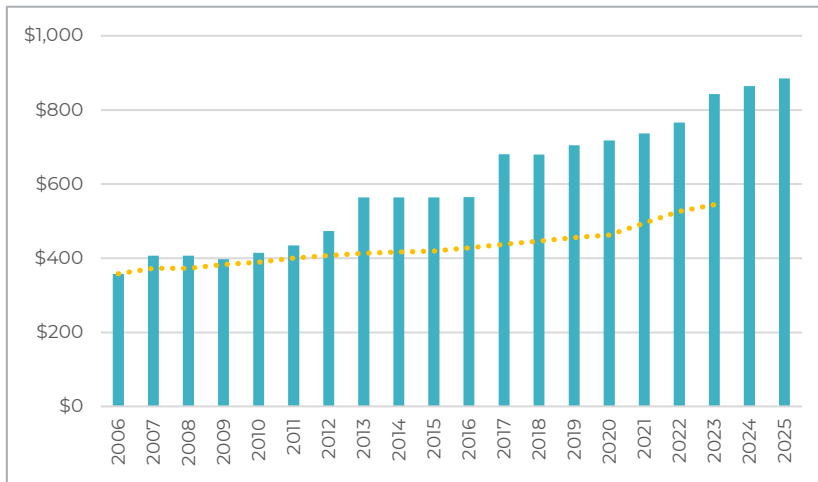
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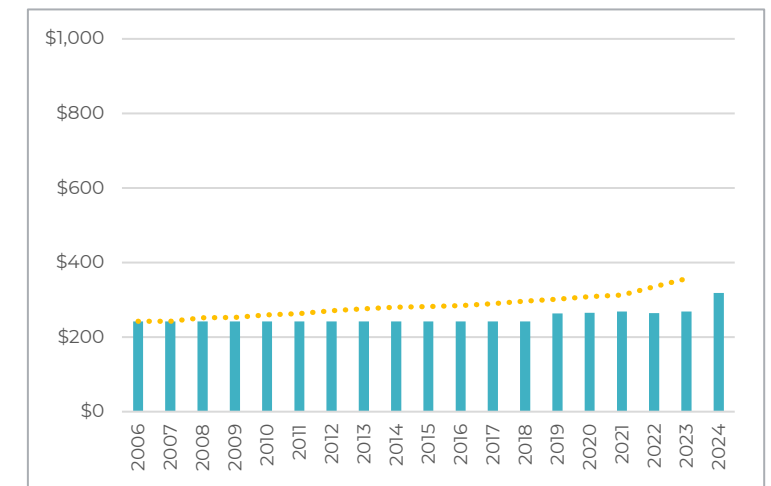
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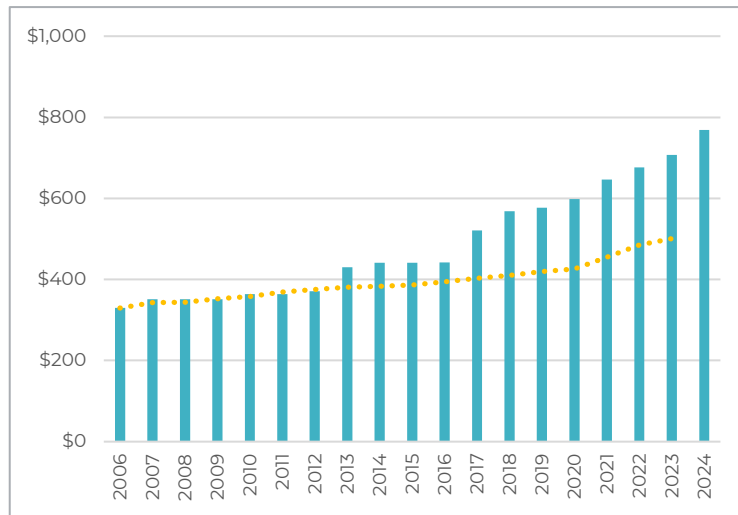


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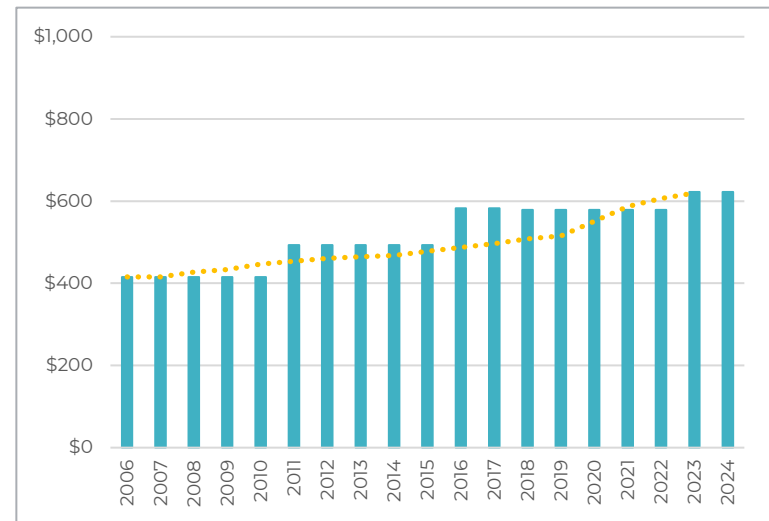


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# Total Bill: Delivery Plus Supply Charges

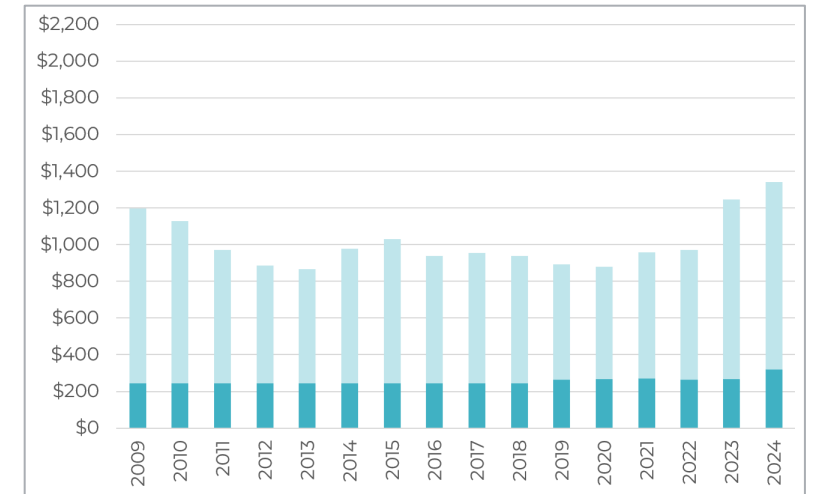
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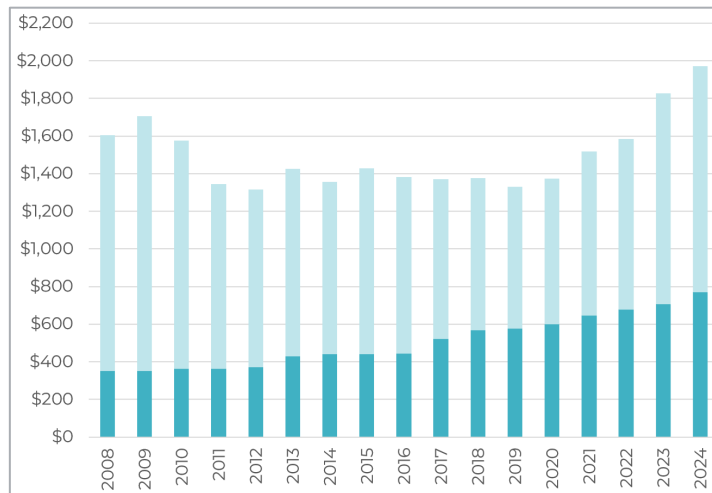


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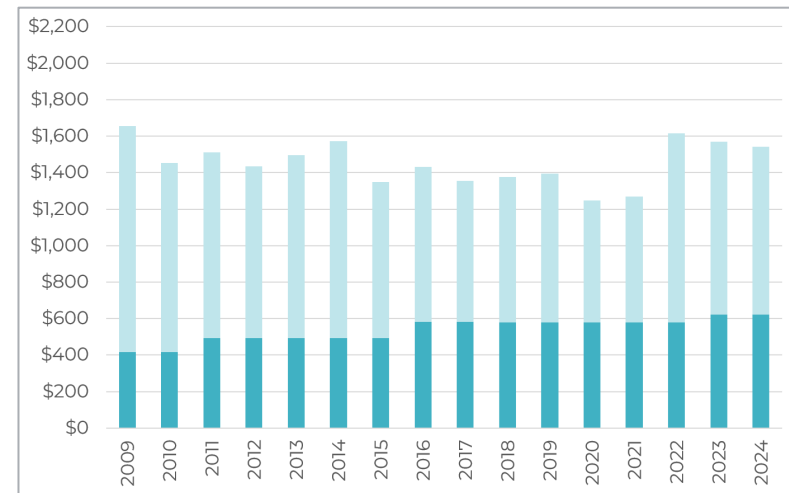


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**Pepco**



**SMECO**



# Recommendations



The Public Service Commission should permanently end its 2020 multi-year rate plan pilot program as inconsistent with the public interest.



The Maryland General Assembly should repeal the STRIDE law or, at the very least, substantially modify the law consistent with the Maryland Commission on Climate Change's recommendations, as in the proposed Ratepayer Protection Act of 2024 (SB 548/HB 731).



The Public Service Commission should require utilities to provide uniform disclosures—understandable to the public—of historic and existing rates and proposed rate changes.

# Appendix

# Baltimore Gas and Electric





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BGE, a subsidiary of Illinois-based Exelon Corporation, is a combined electric and gas utility. BGE serves approximately 1.3 million electric customers and 700,000 gas customers in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County, most of Howard, Carroll and Harford Counties, and parts of Prince George's, Montgomery and Calvert Counties.

BGE's last rate case was in 2023 and was a multi-year rate case. The Public Service Commission order in the case was issued on Dec 14, 2023. You can access the order and the case [here](#). As of the beginning of May 2024, OPC's request for rehearing of the Commission's order—its request for the Commission to change certain aspects of its Dec. 14, 2023, order—remains pending before the Commission.

# BGE

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## Current rates

Electric and gas bills include two primary categories of charges: *distribution charges* and *supply charges*. These categories of charges and additional charges are explained [here](#). The distribution rate covers most of the average customer's distribution costs. In 2024, the volumetric rate makes up 81 percent of distribution costs for the average BGE gas customer and 82 percent of distribution costs for the average BGE electric customer.

## Gas Service

Volumetric distribution rate: \$0.8513/therm

Customer charge: \$15.55/month

Supply cost: \$0.3786/therm (May 2024)

EmPOWER surcharge (electric): \$0.00925/kWh

## Electric Service

Volumetric distribution rate: \$0.04842/kWh

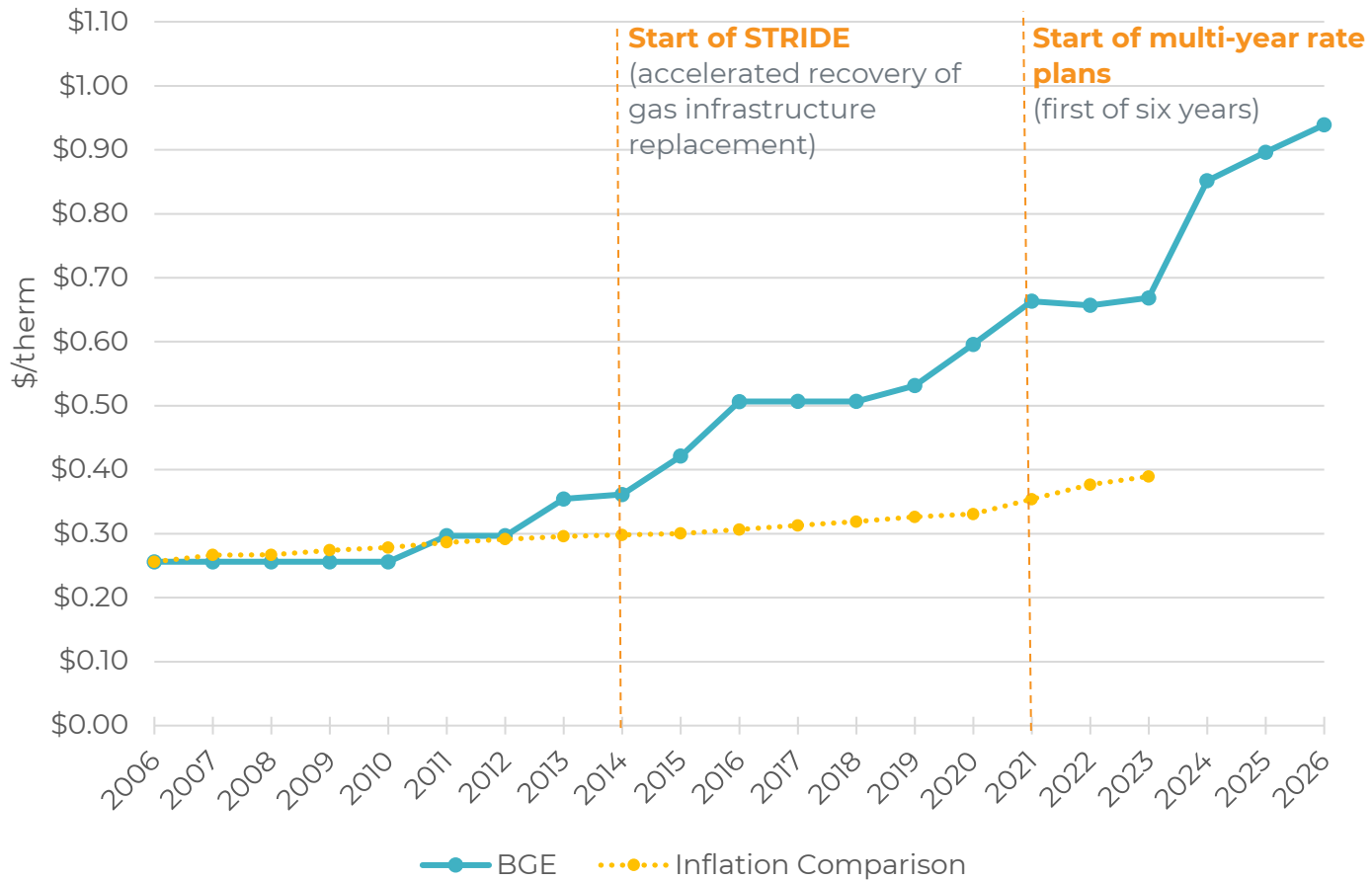
Customer charge: \$9.30/month

Supply cost: \$0.10361/kWh (February 2024)

