

U.S. residential summer power bills to be higher than last year

The average household power bill this summer is expected to be 4.9 percent higher than last year.

In its new monthly forecast, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said residential electricity expenses will be higher during the June through August period because of rising electricity prices and higher power use.

Household power expenses will vary by region....with increases in electricity bills ranging from 2.1% for the Mountain states that include Arizona, Colorado, and Montana.....to 8.7% in the East South Central region, which is made up of Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

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