UTILITY ALLOWANCES

January 2023

Utility Allowance

The purpose of this training is to provide guidance for calculating a Utility Allowance (UA) under the Department's multifamily programs.

The Department will cite noncompliance and/or not approve a UA if it is not calculated in accordance with the requirements of 10 TAC §10.614, Treasury Regulation 1.42-10 and Chapter 18 of the 8823 Audit Guide.

Owners are required to comply with the provisions of the above section as well as any existing federal or state program guidance.

Frequently asked questions (FAQ) can be found on the Department's website: https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/pmcomp/compFaqs.htm

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Utility Allowance Information

https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/pmcomp/utility-allowance.htm



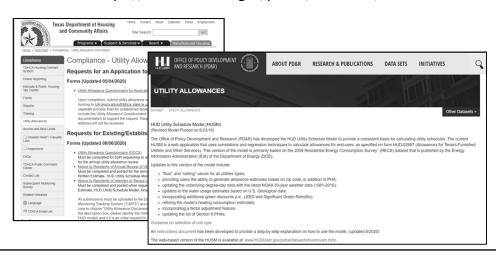
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Where to find important documents and information: https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/pmcomp/utility-allowance.htm https://www.huduser.gov/portal/resources/utilallowance.html



These forms are updated periodically, please make sure you are checking the websites and using the most current version of the required documents.

Utility Allowance: Definitions & Terms

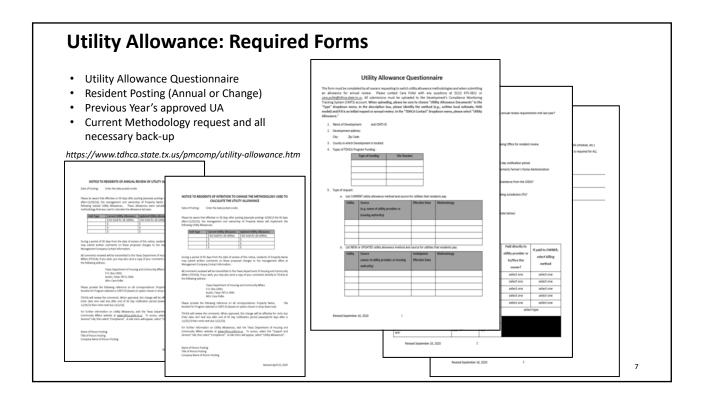
- Building Types
 - HUD Document referenced in §10.614(b)(1): https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC_11608.PDF
 - Additional Resource from HUD: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/HUSM-Instructions.pdf
- Power to Choose
 - http://powertochoose.com/
 - Sometimes a zip code is on the website but the municipality is a provider double check this!
- Component Charges
 - The actual cost associated with the billing of a residential utility (Rates, Fees, Taxes)
- Multifamily Direct Loan (MFDL)
 - Funds provided through the HOME Program (HOME), Neighborhood Stabilization Program
 (NSP), National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF), Repayments from the Tax Credit Assistance
 Program (TCAP RF), HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), or other program available
 through the Department, local political subdivision, or administrating agency for multifamily
 development that require a Utility Allowance

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Utility Allowance: Definitions & Terms

- Renewable Source
 - Energy produced from energy property described in IRC §48 or IRC §45(d)(1) through (4), (6), (9) or (11)
- Submetered Utility
 - A utility purchased from or through a local utility provider by the building owner where the resident is billed directly by the owner of the building or to a 3rd party billing company
 - This must be based on the resident's actual consumption of that utility and not an allocation method or Ratio Utility Billing System (RUBS); and
 - The rate at which the utility is billed does not exceed the rate incurred by the building owner for that utility
- Utility Allowance
 - An estimate of the expected monthly cost of any utility for which a resident is financially responsible (other than phone, cable or internet)
- Utility Provider
 - The company that provides the residential utility service, AKA "Provider"
 - If unsure of who the provider is, check the property-paid accounts, i.e. Clubhouse

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Utility Allowance: How to Submit

All submissions must be uploaded to the development's Compliance Monitoring Tracking System (CMTS) account. When uploading, please be sure to choose "Utility Allowance Documents" in the "Type" dropdown menu. In the description box, please identify the method (e.g., Written Local Estimate, HUD model, etc.) and if it is an initial request or annual review. In the "TDHCA Contact" dropdown menu, please select "Utility Allowance."

If the submission is not uploaded as outlined above it will not be received by the Utility Allowance Team and the development may be cited with noncompliance.

Utility Allowance: Methodologies

Types of Utility Allowance (UA) Methodologies

- Not Department Issued
 - Rural Housing Services (RHS or RD)
 - HUD-Issued Utility Allowance
- Department Reviewed and/or Issued
 - Public Housing Authority (PHA)
 - Written Local Estimate (WLE)
 - Energy Consumption Model (ECM)
 - · Actual Use Method
 - HUD Utility Schedule Model (HUSM)

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Utility Allowance: PHA Method