EmPOWER surcharge (gas): \$0.0646/therm

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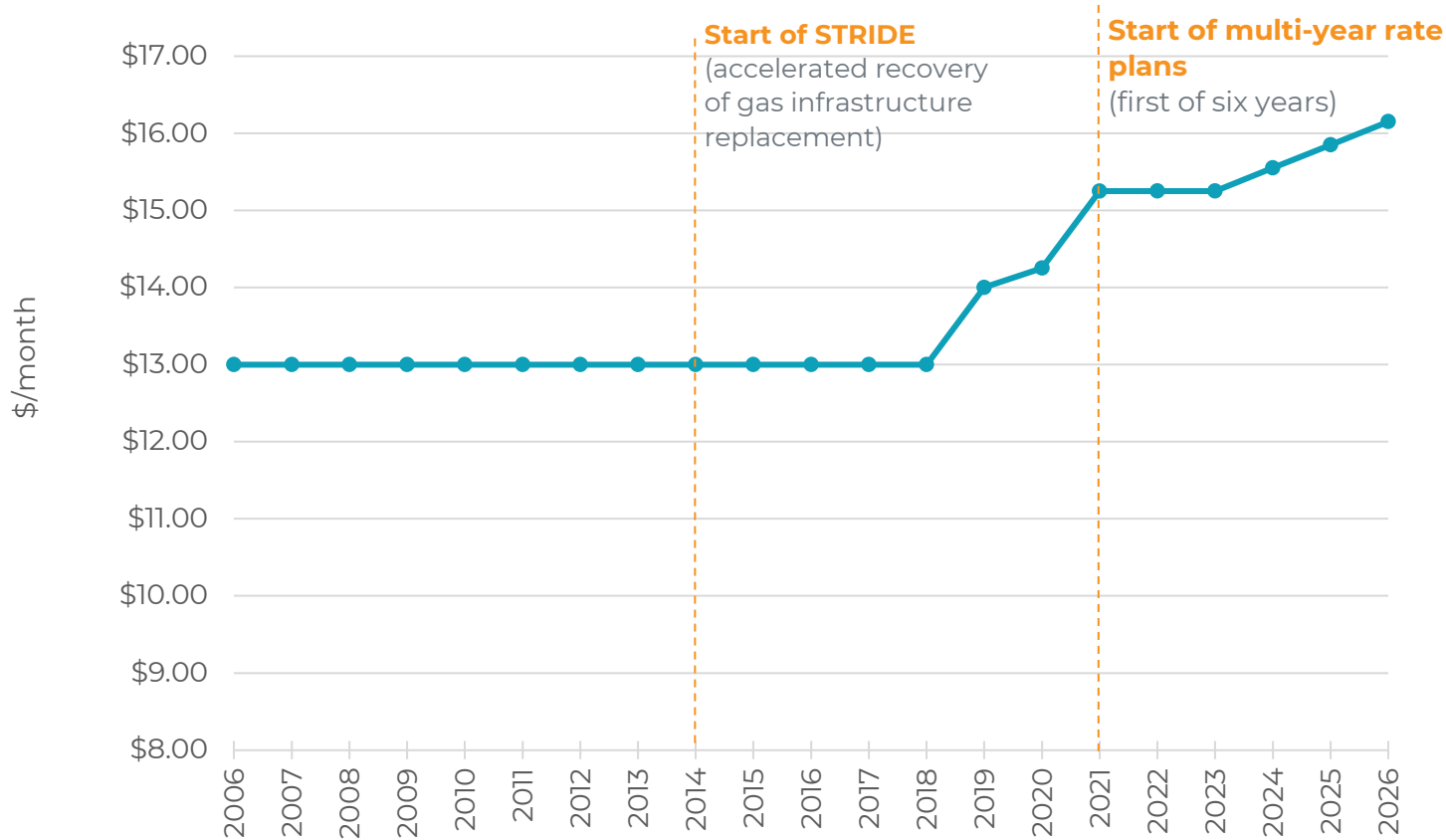
# Gas Delivery Costs: Distribution Rate



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# BGE Gas Monthly Customer Charge

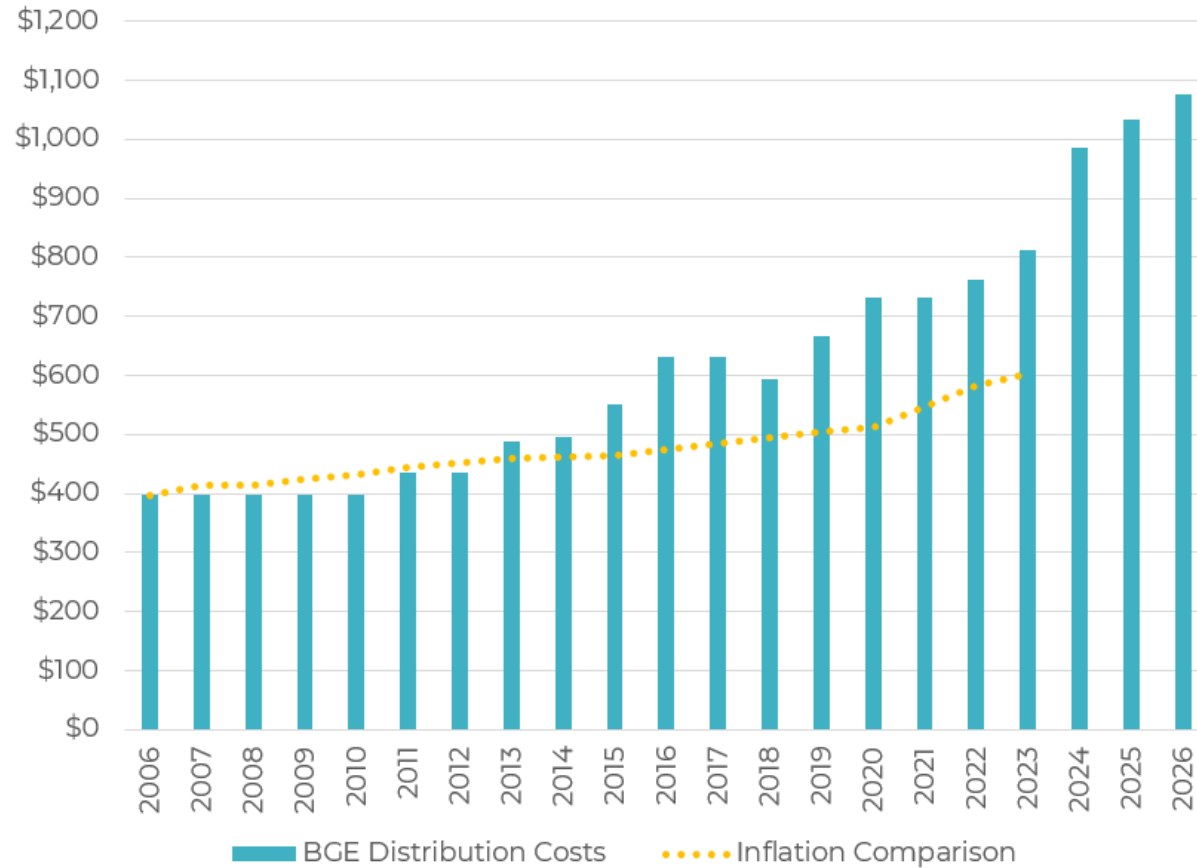


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# Gas Total Annual Delivery Charges

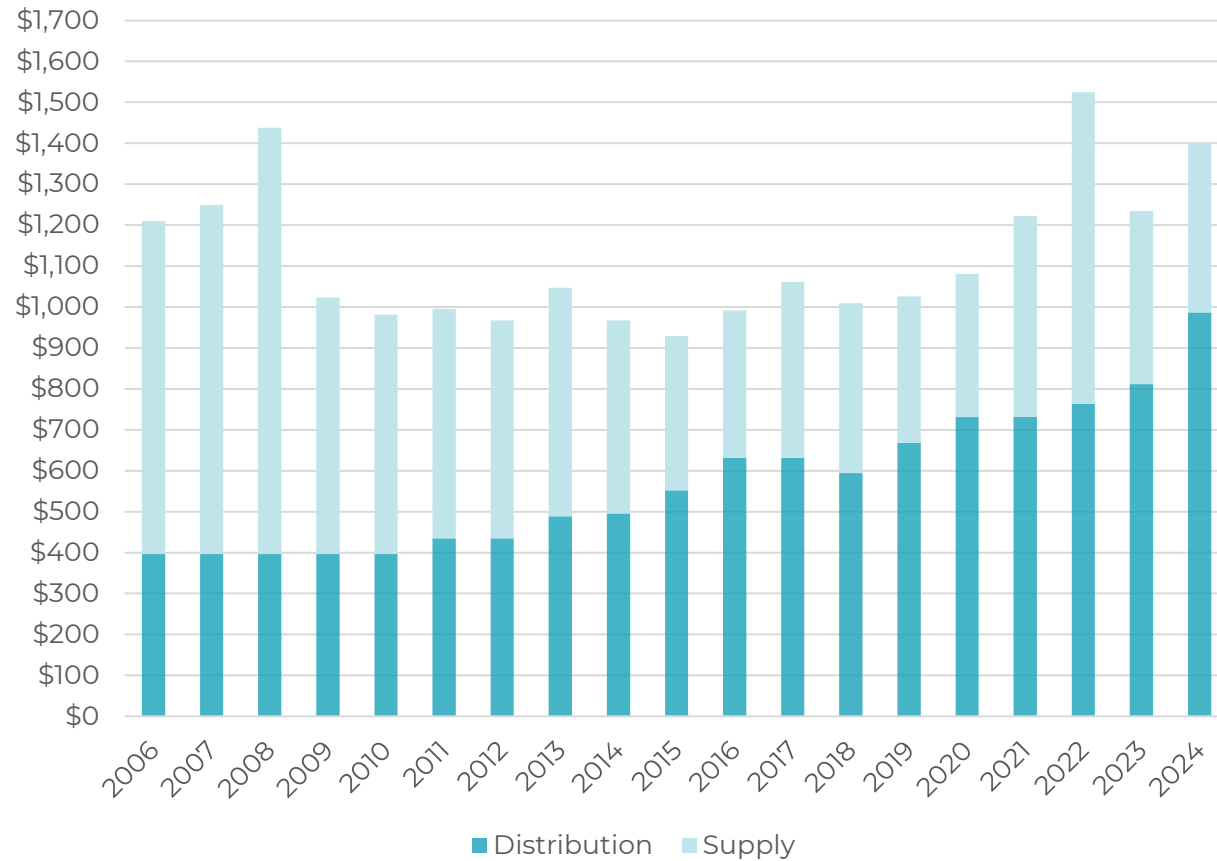


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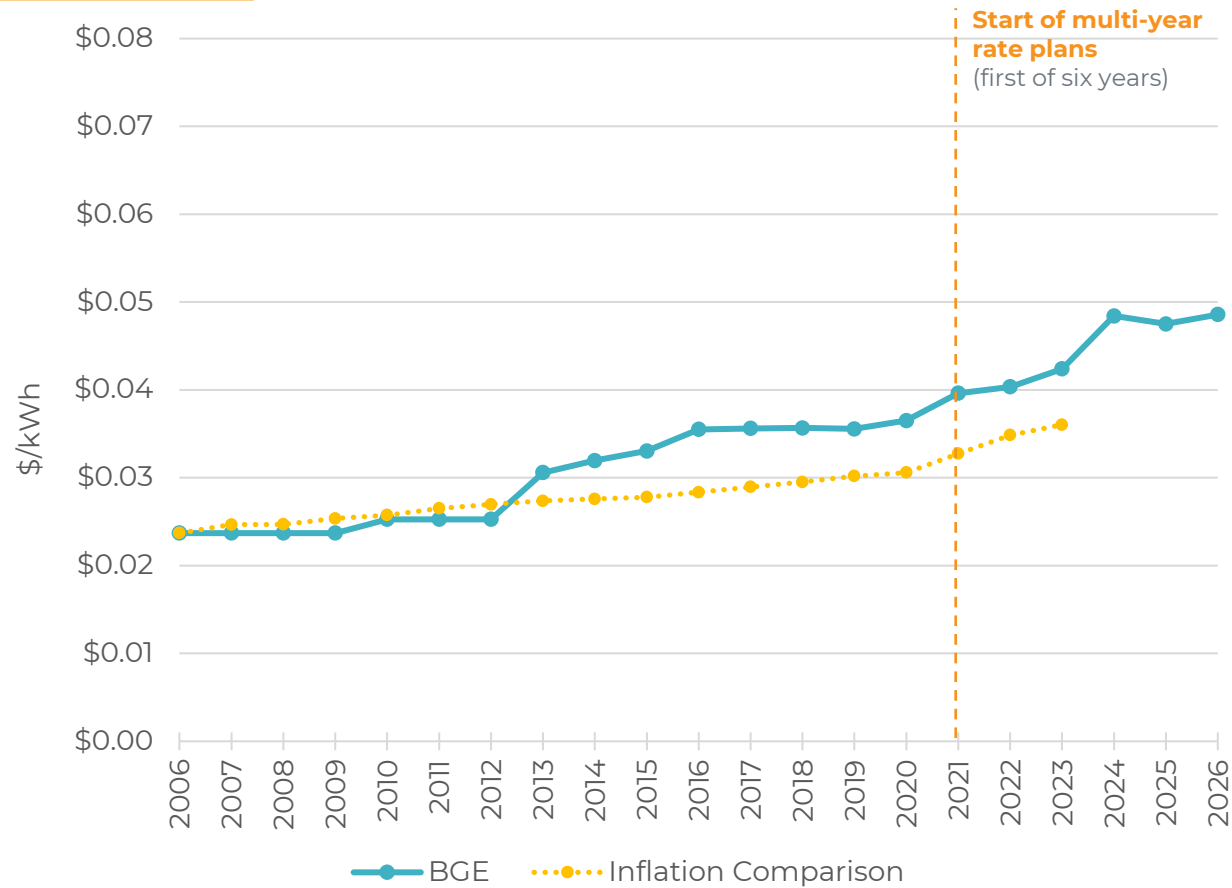
# Gas Total Annual Bill: Delivery Plus Supply Charges



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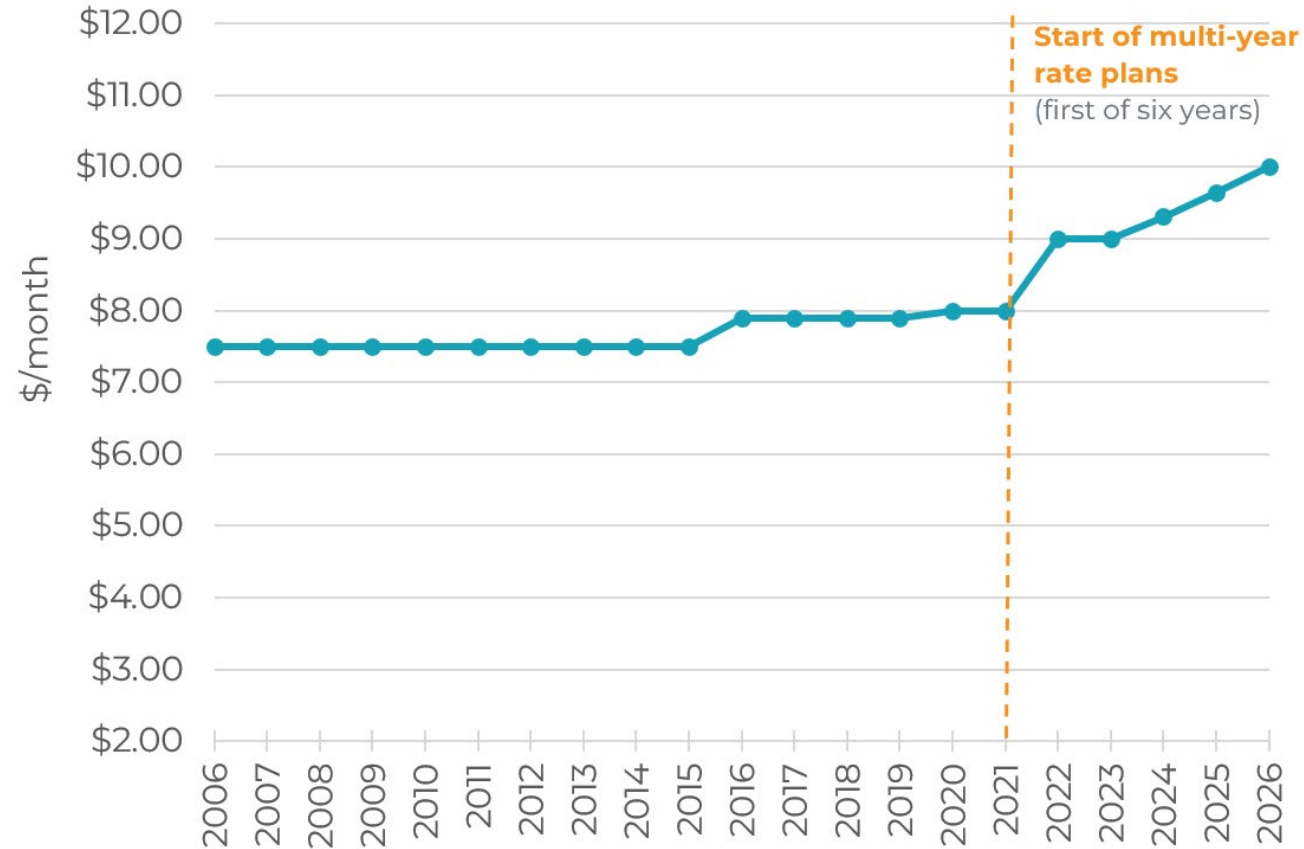
# Electric Distribution Rate



