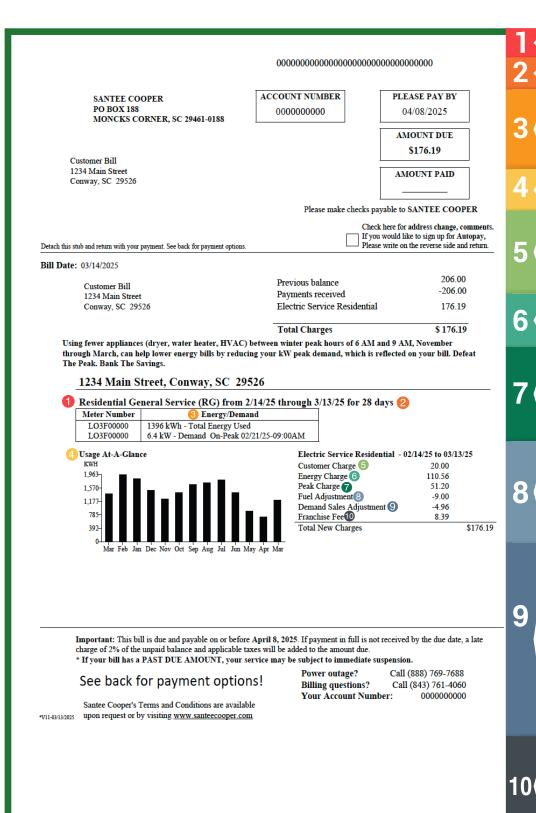
## Your Bill Explained





The rate you are on.

Your billing period.

Energy/Demand: Energy is the total electricity you used during the billing period. It is measured in kilowatt hours (kWh). Demand On-Peak is your highest one hour of usage during peak hours of the billing period. It is measured in kilowatts (kW). In this example, the customer's peak demand was 6.4 kW measured during the hour ending at 9 a.m. on 2/21.

**Usage At-A-Glance**: This chart displays your monthly energy usage for the past 13 months to help you monitor usage and trends.

**Customer Charge**: This minimum charge will appear on your bill each month regardless of usage. It covers certain ongoing costs such as billing, metering, collections, customer service, accounting, and some distribution facilities (service wires, transformers, etc.).

**Energy Charges**: This charge covers the cost of buying or producing the electricity used during the billing period. The charge you pay will vary depending on the amount of energy used.

**Peak Charge**: This covers some of Santee Cooper's fixed costs, such as principal and interest payments on debt, and some of the infrastructure costs of supplying generating capacity to meet your energy needs. The charge you pay will vary depending on the demand you place on the system.

**Fuel Adjustment**: Adjusts with the actual cost of fuel, like natural gas and coal, and purchased power. If Santee Cooper's actual costs are less than the base fuel rate, you'll see a credit on your bill. If these costs exceed the base fuel rate, an additional charge will be included in your bill. The fuel adjustment is recalculated every month based on a rolling three-month average.

Demand Sales Adjustment: Santee Cooper plans its generating system with enough capacity to serve its customers' "peak" load under extreme weather conditions and expected equipment availability. As a result, from time to time, there may be extra generating capacity available for use. Santee Cooper attempts to sell idle and unused capacity to its large industrial customers or other electric utilities. The fixed portion of the revenues obtained by Santee Cooper from these sales is credited to other customers through the Demand Sales Adjustment. The base amount for these revenues is included on an estimated basis in Santee Cooper's rates. Any difference from the base amount is the Demand Sales Adjustment and is subtracted from or added to your bill to adjust for the actual revenues received each month from these sales.

**Franchise Fee:** A contractual fee that Santee Cooper pays to municipalities where it conducts business within their boundaries. This fee is billed each month to customers whose accounts are physically located within the city or town limits. This rate is 5% of your bill and twice a year Santee Cooper gives this money back to the municipalities.

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