Public Housing Authority (PHA) Method

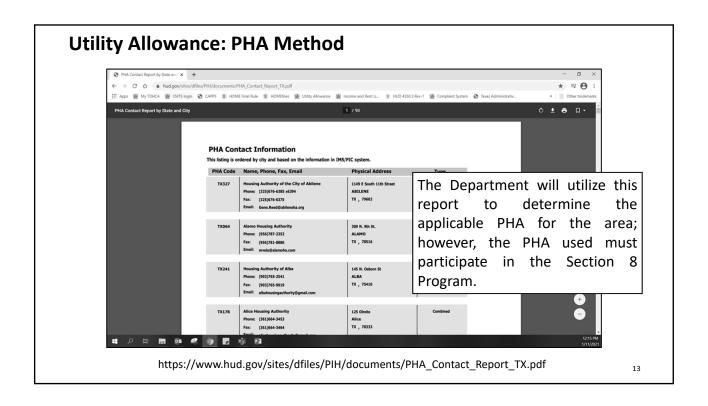
- The Utility Allowance established by the applicable PHA for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV Program)
 - If a PHA provides vouchers to your tenants but is not the most applicable PHA you would not be able to use the UA schedule from that PHA
- If the PHA publishes different schedules based on building type, the owner is responsible for implementing the correct schedule based on the development's building type(s)
 - In the event the PHA publishes a UA Schedule specifically for energy efficient units, and the owner desires to use such a schedule, the owner must demonstrate that the building(s) meet the PHA's specifications for energy efficiency once every five years
 - If the PHA Utility Schedule lists flat fees for any utility, those flat fees must be included in the calculation of the Utility Allowance, if the resident is responsible for that utility
 - If the PHA schedule reflects a rounded amount, then the PHA method of rounding should be used.

Utility Allowance: PHA Method

Public Housing Authority (PHA) Method continued

- This methodology must be used for the voucher holders from the PHA (unless the building has MFDL funds)
- If the development is located in an area that does not have a municipal, county or regional housing authority that publishes a Utility Allowance schedule for the HCV Program, owners must select an alternative methodology, unless the building(s) is(are) located in the published HCV service area of:
 - A Council of Government (COG) created under Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 303, that operates a Housing Choice Voucher Program;
 - The Department's Housing Choice Voucher Program; or
 - Another PHA which publishes a separate utility allowance schedule specific to the development's location
- Annual review by the Department is not required, unless there is a change to the utilities the resident is financially responsible for
 - Annual Review is required for HOME-ARP Developments using this methodology

Utility Allowance Schedule
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Utility Allowance: PHA Method

What if the development is in an area that does not have a PHA, but another PHA serves the area?

In this case, the PHA that serves the area MUST issue a Utility Allowance for the specific area in which a development is located in order to use this methodology.

Effective October 1, 2022 Utility Allowance Schedule The following allowances are used to determine Office of Public and Indian Housing OMB Approval No. 2577-0169 exp. 7/31/2022							
the total cost of tenant-furnished utilities and appliances. Locality: Denton Housing Authority, TX			Unit Type: Multi-Family (Apartment/Walk-Up /Duplex/ Rowhouse)			Date: 10/01/2022	
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Utility or Service	City of Lewisville	0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR
Utility or Service Heating	a. Natural Gas	0 BR \$6.00	1 BR \$9.00	2 BR \$12.00	3 BR \$17.00	4 BR \$20.00	5 BR \$24.00
	a. Natural Gas						
	a. Natural Gas b. Bottle Gas	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$24.00

Utility Allowance: Written Local Estimate

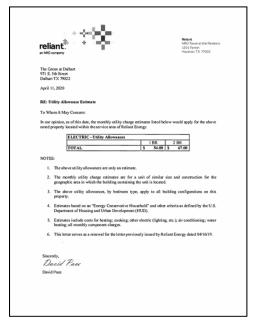
Written Local Estimate (WLE) Method

- The estimate must...
 - come from the local utility provider
 - · be signed by the utility provider representative
 - include all component charges for providing the utility service
 - · include all items which contribute to the utility
 - An estimate from the electric provider must include all items which are reflected on the electric bill for the resident. If the estimate does not include the air conditioning, for example, it is not an acceptable estimate and may result in noncompliance during the development's next monitoring review.
- The beginning of the 90-day notification period should be the date of the letter from the utility provider; however, a full 90-day posting is required.
- The Department will acknowledge the receipt of the annual submission; however, this methodology is reviewed during the Monitoring Reviews for the Development.

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Utility Allowance: Written Local Estimate





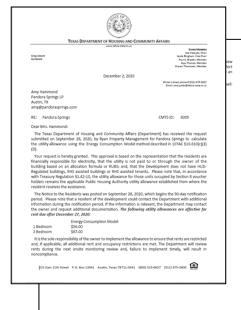
Utility Allowance: Energy Consumption Model

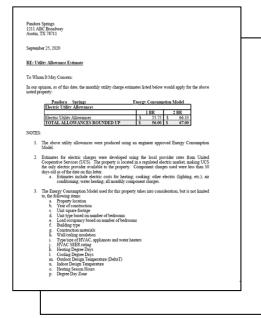
Energy Consumption Method (ECM)

- The model must be calculated by a properly licensed mechanical engineer.
 - The license of the engineer must be submitted along with the model.
- The estimate must, at a minimum, take into consideration specific factors that include, but are not limited to, unit size, building type and orientation, design and materials, mechanical systems, appliances, characteristics of building location, and available historical data.
- Component charges used must be no older than those in effect 60 days prior to the beginning of the 90-day period described in §10.614(f)(3) related to effective dates.
- Beginning of 90-day notification period should be 60 days after the end of the last month of the 12 month period for which data was used to compute the estimate.
- Annual review is required and will be approved by the Department if compliant.

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Utility Allowance: Energy Consumption Model





Utility Allowance Questionnaire

This form must be completed by all owners requesting to switch utility allowance methodologies and when submitting an allowance for annual review. Please contact Cara Pollei with any questions at (512) 475-3821 or cara.pollei@tdhca.state.tx.us. All submissions must be uploaded to the Development's Compliance Monitoring Tracking System (CMTS) account.

When uploading, please be sure to choose "Utility Allowance Documents" in the "Type" dropdown menu. In the description box, please identify the method (e.g., written local estimate, HUD model) and if it is an initial request or annual review. In the "TDHCA Contact" dropdown menu, please select "Utility Allowance."