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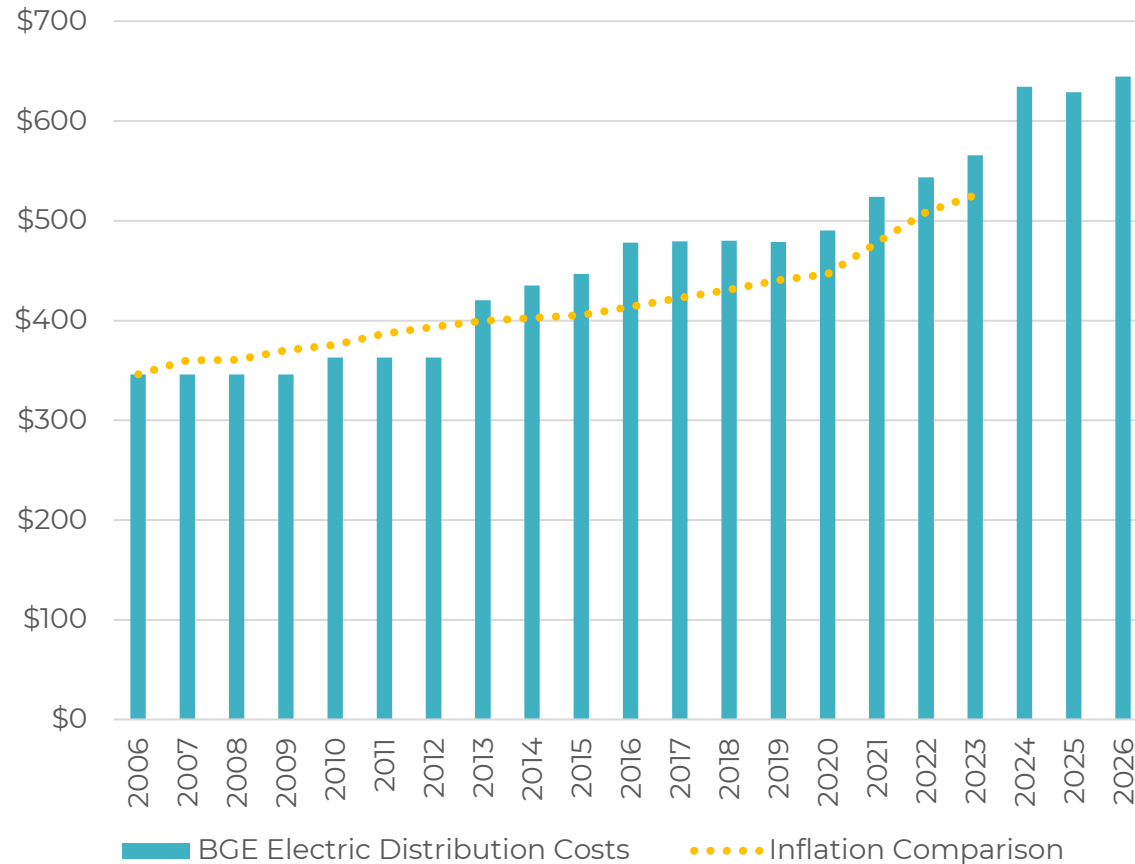


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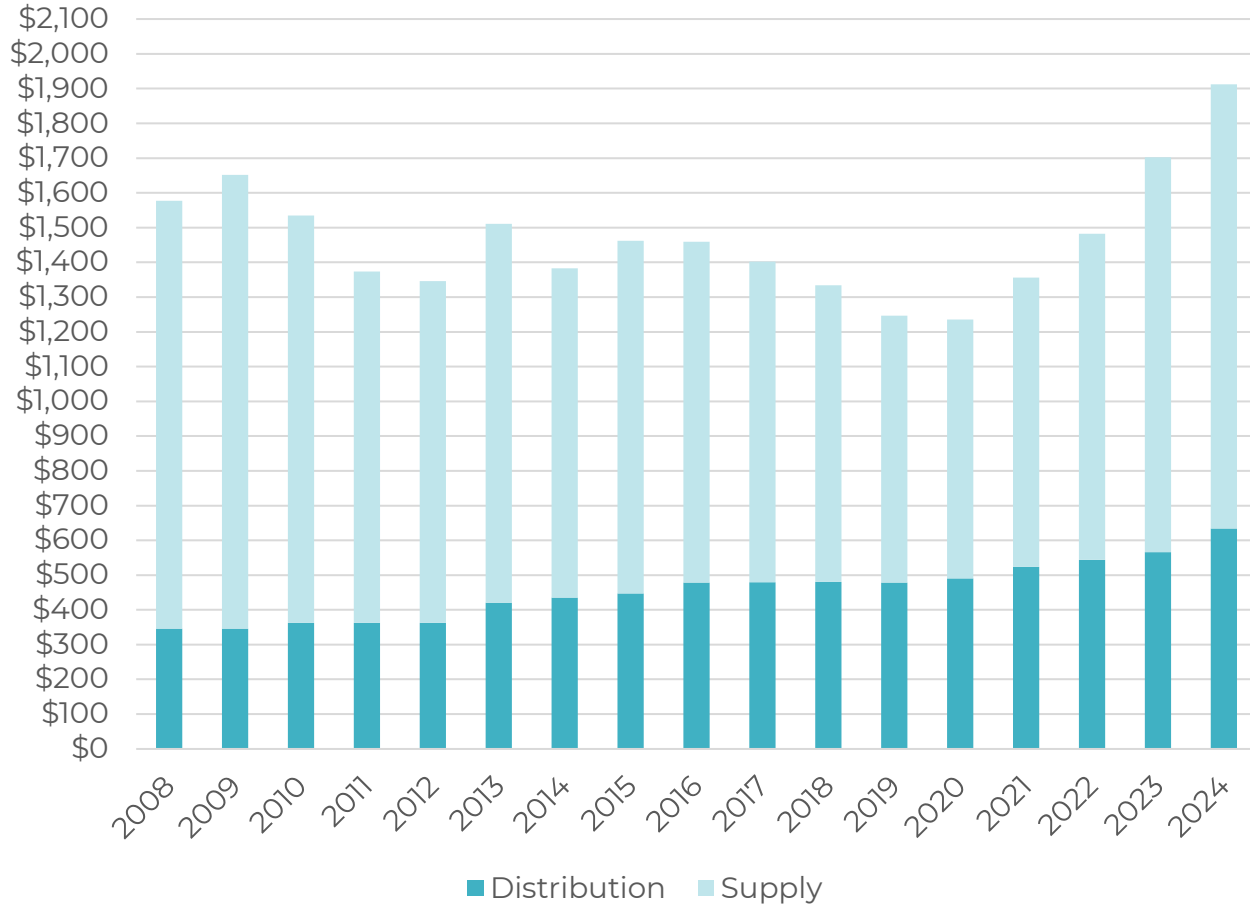


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# Electric Total Annual Bill: Delivery Plus Supply Charges



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# Columbia Gas



# Columbia Gas

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Columbia Gas is an affiliate of Indiana-based NiSource, Inc., a large gas utility with operations extending to areas of the Midwest as well as its Maryland service territory. Columbia Gas serves approximately 34,000 customers in a service territory within the Western Maryland counties of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett.

Columbia's last rate case was in 2023. The final PSC ruling was issued on October 26, 2023. You can access the case [here](#).

# Columbia Gas

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## Current rates

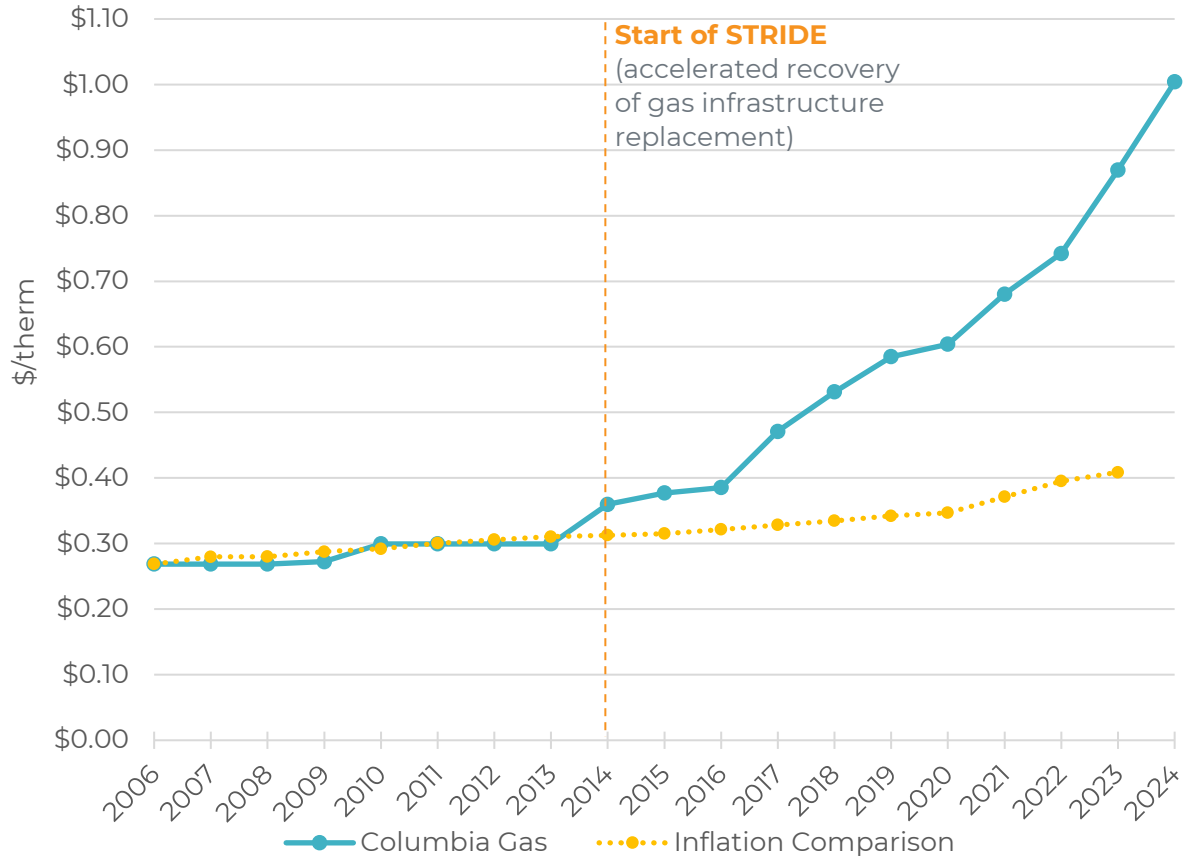
Gas bills include two primary categories of charges: *distribution charges* and *supply charges*. These categories of charges and additional charges are explained [here](#). The distribution rate covers most of the average customer's distribution costs. For the average Columbia Gas customer in 2024, the volumetric rate makes up 82 percent of distribution costs.

Volumetric distribution rate: \$1.00385/therm

Customer charge: \$16.25/month

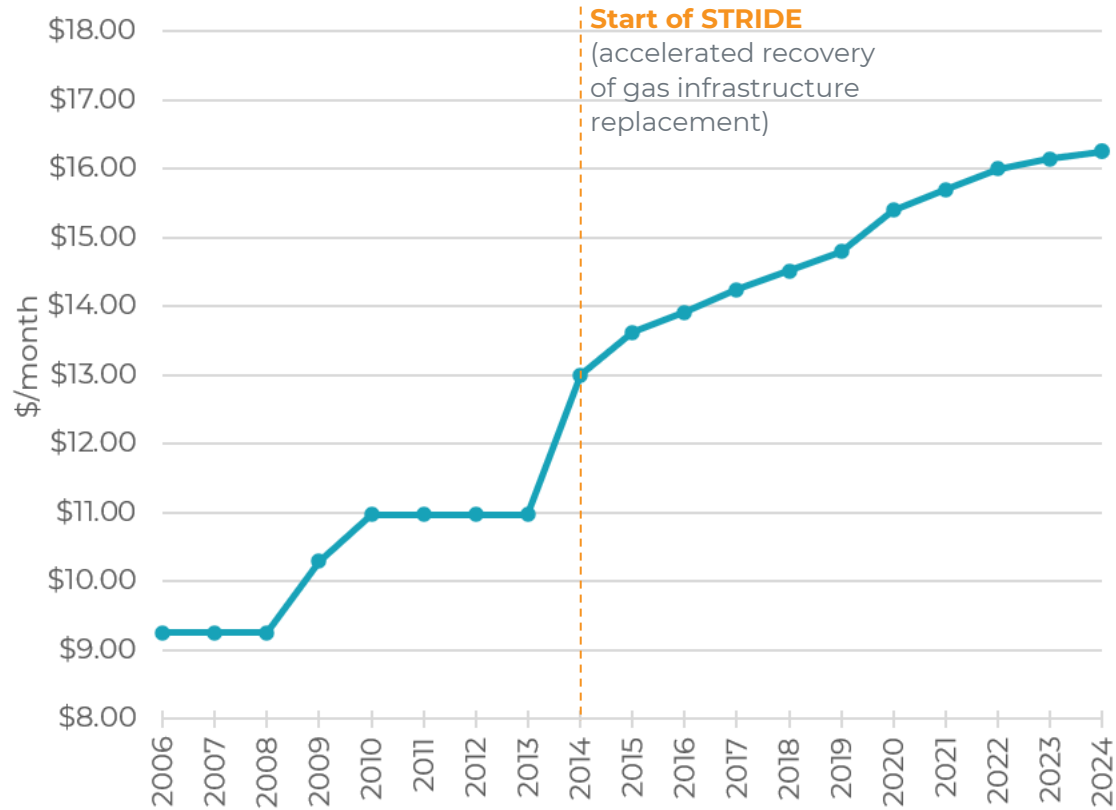
Supply cost: \$0.3309/therm (June 2024)

# COLUMBIA GAS Distribution Rate



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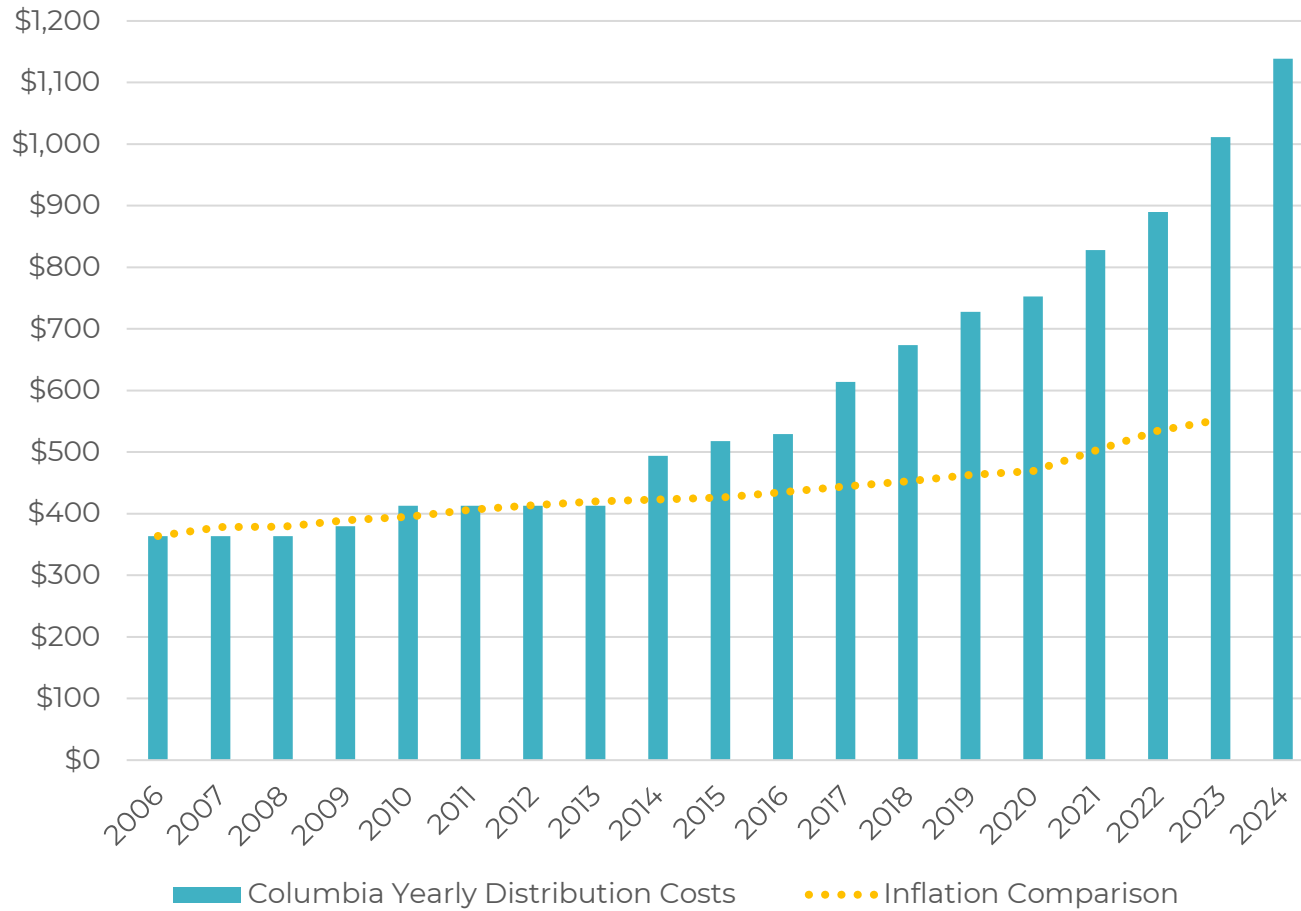
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# Total Annual Delivery Charges

