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Less electricity use this summer slightly offset by higher power costs

The average U.S. household will use less electricity this summer than last summer because of expected cooler temperatures, but slightly higher electricity prices means summer power bills won't go down much.

However, the outlook does vary across regions.

Households in the South Atlantic states which includes Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia will see the biggest savings. The average power bill in that region is expected to be down nearly 5% this summer.

Meanwhile, households in the central Great Lakes area which includes Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin could see a jump of more than 8% in their summer electricity bills.

EIA forecasts that more electricity will be generated this year by natural gas, solar energy, and wind and less from coal-fired power plants.

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