1. Name of Development: Pandora Springs and CMTS ID 6789

Development address: 221 East 11th Street
 City: Austin Zip Code: 78711 County: Travis

3. Types of TDHCA Program Funding:

Type of Funding	File Number
HTC	230626

- 4. Type of request: Request to Switch to a Different Methodolgy
 - a. List CURRENT utility allowance method and source for utilities that residents pay.

Utility	Source	Effective Date	Methodology
	(e.g. name of utility provider or		
	housing authority)		
Electric	Southern Federal	01/18/2023	HUD Utility Model Schedule

b. List NEW or UPDATED utility allowance method and source for utilities that residents pay.

Utility	Source	Anticipated	Methodology
	(name of utility provider or housing	Effective Date	
	authority)		
Électric	Enercon	06/29/2023	Energy Consumption Model

- 5. If this request is for the annual review of the current methodology, were the annual review requirements met last year?

 Yes
 - a. If no, please select reason:
- 6. What is the beginning date of the 90 day review period? 03/31/2023
- 7. Has the proposed utility allowance been posted in a common area of the Leasing Office for resident review (10TAC§10.614(h))? Yes
 - a. As of what date: 03/31/2023
- 8. What is the intended effective date? 06/29/2023
- 9. Does the Development receive assistance from USDA- Rural Development (formerly Farmer's Home Administration (FmHa))? No
 - a. If yes, do any of the residents in the Development receive Rental Assistance from the USDA?
- 10. Is the building a HUD-regulated building? No
- 11. Does the Development have HOME funds from TDHCA or any other Participating Jurisdiction (PJ)? No
 - a. If yes, what PJ awarded the HOME funds?
 - b. Does each building have at least one (1) HOME unit?
- 12. What is the Building Configuration? (if there are multiple building types, indicate below)
 - a. Building Type 1: Apartments (5+ units)
 - b. Building Type 2:
- 13. Utility information:

	Owner Pays	Resident Pays	Not Applicable	Paid directly to utility provider or to/thru the owner?	If paid to OWNER, select billing method and include the most recent billing cycle evidence
Gas				n/a	select one
Electric				Utility Provider	select one
Water				n/a	select one
Sewer				n/a	select one
Trash Collection				n/a	select one
The units are hea	ted by:	gas		selec	t type
The stoves in the	unit are:	gas			
If individual hot ware:	vater heaters, they	gas	electric		

- 14. Confirm documentation submitted with this request.

 - b. New/Updated UA sources (ex: letter from utility provider, HUD model & back up, PHA schedule, etc.)

 - d. If paid to or through the owner a copy of a current resident bill and the applicable rate plan for the utility.

Cara Pollei	03/31/2023
Completed By	Date
Compliance Manager	Pollei Management Group
Title	Company Name
(512) 475-3821	cara.pollei@tdhca.state.tx.us
Phone Number	Email Address

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF ANNUAL REVIEW OF UTILITY ALLOWANCE

Date of Posting: 03/31/2023

Please be aware that effective on 06/29/2023, the management and ownership of Pandora Springs will implement the following revised Utility Allowances. These allowances were calculated using the same methodology that was used to calculate the allowance last year.

Unit Type	Current Utility Allowance	Updated Utility Allowance
1 Bedroom	\$ 77	\$ 59
2 Bedroom	\$ 100	\$ 71
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

During a period of 90 days from the date of service of this notice, residents of Pandora Springs may submit written comments on these proposed changes to the management office at Pollei Management Group. ATTN: Cara Pollei - 221 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78711.

All comments received will be transmitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). If you wish, you may also send a copy of your comments directly to TDHCA at the following address:

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs P.O. Box 13941
Austin, Texas 78711-3941
Attn: Cara Pollei

Please provide the following reference on all correspondence: Pandora Springs, CMTS ID: 6789

TDHCA will review the comments. When approved, this change will be effective for rents due 06/29/2023.

For further information on Utility Allowances, visit the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs website at www.tdhca.state.tx.us. To access, select the "Support and Services" tab; then select "Compliance". A side menu will appear, select "Utility Allowances".

Lauren Smith
Property Manager
Pandora Springs

SECTION II PROPERTY SPECIFIC ALLOWANCES / SIGNED DOCUMENTATION

The following chart provides a breakdown of the utility allowances for Pandora Springs, based on the Energy Consumption Model Methodology:

All Allowances per Letter and Certifications dated 03/24/23.

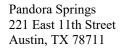
rangora Springs	<u>Energy Consumption Wodel</u>			
Electric Utility Allowances				
	1 BR 2 BR			2 BR
Electric Utility Allowances	\$	58.37	\$	70.94
TOTAL ALLOWANCES ROUNDED UP	\$	59.00	\$	71.00

NOTES:

- 1. Water, Sewer and Trash are property paid and therefore not included in the resident paid allowances above.
- 2. This is a request for a change in methodology from the HUD Model to the Energy Consumption Model (ECM).