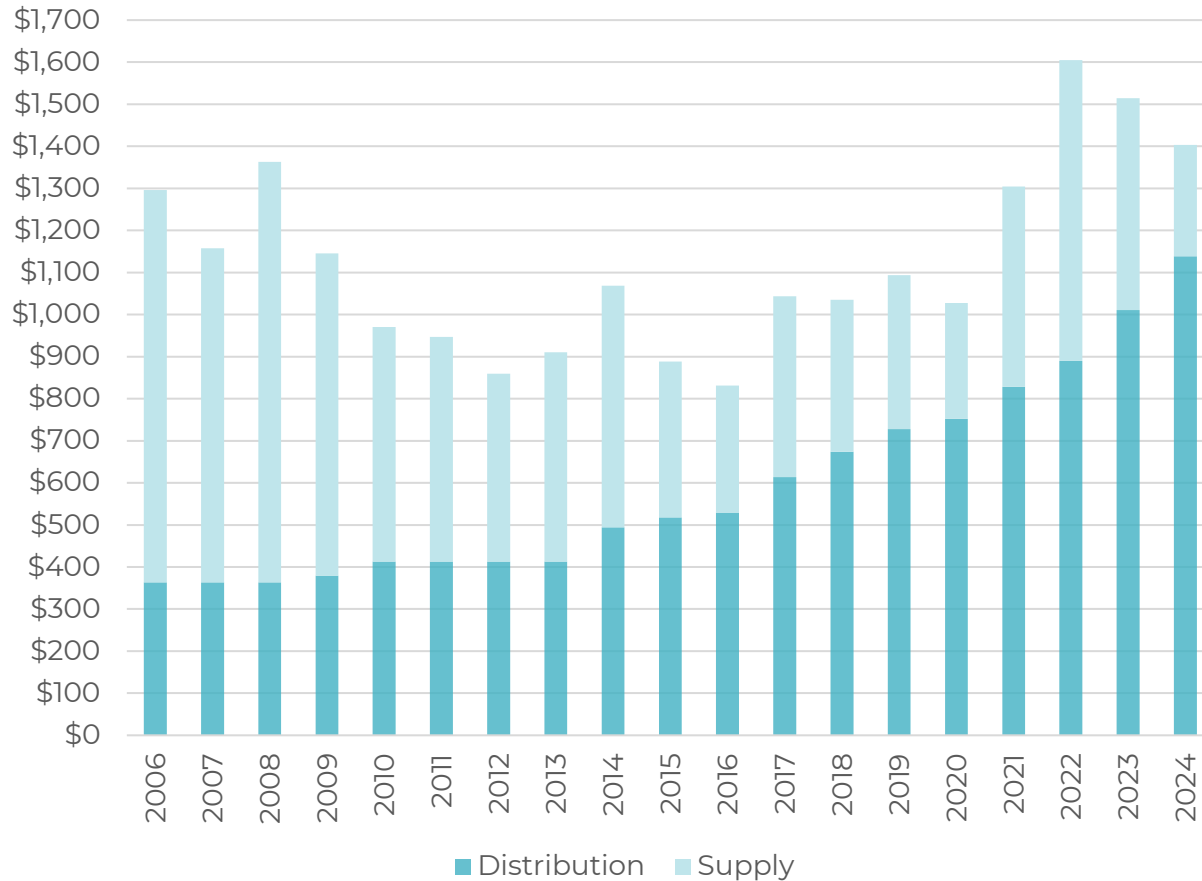


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## COLUMBIA GAS

# Total Annual Bill: Delivery Plus Supply Charges



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# Delmarva Power



# Delmarva Power

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Delmarva Power is a subsidiary of Illinois-based Exelon Corporation. Delmarva Power provides electric service throughout the Upper and Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, and in Delaware. Delmarva Power serves 208,000 Maryland electric customers.

Delmarva Power's last rate case was in 2022 and was a multi-year rate case. The Public Service Commission order in the case was issued on Dec 14, 2022. You can access the order and the case [here](#).

# Delmarva Power

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## Current rates

Electric bills include two primary categories of charges: *distribution charges* and *supply charges*. These categories of charges and additional charges are explained [here](#). The distribution rate covers most of the average customer's distribution costs. For the average Delmarva Power customer in 2024, the volumetric rate makes up 87 percent of distribution costs.

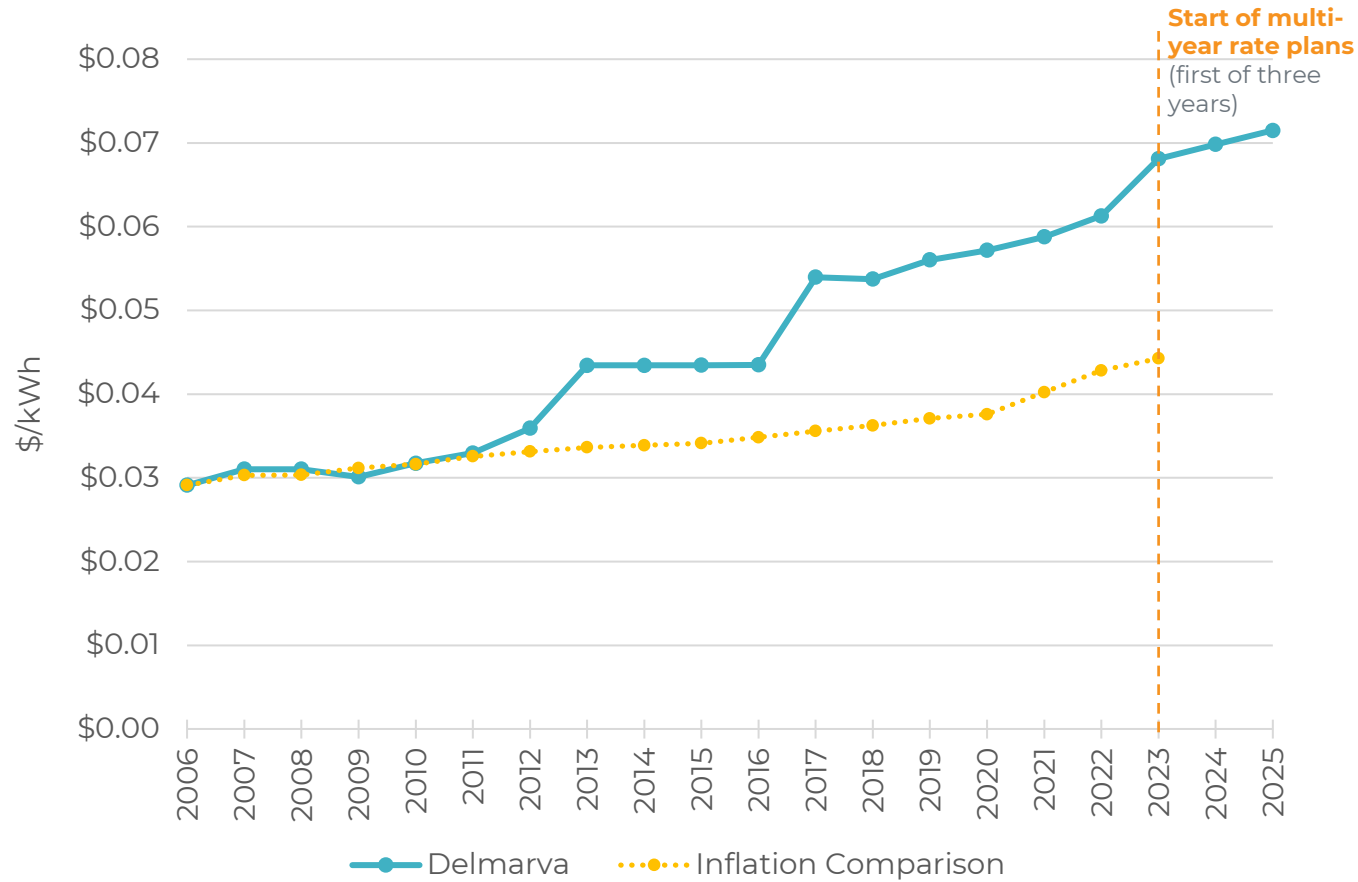
Distribution rate: \$0.069815/kWh

Monthly customer charge: \$9.19/month

Supply cost: \$0.09651/kWh (June 2024)

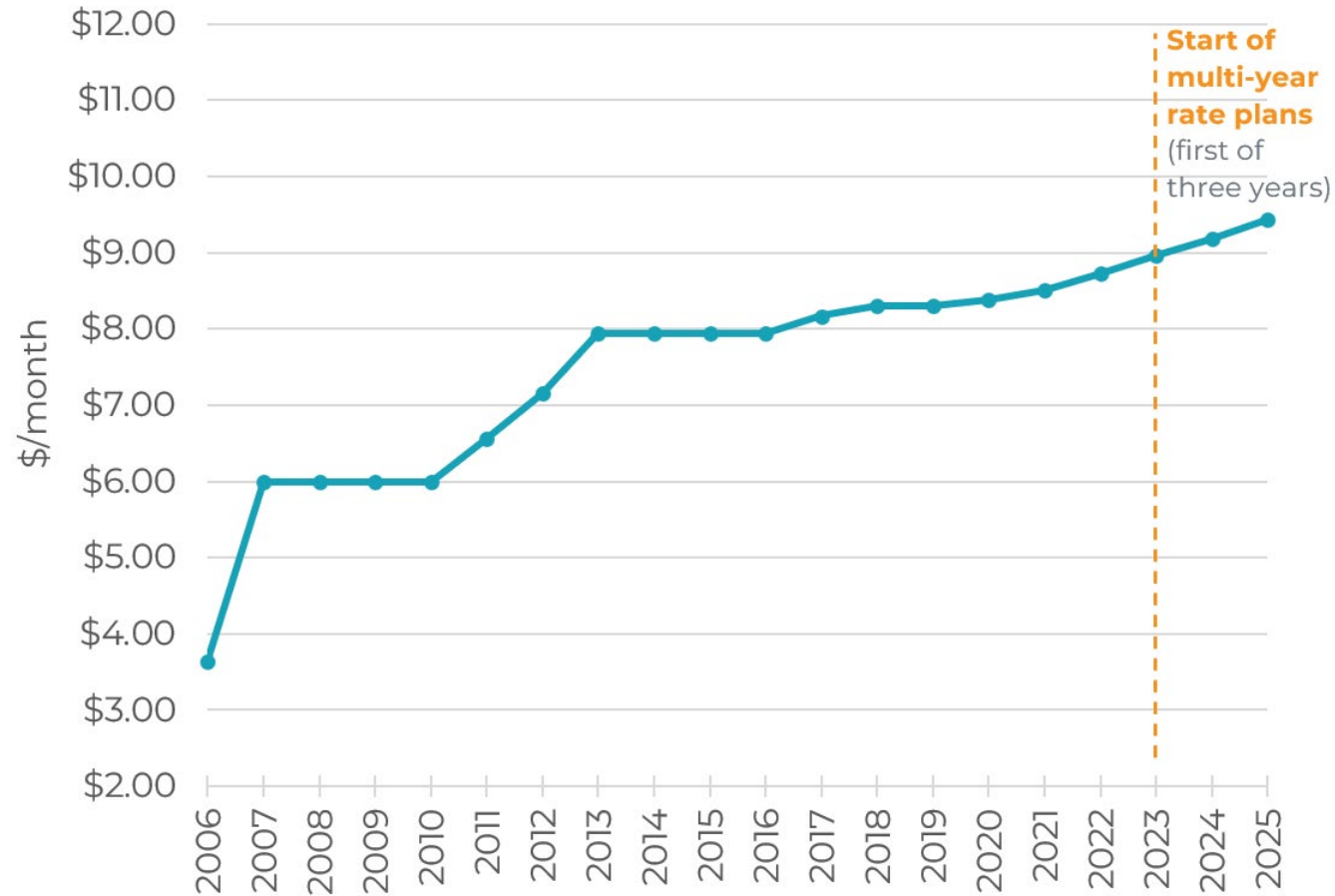
EmPOWER surcharge: \$0.0085/kWh

# DELMARVA POWER Distribution Rate



DELMARVA POWER

# Monthly Customer Charge



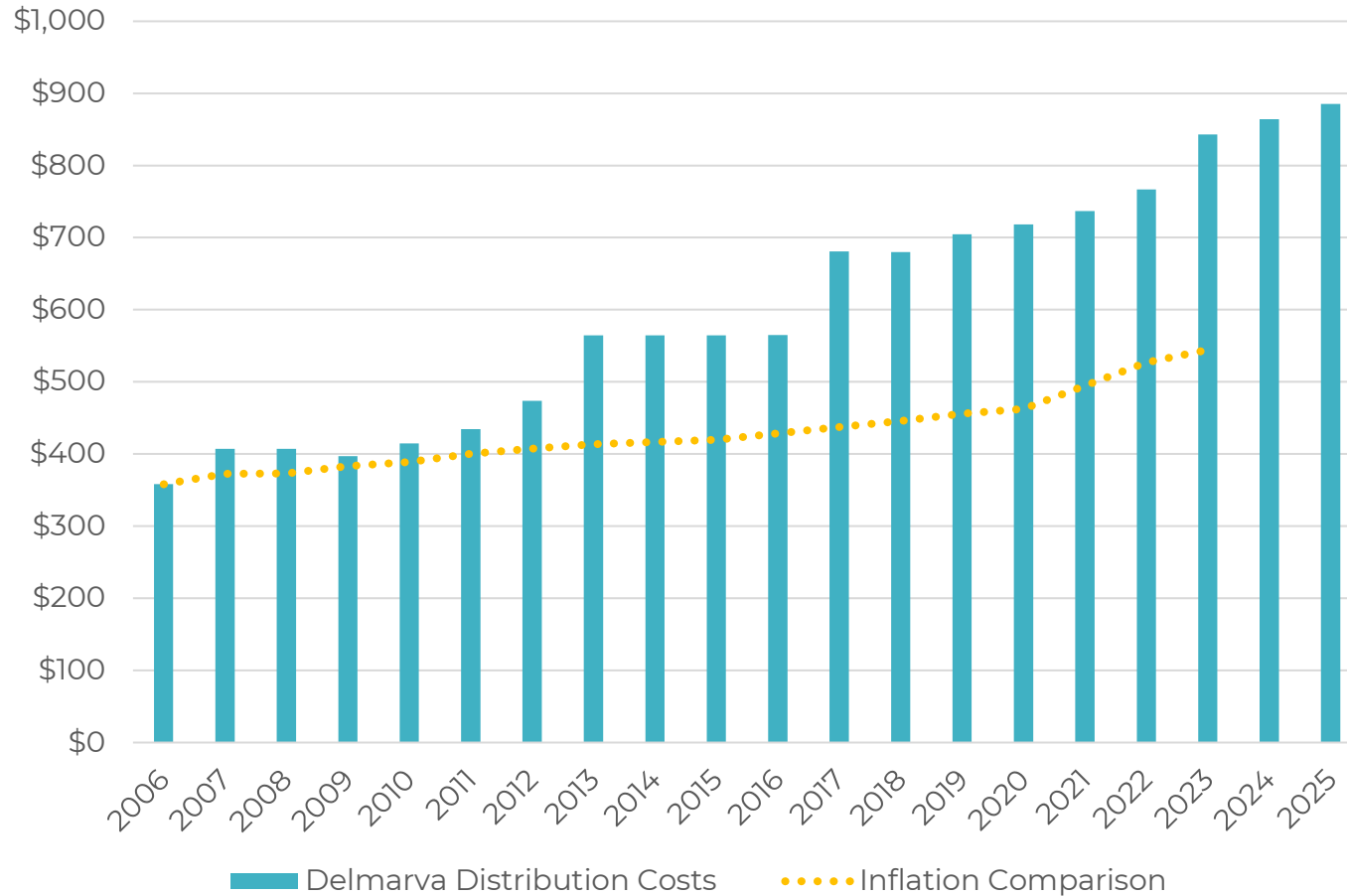
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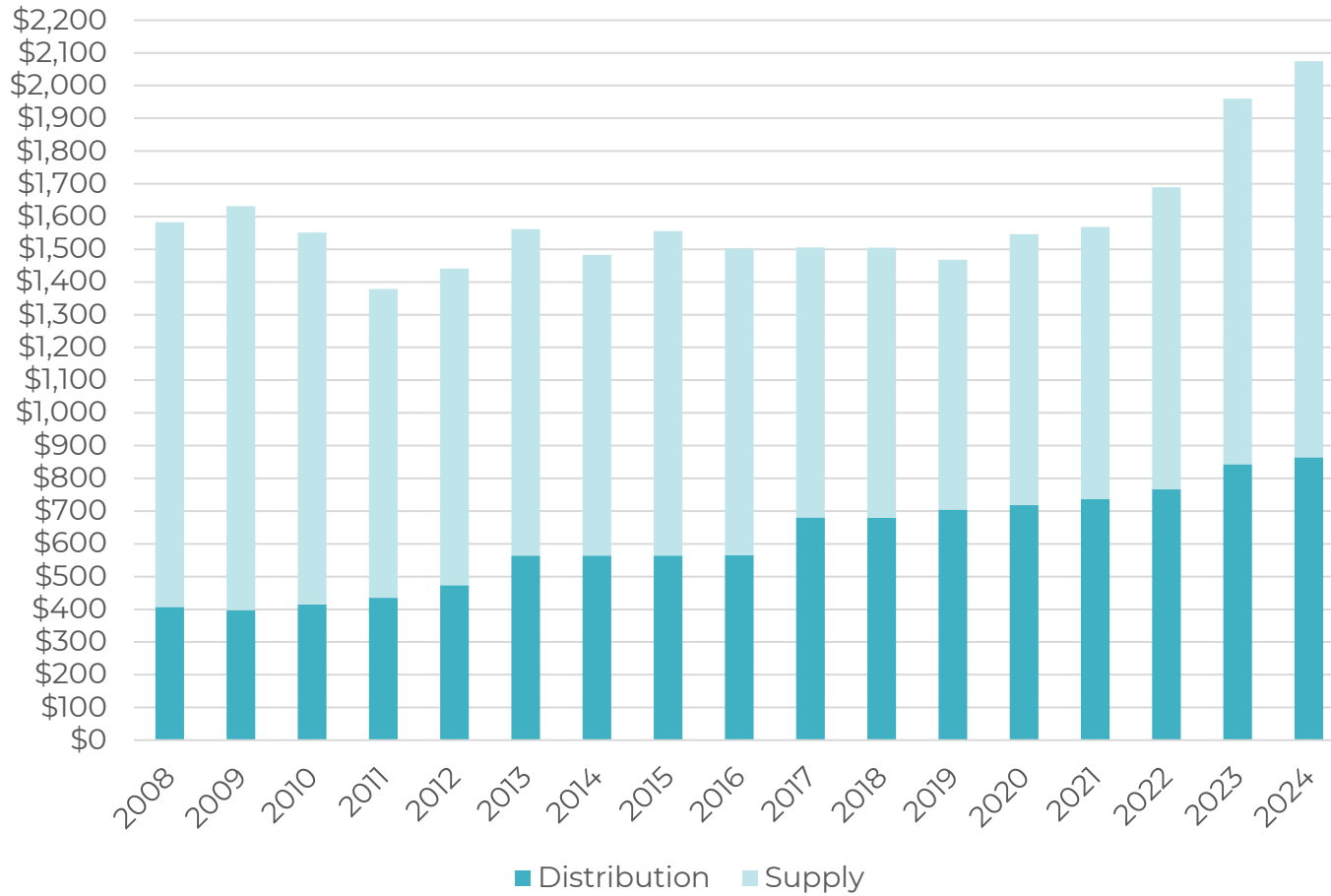
# Total Annual Delivery Charges



Charges based on monthly consumption of 900 kWhs.

DELMARVA POWER

# Total Annual Bill: Delivery Plus Supply Charges



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# Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco)



# Pepco

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Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) is a subsidiary of Illinois-based Exelon Corporation. Pepco provides service in most of Montgomery County and Prince George's County as well as service in the District of Columbia. Pepco serves 582,000 Maryland customers.

Pepco filed its latest rate case in 2023 as a multi-year plan for rates extending into 2027. In a June 2024 decision, the Commission granted Pepco a single rate increase of \$44.6 million, denying Pepco's request for a multi-year rate plan and stating its intent to evaluate how customers are faring under multi-year plans in a general "lessons learned" proceeding.

# Pepco

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## Current rates

Electric bills include two primary categories of charges: *distribution charges* and *supply charges*. These categories of charges and additional charges are explained [here](#). The distribution rate covers most of the average customer's distribution costs. For the average Pepco customer in 2024, the volumetric rate makes up 86 percent of distribution costs.

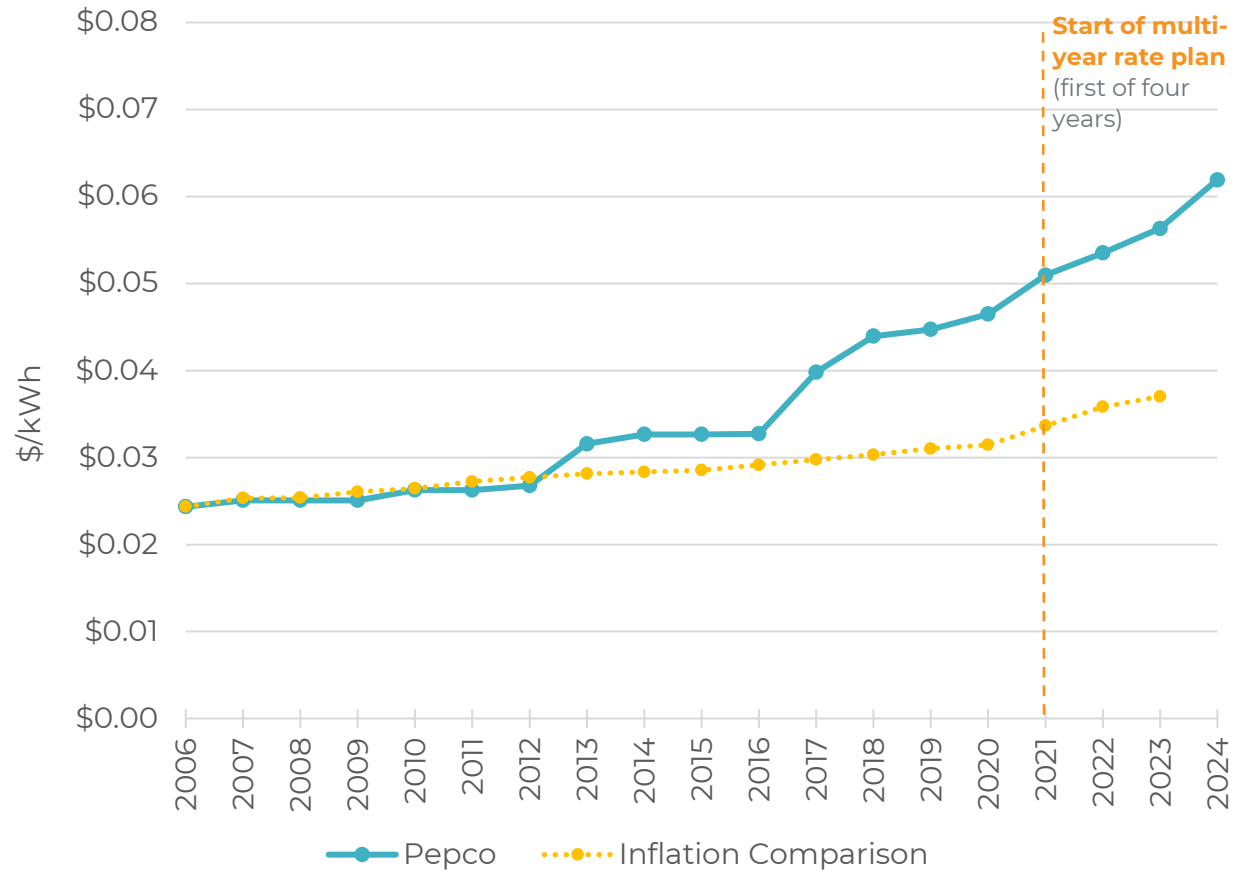
Volumetric distribution rate: \$0.06175/kWh

Customer charge: \$8.44/month

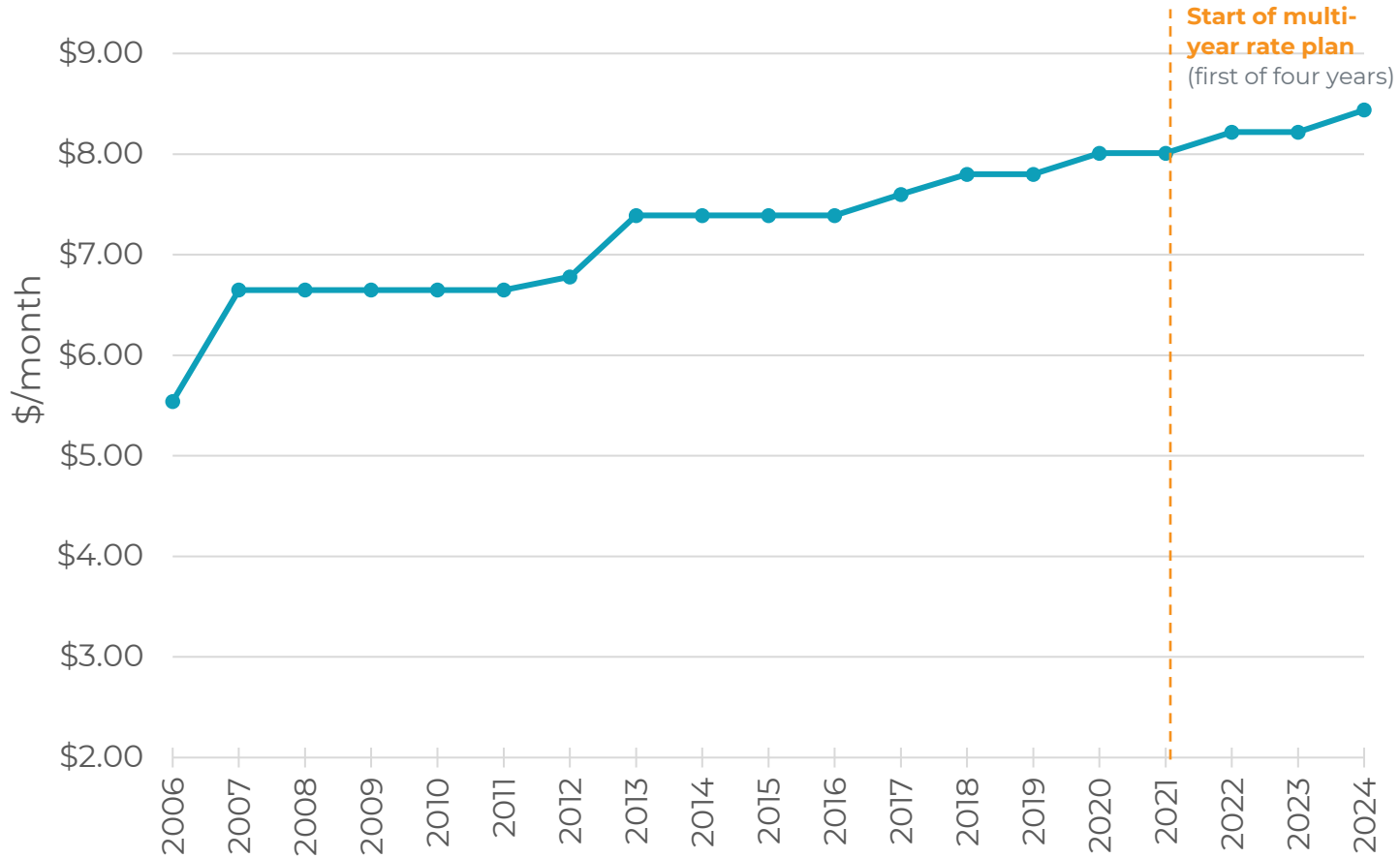
Supply cost: \$0.09262/kWh (June 2024)