Supporting documentation included on the following pages:

- Property Data Worksheet for ECM
- Professional Engineer License Copy
- Professional Engineer Qualifications



March 24, 2023

RE: Utility Allowance Estimate

To Whom It May Concern:

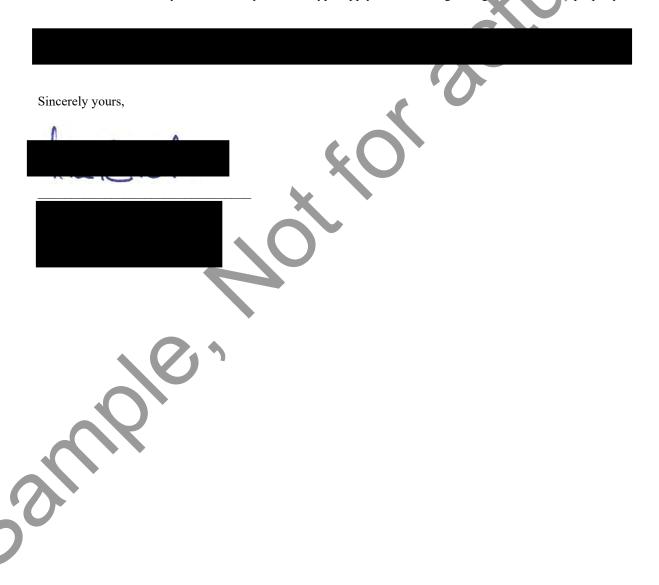
In our opinion, as of this date, the monthly utility charge estimates listed below would apply for the above noted property:

Pandora Springs	Energy Consumption Model		
Electric Utility Allowances	7//	<u></u>	
	1 BR	2 BR	
Electric Utility Allowances	\$ 58.37	\$ 70.94	
TOTAL ALLOWANCES ROUNDED UP	\$ 59.00	\$ 71.00	

NOTES:

- 1. The above utility allowances were produced using an engineer approved Energy Consumption Model.
- 2. The model has been calculated by a properly licensed mechanical engineer. The individual is not related to the Owner within the meaning of §267(b) or §707(b) of the Code.
- 3. Estimates for electric charges were developed using the local provider rates from Amigo Energy, a certain local electric utility provider, who is able to service the subject property. The provider is listed on the Power to Choose website located at http://www.powertochoose.org. Component charges used were less than 45 days old as of the date on this letter.
 - a. Estimates include electric costs for heating; cooking; other electric (lighting, etc.); air conditioning; water heating; all monthly component charges.
- 4. The Energy Consumption Model used for this property takes into consideration, but is not limited to, the following items:
 - a. Property location
 - b. Year of construction
 - c. Unit square footage
 - d. Unit type based on number of bedrooms
 - e. Load occupancy based on number of bedrooms
 - f. Building type
 - g. Construction materials
 - h. Wall/ceiling insulation
 - i. Type/size of HVAC, appliances and water heaters
 - j. HVAC SEER rating
 - k. Heating Degree Days

- l. Cooling Degree Days
- m. Outdoor Design Temperature (DeltaT)
- n. Indoor Design Temperature
- o. Heating Season Hours
- p. Degree Day Zone
- q. United States Climatology Normals, Heating Degree Days
- r. United States Climatology Normals, Cooling Degree Days
- s. United States Climatology Climate Data (heating season hours, degree day zones)
- 5. The above utility allowances are only an estimate.
- 6. The above utility allowances, by bedroom type, apply to all building configurations on this property.



TEXAS ENERGY CONSUMPTION MODEL DATA WORKSHEET

PROPERTY Pandora Springs

Engineering firm Working with	
Engineer Assigned	
License #	Expires 12/31/2023
Licensed Mechanical Engineer as Required by TDHCA?	YES, Resume Included with Study

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

Name	Pandora Springs
Address	221 East 11th Street
City	Austin
State	TX
Zip Code	78711
Year of Construction Completion/Initial Occupancy	2019

BUILDING INFORMATION	Apts 5+	<u>Duplex -4 Units</u>	<u>SFR</u>
Building Type(s)	х		
Number of Resident Buildings/Stories per Building	5 buildings / 2 stories		
OTHER	N/A		
Separate Clubhouse Building	Yes		
Additional Information	N/A		

UNIT MIX			<u>OBR</u>	<u>1BR</u>	<u>2BR</u>	<u>3BR</u>	<u>4BR</u>
Number of LIHTC / Other Units			0	26 / 2	53 / 1	0	0
Square Footage LIHTC Units				700	900		
Total LIHTC / Other Units		•			79 / 3		
Unit Mix Verification	VA		Other				

			50
UNIT UTILITY CONFIGURATION	<u>Type</u>	Resident Paid	Property Paid
Heating	Electric	Х	V.
Cooking	Electric	Х	
Other Electric	Electric	Х	
Air Conditioning	Electric	Х	
Water Heating	Electric	Х	
Water	W	V	X
Sewer	S		х
Trash	Т		х

ENERGY SAVING BUILDING COMPONENTS	<u>Info.</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
SEER Rating for HVAC	14		
Thermal Pane Windows			х
Radiant Barrier Roof Sheathing			Х
Ceiling Insulation Greater Than R-30	X	Х	
2x6 Exterior Walls			х
Ceiling Fans in Livingroom	X		Х
Ceiling Fans in Bedrooms			х
Energy Star Appliances		Х	
High Efficiency / LED Lighting		Х	
Water Saver Toilets		Х	
Water Saving Devices (faucets, showers)		Х	
OTHER			

UTILITY SERVICE for PROPERTY		50
Zip Code	78711	
Electric, Deregulated or Regulated?	Deregulated	
If Deregulated, TDU Service Area	CenterPoint	
If Deregulated, verified at http://www.powertochoose.org?	Yes	
Provider Used for Study	Amigo Energy	
Date Rates Verified	02/26/23	
Natural Gas	N/A, no resident paid gas	
Service Territory	N/A	
Date Rates Verified	N/A	
Water	N/A, property paid	
Date Rates Verified	N/A	
Sewer	N/A, property paid	
Date Rates Verified	N/A	
Trash	N/A, property paid	
Date Rates Verified	N/A	

CLIMATE DATA	
Heating Degree Days, NOAA Climate Division	TX: Austin
Cooling Degree Days, NOAA Climate Division	TX: Austin
Heating Degree Day Zone	1.12
Heating Season Hours	1740
Outdoor Design Temperature	27
Design Temperature Differential	45

Electricity Facts Label (EFL)

Amigo Energy - Fixed Rate Product: PTC Autopay Plan - 3 For Service Area: CenterPoint Energy

Date: 2/26/2023

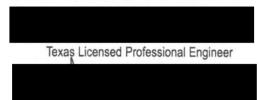
	Average monthly use:	500 kWh	1000 kWh	2000 kWh			
	Average price per kilowatt-hour:	11.4¢	10.9¢	10.7¢			
	The average price per kWh is based on the use the price: • Energy Charge: 6.7¢/kWh • Pass-Through TDSP Distribution Charge: 3. • Pass-Through TDSP Customer Charge: \$4.3 • Market Securitization Debt Financing (Defa- • Market Securitization Debt Financing (Uplif	7332¢/kWh 9 per month ult): 0.00274 ¢/kWh	and includes the follow	ving components of			
Electricity Price (Residential)	Market Securitization Debt Financing (Default) and (Uplift) may change during the contract term.						
	Your average price for electric service will va The average price per kWh does not include J	ustGreen charge.					
	The price does not include federal, state, or lo gross receipts tax, other government charges, TDSP Underground Facilities and Cost Recovaverage price shown. For more details, see the	or all other non-recurrin very Charge authorized b	g fees. Some locations by their city that is not	may be subject to a included in the total			
Other Key Terms and Questions	See Terms of Service statement for a full listin	g of fees, deposit policy	and other terms				
	Type of Product	Fixed Rate Product					
	Contract Term	3 Months					
	Do I have a termination fee or any fees associated with terminating service?	Yes. The exit fee is \$17	75.				
	Can my price change during contract period?	Yes, but only in the lim	nited circumstances des	scribed below.			
	If my price can change, how will it change and by how much?	Your price can change changes to the ERCOT fees charged to loads or local laws that impose control.	or Texas Regional En r changes resulting from	tity administrative m federal, state, or			
Disclosure Chart	What other fees may I be charged?	Disconnection Fee: \$20. Disconnection Notice Fee: \$22. Insufficient Funds Charge: \$25. Late Fee: 5% of your late bill past due amount. Manual Payment Fee: \$5 each time a payme processed manually through a customer service agent, automa phone system, or a self-service web portal See the "Additiona Charges and Fees" and "JustGreen Product" section of Terms Service for more details.					
	Is this a pre-pay or pay in advance product?	No	-				
	Does the REP purchase excess distributed renewable generation?	Yes					
	Renewable Content	26.3%					
	The statewide average for renewable content is:	31.1%					

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Signature

Utility Allowance: Actual Use Methodology

Actual Use Methodology

- This is an allowance based on an average of the actual use of similarly constructed and sized units in the building using actual utility data and Component Charges.
- Upon receipt of the required information, the Department will determine if the owner has provided the minimum information necessary to calculate using this methodology, the Department will communicate with the development to obtain missing information/documentation.
- The Department will complete its evaluation and calculation within 45 days of receipt of all information requested.
- The update and all back-up documentation <u>must be submitted to the Department no later than August 1st of each year;</u> however, owners are encouraged to submit prior to the deadline.
- Once the Department issues the response the development must then post to the residents on the date that the Department issues the response.

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Utility Allowance: Actual Use Methodology

What must be provided:

- A minimum sample size of usage data for at least five continuously occupied units of each unit type or 20% of each unit type; whichever is greater. If there are less than five units of any unit type, data for 100% of the unit type must be provided.
- Upload the following documents into the development's CMTS account using data no older than 60 days prior to the 90-day implementation period intended.
 - An Excel spreadsheet listing each unit used for the sample size, unit number, number of bedrooms, bathrooms and square footage, household's move-in date, utility usage for each month for the 12-month period, and the Component Charges in place at the time of the submission.
 - All documentation obtained from the Utility Provider and/or copies of the actual utility bills.
 - Rent Roll showing occupancy as of the end of the month for the month in which the data was requested from the provider.
 - Documentation of the current UA used by the development.

Utility Allowance: Actual Use Methodology May April June July Annual Usage 2020 2020 2020 2020 **Utility Allowance Questionnaire** 293 253 132 142 4506 This form must be completed by all owners requesting to switch utility allowance methodologies and when submitting 524 6474 442 398 501 allowance for annual review. Please contact Cara Pollei with any questions at (512) 475-3821 435 487 466 269 6394 1 Bedroom Electricity Uing 523 473 463 574 7341 634 575 648 8167 634 Meter Move-In Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov 32882 Total KWH number Date 2019 2019 2019 201 5 units X 12 months 60 548.03 Average KWH per unit 726 50078242 7/13/2016 168 314 154 1038 46346066 5/1/2013 159 183 186 14 43521422 5/31/2019 21 Avg Energy Charge \$67.25 1141 281 301 275 46346057 2/1/2012 319 305 19 1349 193 State Tax \$4.20 624 46346070 1/1/2012 273 342 334 22 \$1.34 City Tax 1765 43520447 11/2/2015 333 Avg Monthly Charge \$72.79 PCRF -0.003665 customer charge of \$15.00 energy charge of \$0.099 per KWH 21

Utility Allowance: Actual Use Methodology

How the Department will review:

- If the submission contains all required documentation and information, the Department shall calculate the UA for each bedroom size using the guidelines described below:
 - If data is obtained for more than the sample requirement for the unit type, **all** data will be used to calculate the allowance.
 - If more than 12 months of data is provided for any unit, only the data for the **most** current 12 months will be averaged.
 - The allowance will be calculated by multiplying the average units of measure for the applicable utility for all unit types with that bedroom size.
 - The allowance will be rounded up to the next whole dollar amount.
 - If allowances are calculated for different utilities, each amount will be rounded up to the next whole dollar amount and then added together for the total allowance.
 - If the data submitted indicates zero usage for any month, the data for that unit will not be used to calculate the UA.