EmPOWER surcharge: \$0.011342/kWh

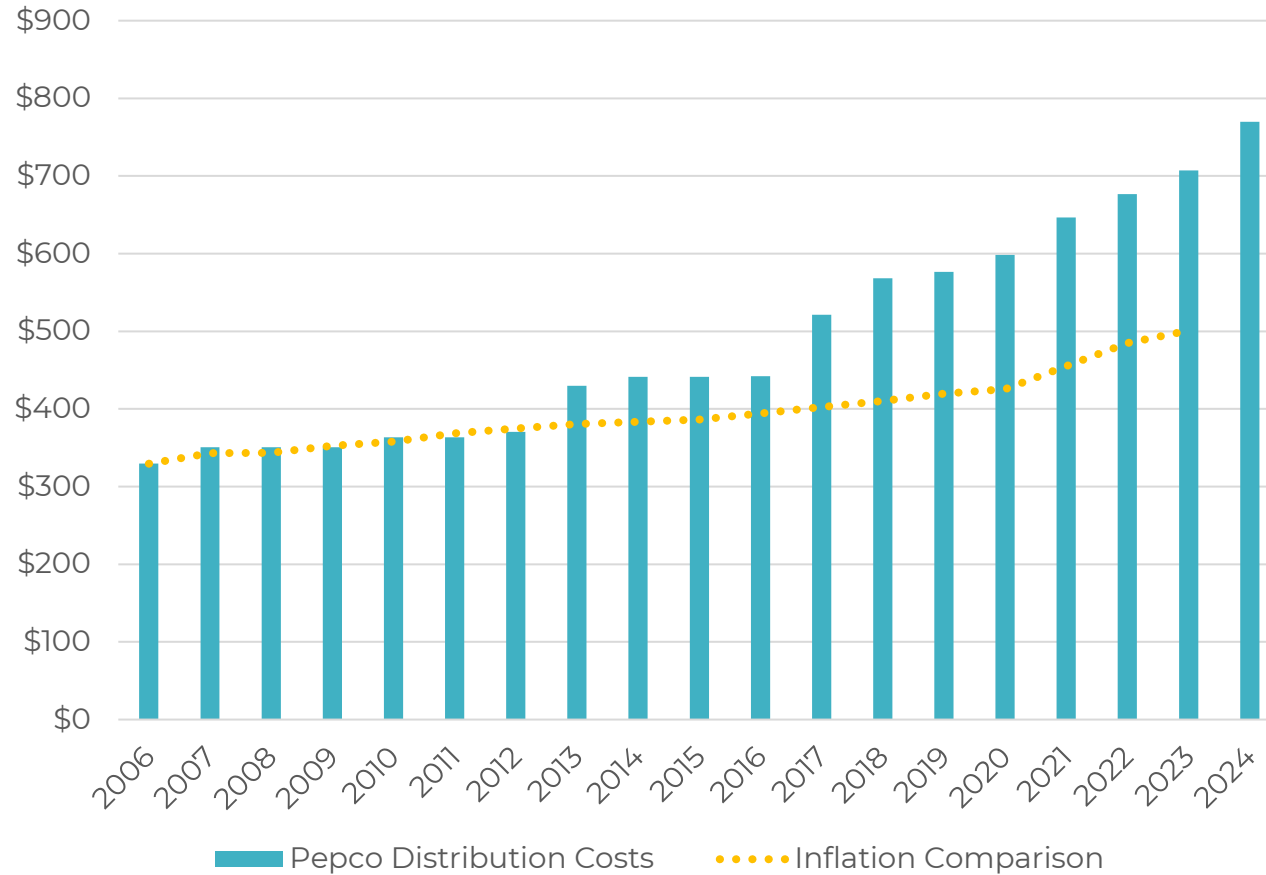
# PEPCO Distribution Rate



# PEPCO Monthly Customer Charge



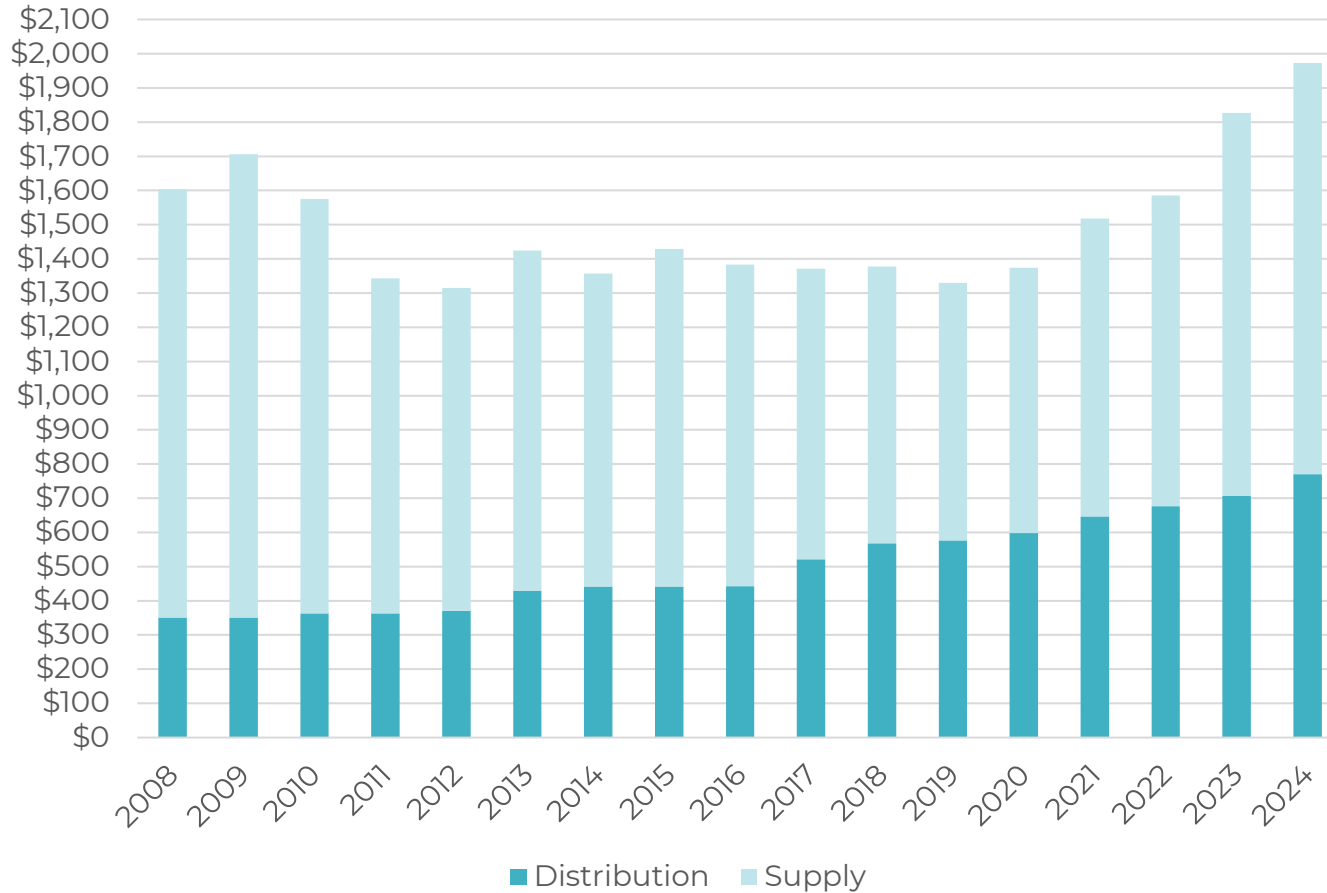
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# Total Annual Bill: Delivery Plus Supply Charges



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# Potomac Edison





# Potomac Edison

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Potomac Edison Company is a subsidiary of First Energy, and has affiliated utilities operating in Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. The utility provides electric service to 285,000 Maryland customers in Allegany, Washington and Frederick Counties, and portions of Carroll, Howard and Montgomery counties.

Potomac Edison's last rate case was in 2023. The Public Service Commission order in the case was issued on October 18, 2023. You can access the order and the case [here](#).

# Potomac Edison

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## Current rates

Electric bills include two primary categories of charges: *distribution charges* and *supply charges*. These categories of charges and additional charges are explained [here](#). The distribution rate covers most of the average customer's distribution costs. For the average Potomac Edison customer in 2024, the volumetric rate makes up 77 percent of distribution costs.

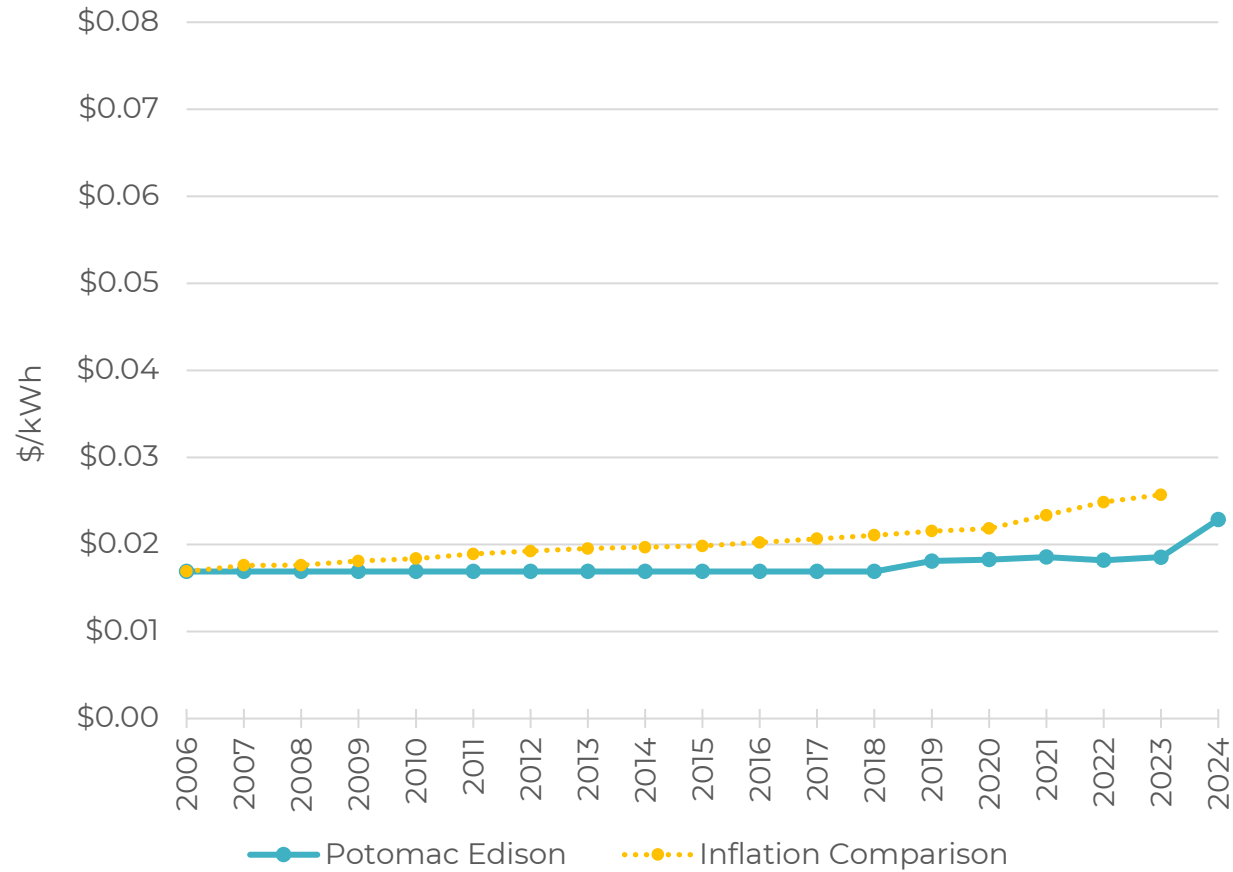
Volumetric distribution rate: \$0.02287/kWh

Customer charge: \$6.00/month

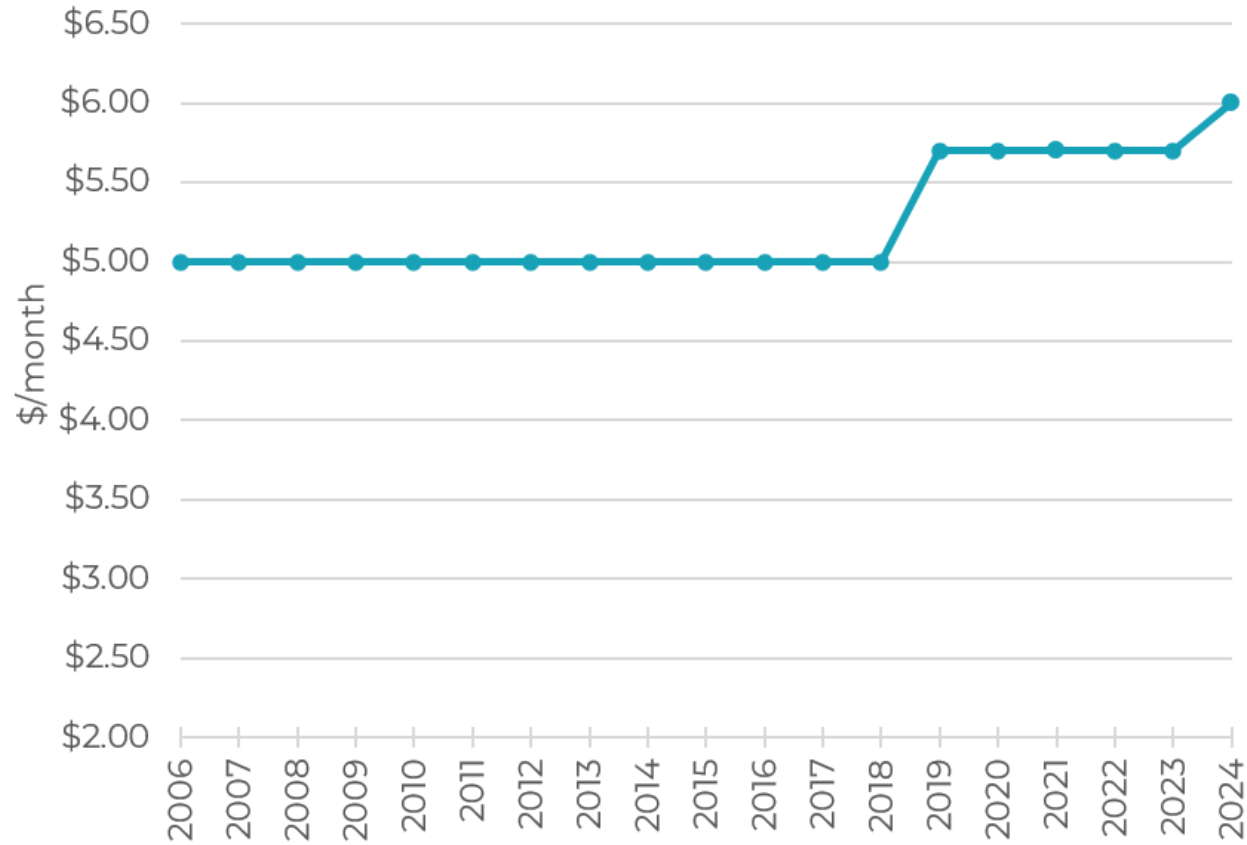
Supply cost: \$0.08856/kWh (June 2024)

EmPOWER surcharge: \$0.00702/kWh

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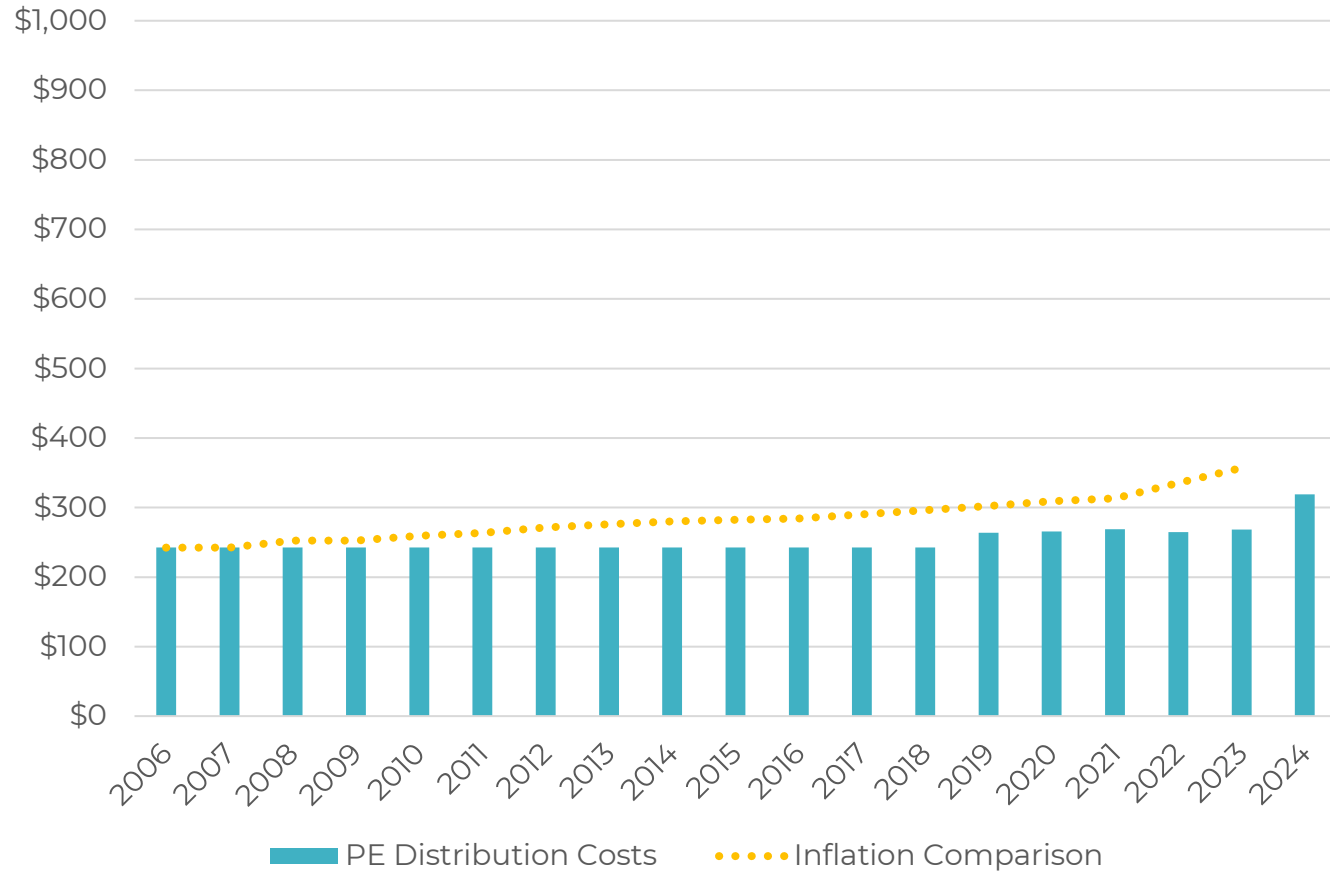