Utility Allowance: Actual Use Methodology





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Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model

HUD Utility Schedule Model (HUSM) Method

- The HUD Model and related resources can be found at http://www.huduser.gov/portal/resources/utilallowance.html.
 - Each item on the schedule must be displayed out two decimal places. The total allowance must be rounded up to the next whole dollar amount.
- The component charges used can be no older than those in effect 60 days prior to the beginning of the 90-day period described in §10.614(f)(3) related to effective dates.
- The beginning of the 90-day notification period is the date entered as "Form Date" on the HUD Model.
- The allowance must be calculated using the MS Excel version available at the URL above, with no changes or adjustments made other than entry of the required information needed to complete the model.

HUD Utility Schedule Model (HUSM) Method continued

- In the event that the Zip Code or PHA Code for the local PHA to the development is not listed in the "Location" of the workbook, the Department will use the PHA code for the PHA that is closest in distance to the development.
- If the owner elects any of the Green Discount options for a development, documentation to evidence that the units and the buildings meet the Green Discount standard as prescribed in the model is required for the initial approval and every subsequent annual review.
- Do not take into consideration any costs or credits that a consumer would incur because of their actual usage.
- During the annual review the Department will complete a HUD Model and issue an approval, partial approval or denial. The HUD Model will be attached to the approval letter.

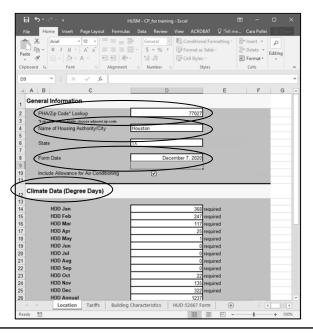
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Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model

"Location" Tab of HUD Model

- Enter the Zip Code of the development, if the Zip Code is not available, enter the PHA Code; which can be found at https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/do cuments/PHA_Contact_Report_TX.pdf
- Enter the property name in the next box for "Name of Housing Authority/City"
- State should remain TX
- Enter the date that you are preparing the HUD Model as the "Form Date"

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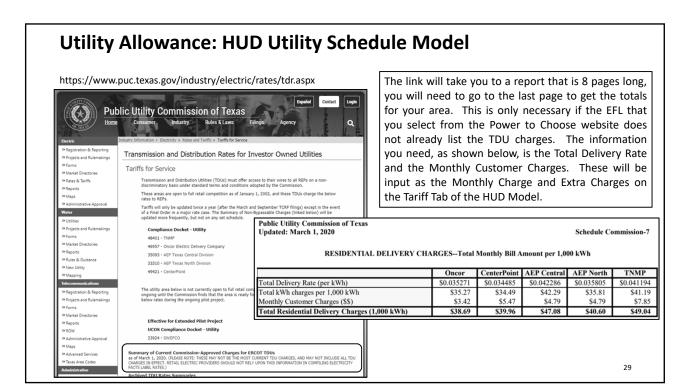
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To Obtain the Rates for the area when deregulated:

- Visit http://powertochoose.com/en-us and enter the zip code
 - If no plans are available then the rates must be obtained from the provider for the area
- Click "View Results" and select the plan to be used for the HUD Model
- Click "Fact Sheet" for the desired plan, this will need to be submitted with the HUD Model for review

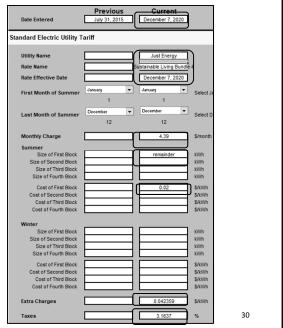


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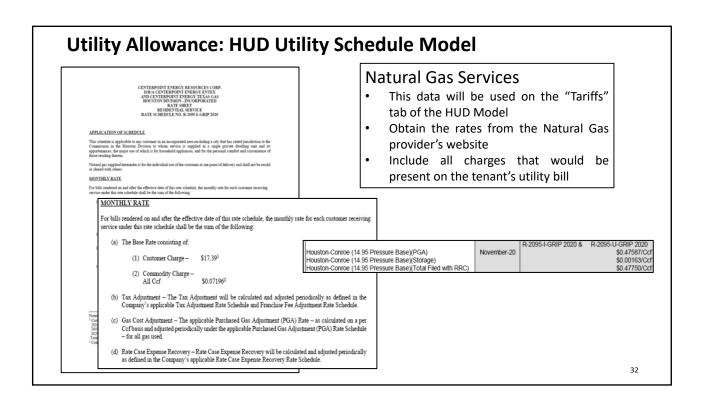


"Tariffs" Tab of HUD Model

- Enter the date at the top under "Current"
- Utility Name (name of provider)
- · Rate Name
- Rate Effective Date
- For this example the rate is same all year; however, if there were different rates the summer start and end would need to be entered
- Monthly Charge is the TDSP and provider monthly fee
- Size of blocks should correspond with the rate sheet
 - For this example there is only one rate block
- Cost of blocks will correspond with the rate sheet
 - For this example there is only one rate
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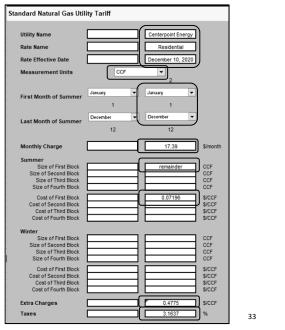


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"Tariffs" Tab of HUD Model

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- Rate Name
- Rate Effective Date
- Measurement Units select based on the rate plan
- For this example the rate is same all year; however, if there were different rates the summer start and end would need to be entered
- Monthly Charge is the Customer Charge
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Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model Standard Natural Gas Utility Tariff MONTHLY RATE For bills rendered on and after the effective date of this rate schedule, the monthly rate for each customer receiving rvice under this rate schedule shall be the sum of the following Rate Effective Date (a) The Base Rate consisting of: (1) Customer Charge – First Month of Summer (2) Commodity Charge -\$0.071962 (b) Tax Adjustment – The Tax Adjustment will be calculated and adjusted periodically as defined in Company's applicable Tax Adjustment Rate Schedule and Franchise Fee Adjustment Rate Schedule. 12 (c) Gas Cost Adjustment – The applicable Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rate – as calculated on a per Ccf basis and adjusted periodically under the applicable Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rate Schedule Monthly Charge Size of First Block Size of Second Block Size of Third Block Size of Fourth Block CCF CCF CCF (d) Rate Case Expense Recovery – Rate Case Expense Recovery will be calculated and adjusted periodically as defined in the Company's applicable Rate Case Expense Recovery Rate Schedule. Houston-Conroe (14.95 Pressure Base)(PGA) November-20 \$0.47587/Cc Houston-Conroe (14.95 Pressure Base)(Total Filed with RRC) Size of Second Block Size of Third Block Size of Fourth Block CCF CCF \$/CCF \$/CCF \$/CCF Cost of First Block 34

Multi-Family -TU 14-19:

- 14 (duplex 2 units)
- 15 (tri-plex 3 units)
- 16 (quad-plex 4 units)
- 17 (master-metered townhomes any number of units)
- 18 (apartments 5+ units)
- 19 (trailer parks)

Consumption is no longer included with the basic charge. The volume charges are applied to all usage.

Rate	Meter size (Inches)	Basic Water Charge	Basic Sewer Charge
	5/8	\$5.96	\$10.48
	3/4	\$6.14	\$10.48
	1	\$7.39	\$11.01
	1.5	\$11.18	\$12.76
Basic Charge	2	\$13.16	\$13.29
(0 consumption)	3	\$34.83	\$23.81
	4	\$47.47	\$26.97
	6	\$81.37	\$38.54
	8	\$212.45	\$93.60
	10	\$212.45	\$113.76
Volume Charge	All	+ \$4.58 per 1,000 gallons	+ \$6.66 per 1,000 gallons

Water & Sewer Supply Tariffs

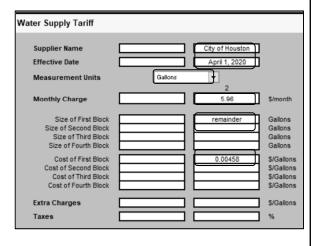
- This data will be used on the "Tariffs" tab
- Obtain the rates from the water/sewer provider's website
- Include all charges that would be present on the tenant's utility bill
- Use the smallest meter size, unless you can evidence a different sized meter and how the meter is shared

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Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model

"Tariffs" Tab of HUD Model

- Utility Name (name of provider)
- · Rate Effective Date
- Measurement Units select based on the rate plan
- Monthly Charge is the Base Charge for Water
- Size of blocks should correspond with the rate sheet
 - For this example there is only one rate block
- Cost of blocks will correspond with the rate sheet
 - For this example there is only one rate
- Extra Charges are the additional charges outlined on the rate sheet; this example does not have any
- Taxes are generally not charged on water/sewer
- Since water is billed on a "per 1,000 gallons" the rates must be converted into the appropriate amount. \$4.58/1000 = .00458 per gallon in this case



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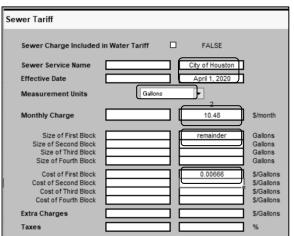
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Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model

"Tariffs" Tab of HUD Model

- Utility Name (name of provider)
- · Rate Effective Date
- Measurement Units select based on the rate plan
- Monthly Charge is the Base Charge for Sewer
- Size of blocks should correspond with the rate sheet
 - For this example there is only one rate block
- Cost of blocks will correspond with the rate sheet
 - For this example there is only one rate
- Extra Charges are the additional charges outlined on the rate sheet; this example does not have any
- Taxes are generally not charged on water/sewer
- Since sewer is billed on a "per 1,000 gallons" the rates must be converted into the appropriate amount. \$6.66/1000 = .00666 per gallon in this case



If the rates indicate that there is a "cap" for sewer charges, the Department will utilize the cap on the form for purposes of calculating sewer.

Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model Building Characteristics Unit Type Larger Apartment Bldgs. (5+ units) Schedule Type Projected Allowance Schedule Electric Tariff Standard Electric Utility Tariff Green Discount* *Choose LEED or ENERGY STAR if the building meets that certification. Choose Significant Green Retrofit if the building had energy saving rehabilitation to any of the following systems in the last 5 years. (1) heating, (2) cooling, (3) lighting, (4) DHW systems, (5) appliances, (6) building envelope, (7) water measures, and/or (8) on-site generation Print the form shown below for the selected unit type Projected Family Allowances To be used to compute specific family allowances Unit size: 0 BR Fuel Source Electric Resistance Electric Electric Electric Fuel Resistance Natural Gas Tenant pays Not Applicable Fuel Source Most of the errors are caused by incorrect selections on this section of the tab. This section should match the /ater Heating Utility Allowance Questionnaire and will allow the final tab to populate correctly.