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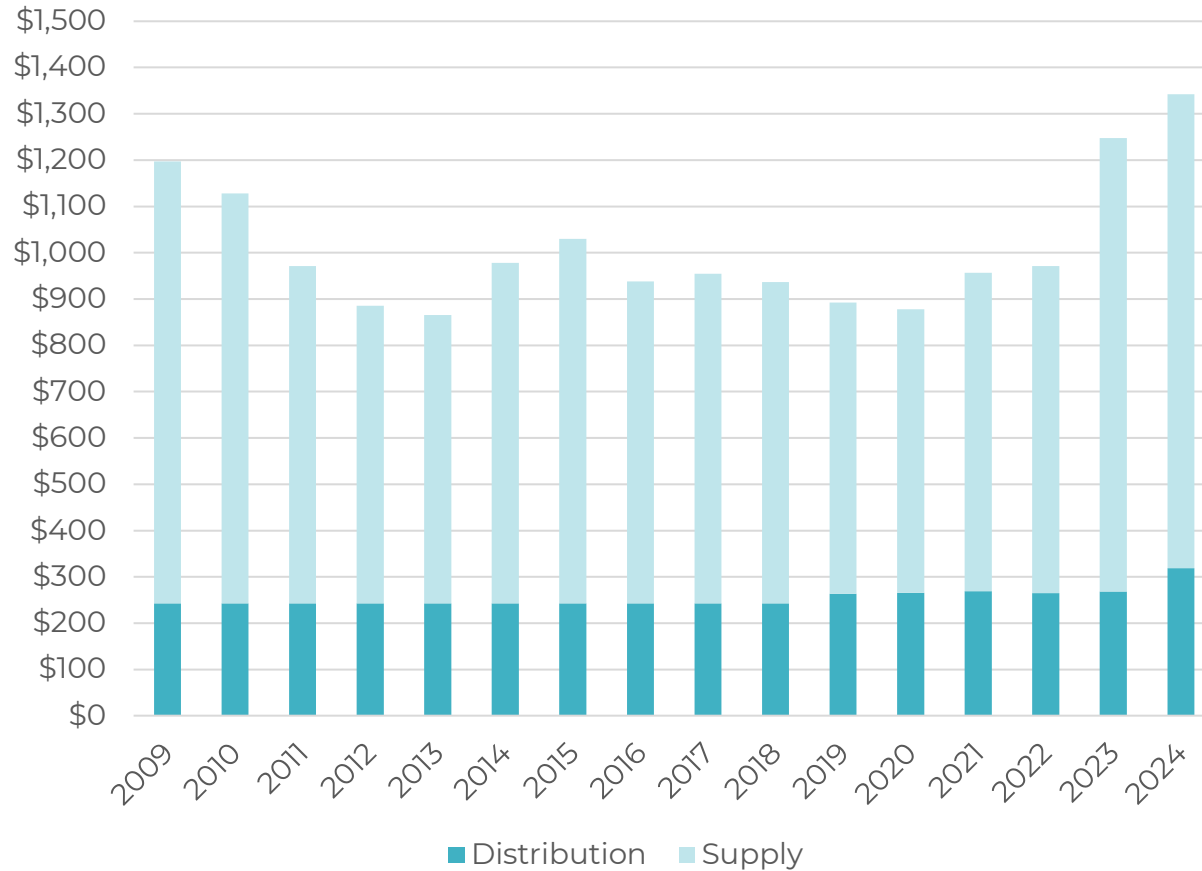
# Total Annual Delivery Charges



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POTOMAC EDISON

# Total Annual Bill: Delivery Plus Supply Charges



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# Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative



# SMECO

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Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SMECO) provides electricity service to its 161,000 cooperative members in Southern Maryland, in Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties.

SMECO's last rate case was in 2023. The Public Service Commission order in the case was issued on May 15, 2023. You can access the order and the case [here](#).



# SMECO

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## Current rates

Electric bills include two primary categories of charges: *distribution charges* and *supply charges*. These categories of charges and additional charges are explained [here](#). The distribution rate covers most of the average customer's distribution costs. For the average SMECO customer in 2024, the volumetric rate makes up 82 percent of distribution costs.

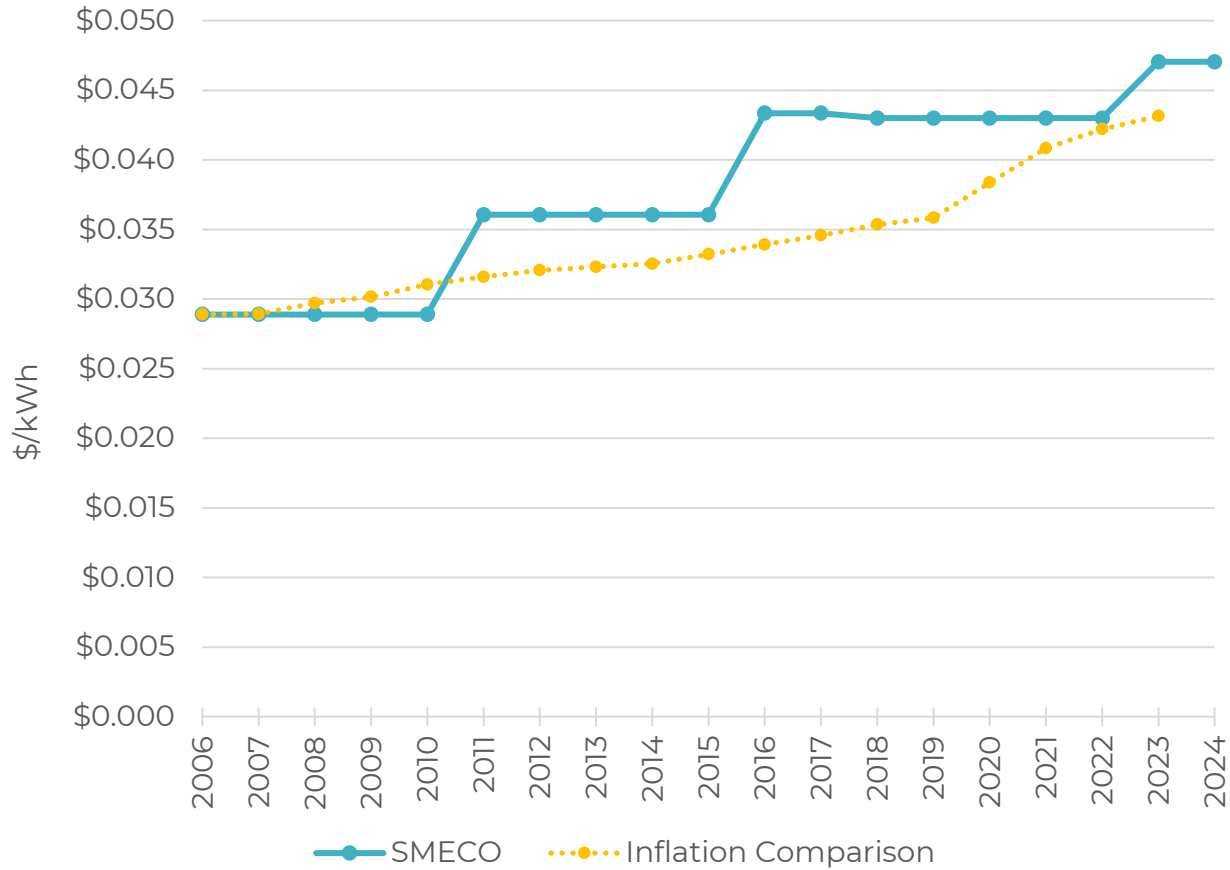
Volumetric distribution rate: \$0.04704/kWh

Customer charge: \$9.50/month

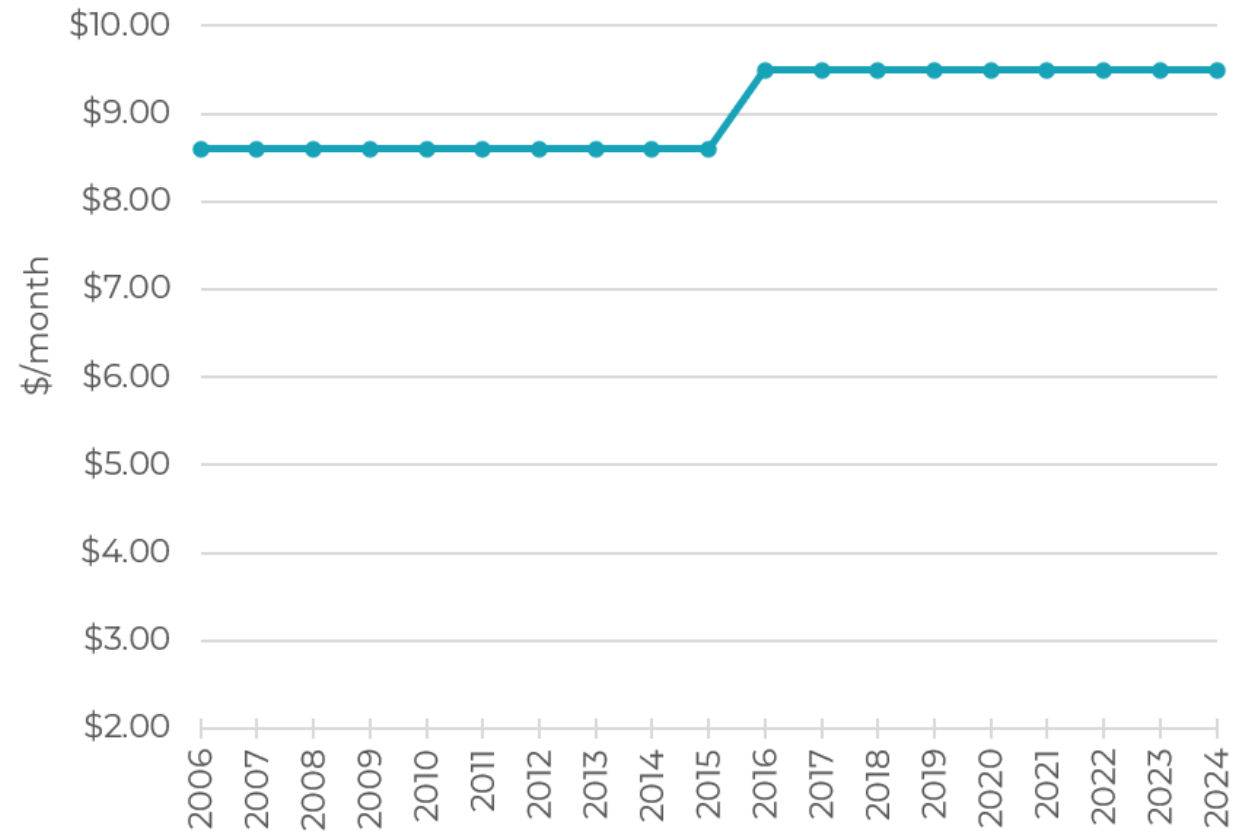
Supply cost: \$ 0.086247/kWh (May 2024)

EmPOWER surcharge: \$0.00921/kWh

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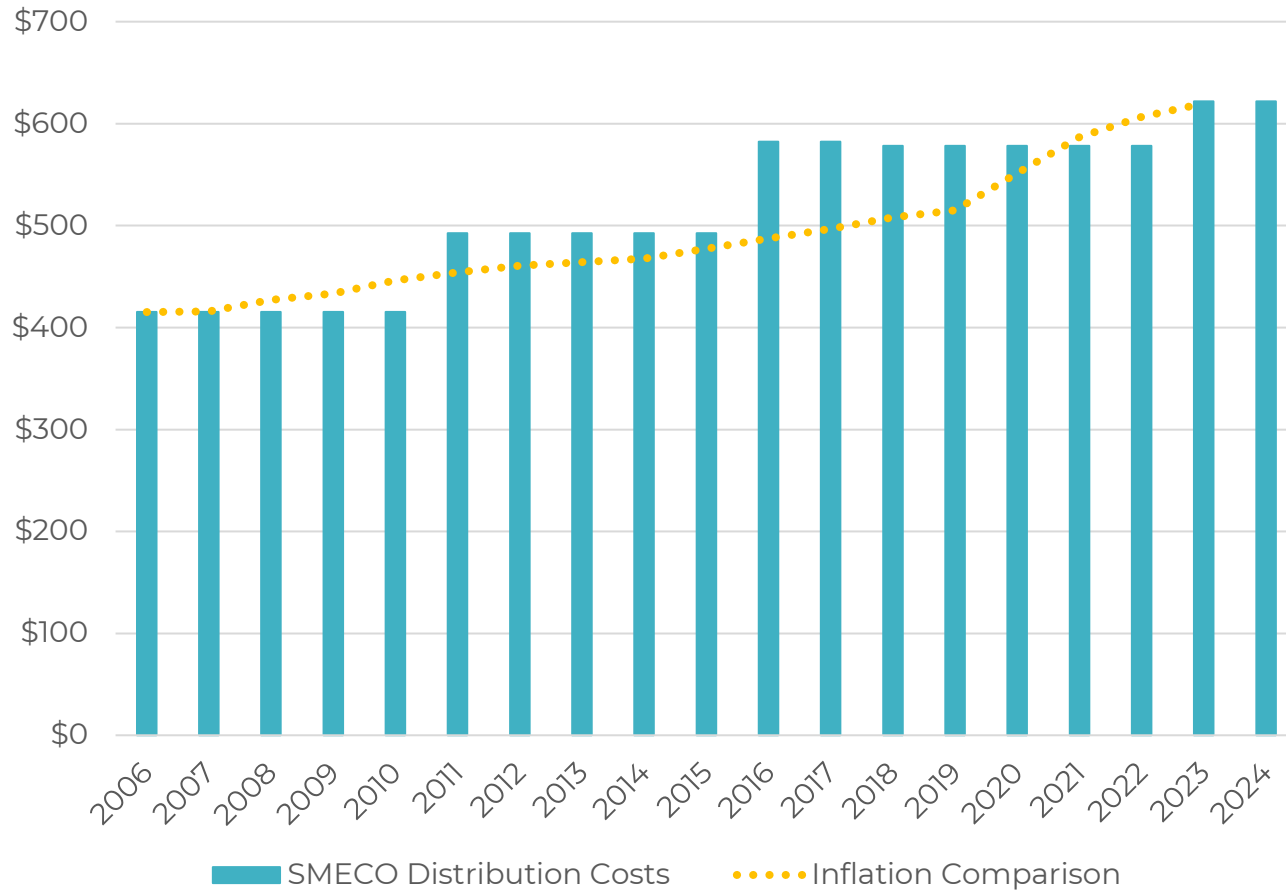


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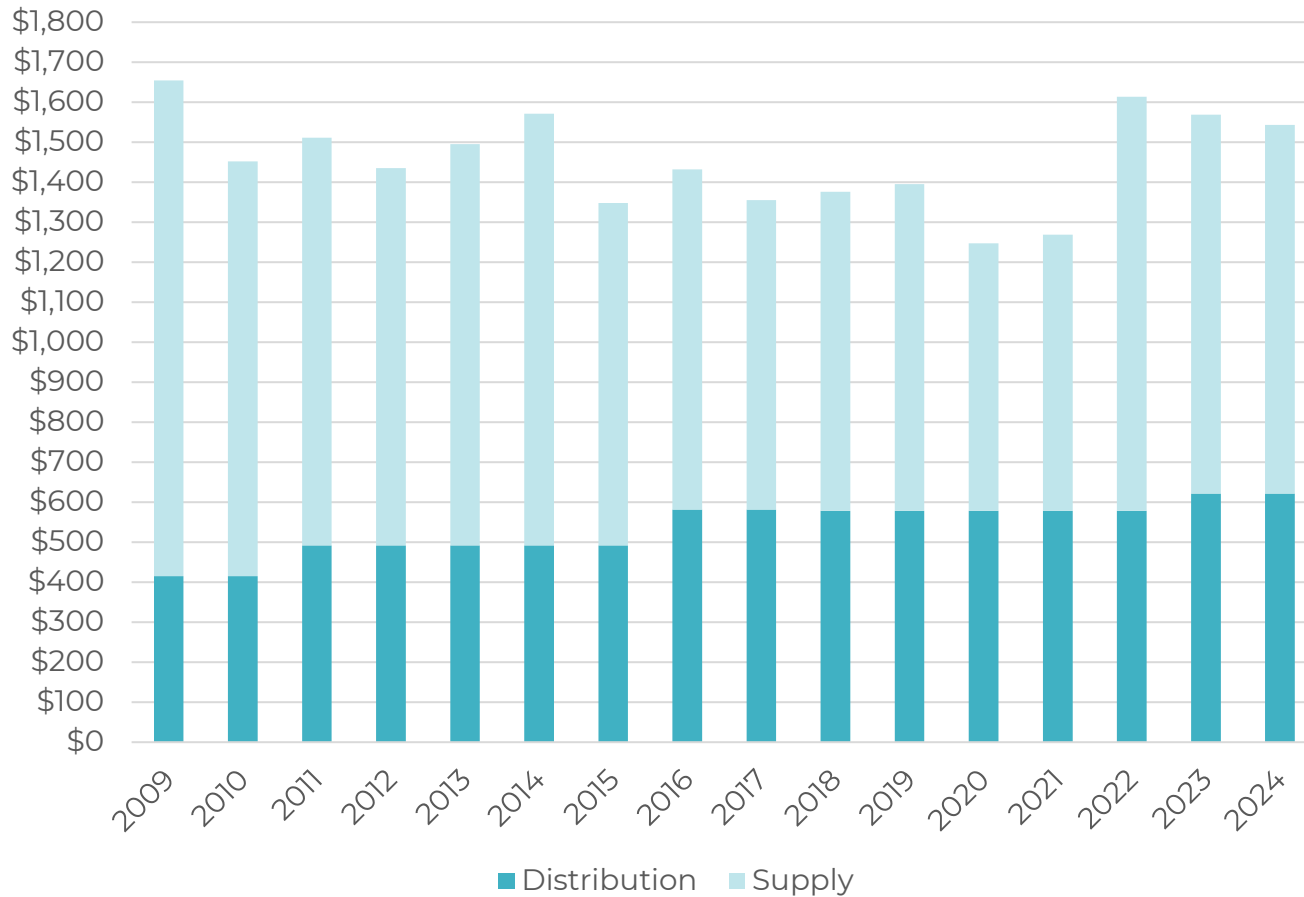
# Total Annual Delivery Charges



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# Total Annual Bill: Delivery Plus Supply Charges



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# Washington Gas Light





# Washington Gas

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Washington Gas Light is an affiliate of Canadian-based AltaGas. The utility provides service to about 513,000 customers in Montgomery County and Prince George's County, as well as Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties. In addition to Maryland, Washington Gas is a multi-jurisdictional utility that is regulated in two other regions, the District of Columbia and Virginia.

WGL's last rate case was in 2023. The final PSC ruling was issued on December 14, 2023. You can access the case [here](#).

# Washington Gas

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## Current rates

Gas bills include two primary categories of charges: *distribution charges* and *supply charges*. These categories of charges and additional charges are explained [here](#). The distribution rate covers most of the average customer's distribution costs. For the average Washington Gas customer in 2024, the volumetric rate makes up 75 percent of distribution costs.

Volumetric distribution rate: \$0.4621/therm

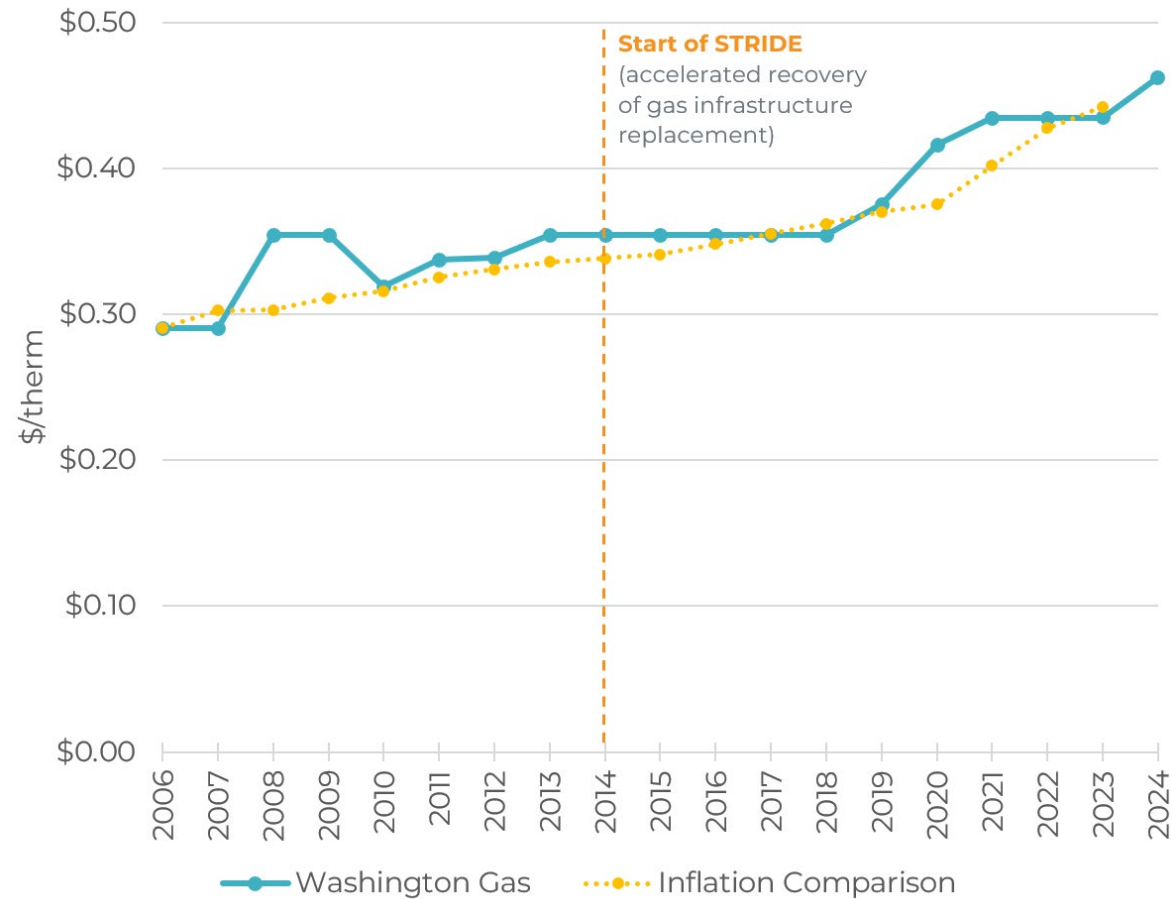
Customer charge: \$11.85/month

Gas supply cost: \$0.5798/therm (June 2024)

EmPOWER surcharge: \$0.0431/therm

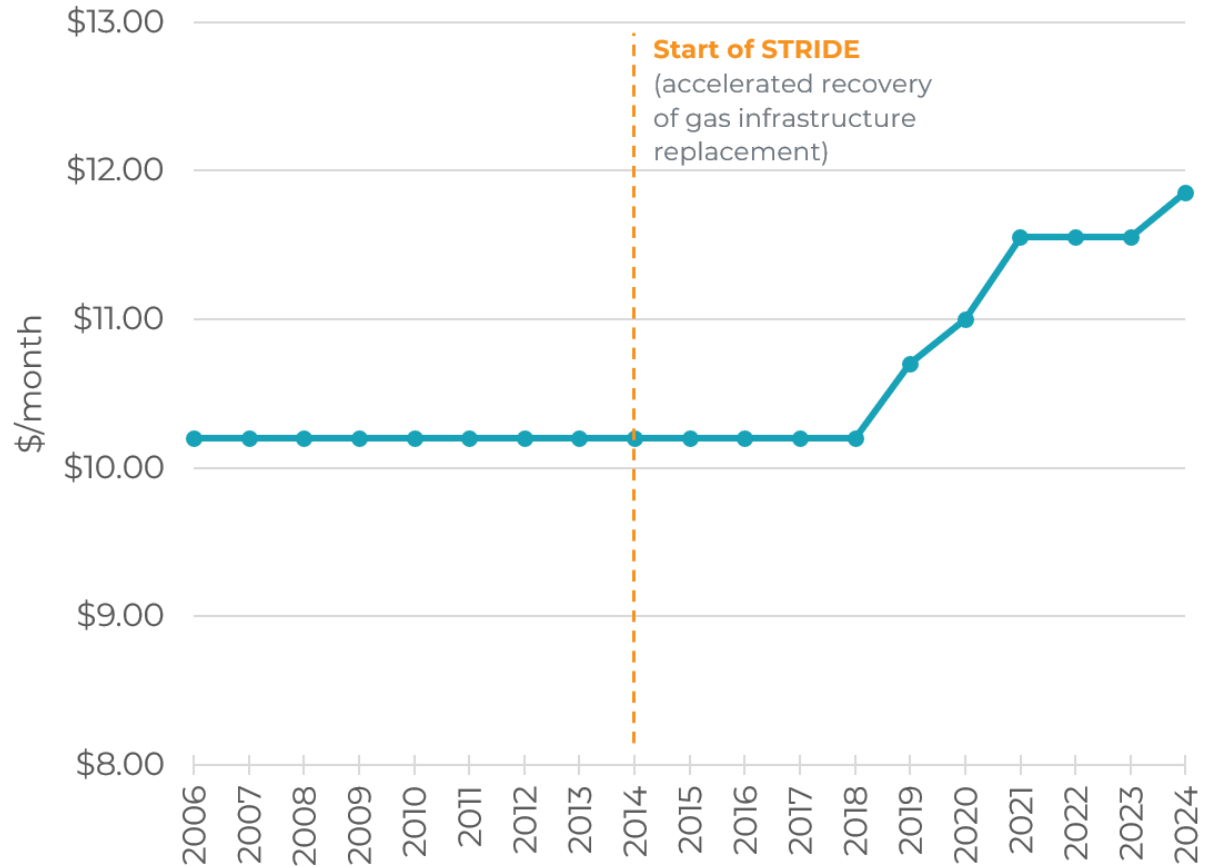


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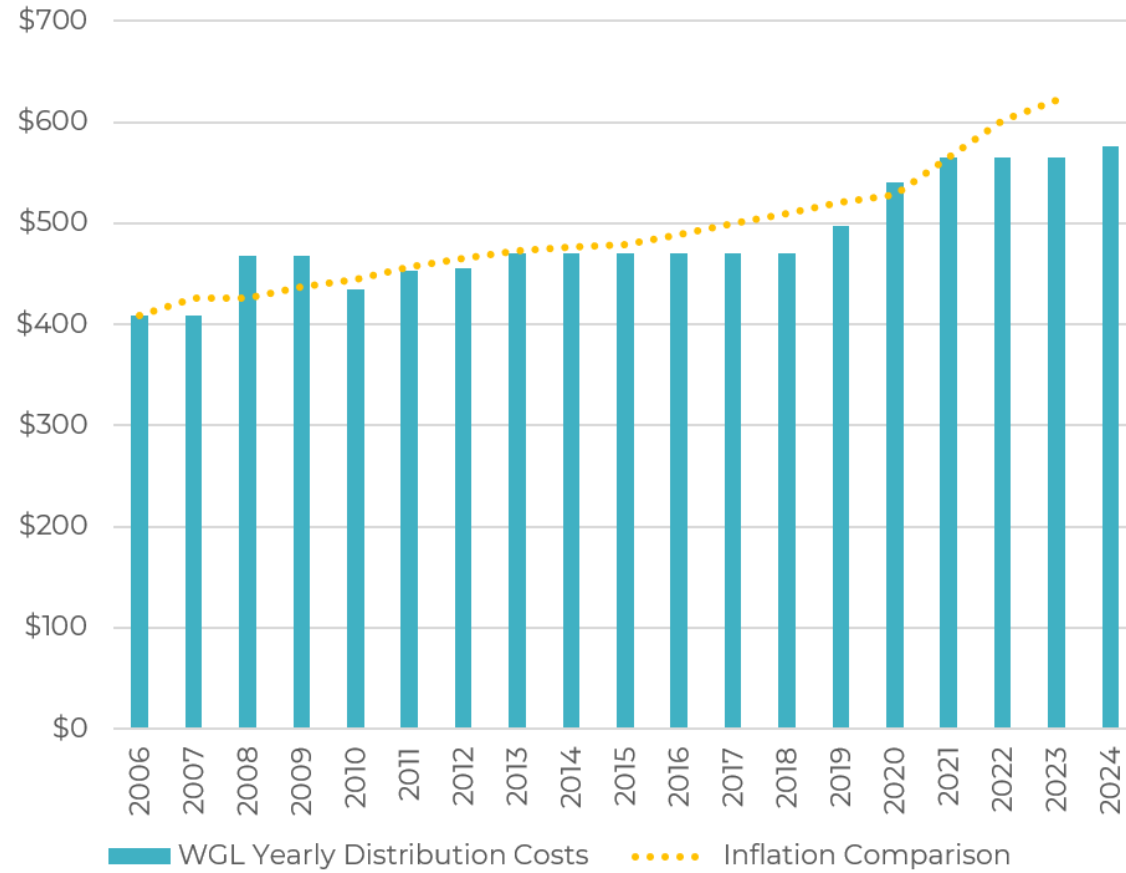
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## WASHINGTON GAS

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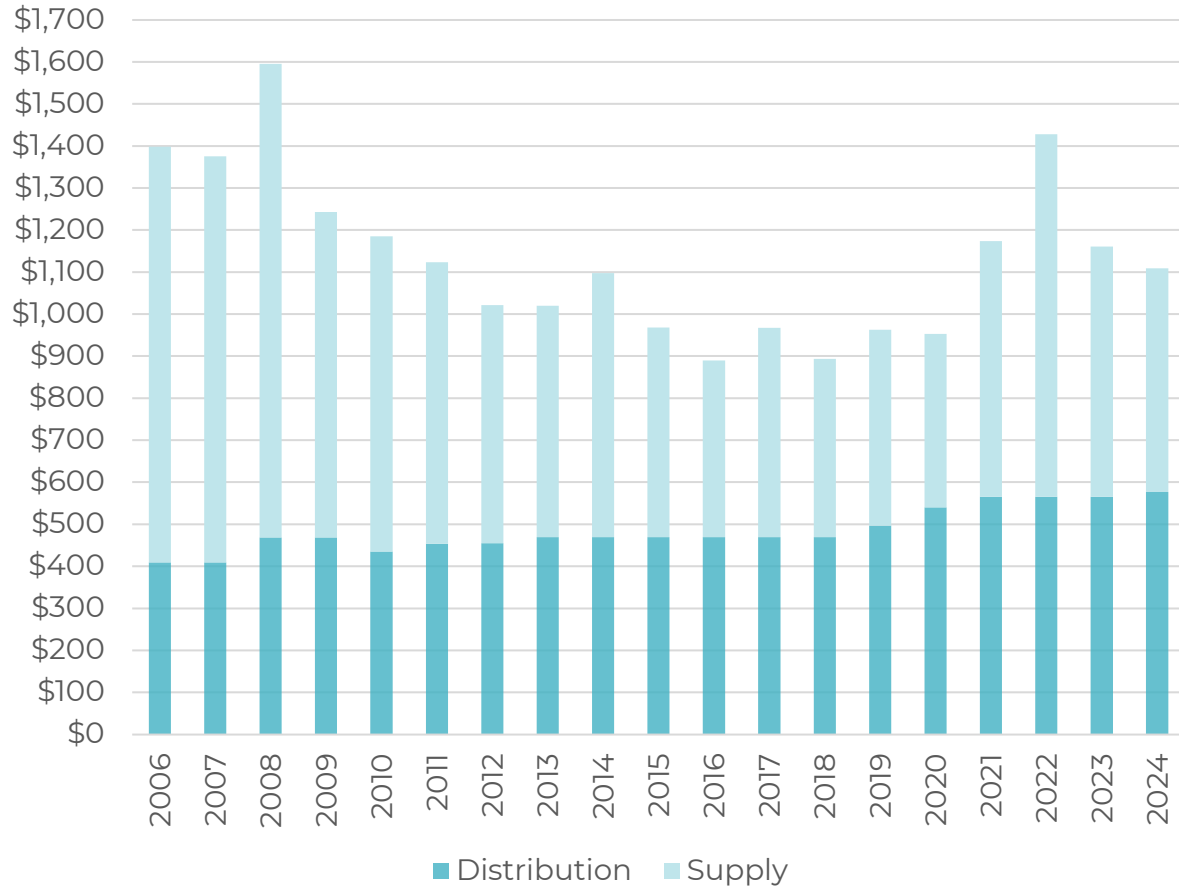
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