Building Characteristics

- Select the "Building Characteristics" tab
- Unit Type
- Schedule Type and Electric Tariff should not change
- Green Discount; this is only selected if the appropriate back-up documentation can be provided to show that the building meets the requirements
- Utilities and Sources should be selected as is applicable to the development

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Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model

Allowances	for		U.S. Departi	nent of Housi	ng		
Tenant-Furni	ished Utilities		and Urban D	evelopment			
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Locality		Green Diresunt		Unit Type			Date (mm/ddfyyyy
Houston		None		Larger Apart	ment Bldgs	(5+ units)	12/7/2020
Utility or Service				Monthly Dollar A	Allowances		damaid in the later of the late
		0BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR	5BR
Space Heating	Natural Gas						
	Bottled Gas						
	Electric Resistance	\$8.64	\$9.40	\$10.34	\$11.28	\$12.22	\$13.17
	Electric Heat Pump						
	Fuel Oil						
Cooking	Natural Gas	\$18.96	\$19.23	\$20.06	\$20.88	\$21.70	\$22.53
	Bottled Gas						
	Electric						
	Other						
Other Electric		\$9.93			\$20.82	\$25.39	
Air Conditioning		\$8.51			\$17.75	\$21.61	
Water Heating	Natural Gas	\$3.27	\$3.84	\$5.55	\$7.26	\$8.97	\$10.68
	Bottled Gas						
	Electric						
	Fuel Oil						
Water		\$32.78			\$85.43	\$115.24	
Sewer		\$49.48	\$53.82	\$82.71	\$126.05	\$169.38	\$212.72
Trash Collection							ļ
Range/Microwave							ļ
Refrigerator							ļ
Other - specify							
Total		\$131.57		\$204.41	\$289.46	\$374.51	
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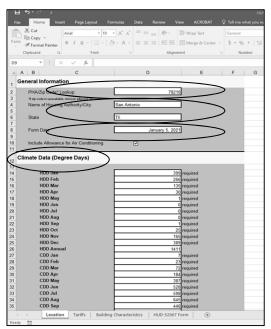
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- You can clear the data that does not apply
 - Space heating is Resistance so we do not need the other numbers in that section
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"Location" Tab of HUD Model

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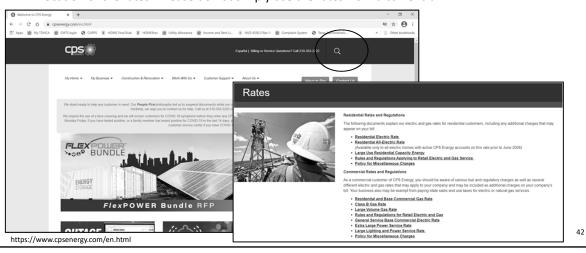


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Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model

To Obtain the Rates for the area when regulated:

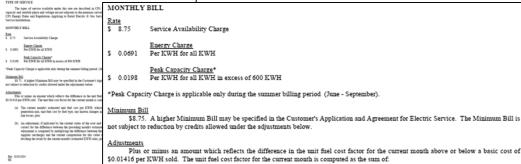
- Visit the provider's website (this will vary for each area); for this example we are using San Antonio.
- If you are unable to find the rates on the provider's website, email or call the provider for the location of the rates. Please do not simply use the rates from a current bill.





Residential Service Electric Rate

- If the provider has multiple residential plans, you must use the rate plan that applies to ALL tenants
- If there are additional items included (riders, etc.) you must include all that are applicable



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Fuel Cost Factor

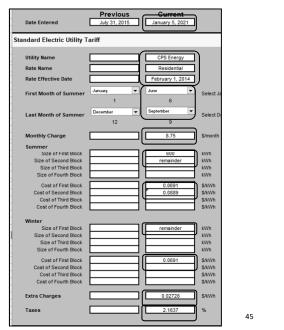
This is not always on the rate sheet, you will need to locate it on the provider's website or through email

Regulatory Adjustment Factors effective February 1, 2020.

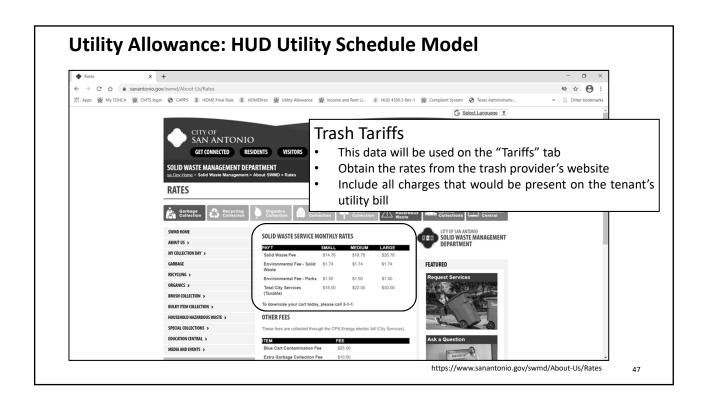
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Rate <u>Class</u>	Retail Electric Fuel Adj. Factor (per kWh)		Regulatory Adj. Factor (per kWh)		Fuel/Regulatory Adj. Factor (per kWh)	Fuel/Regulator Adj. Factor (per kWh)	
RES	\$	0.01569	\$	0.01159	\$ 0.02728	\$ 0.01972	
PL		0.01569		0.00961	0.02530	0.01785	
LLP		0.01569		0.00821	0.02390	0.01662	
ELP/LPT		0.01569		0.00667	0.02236	0.01597	
SLP		0.01569		0.00637	0.02206	0.01562	
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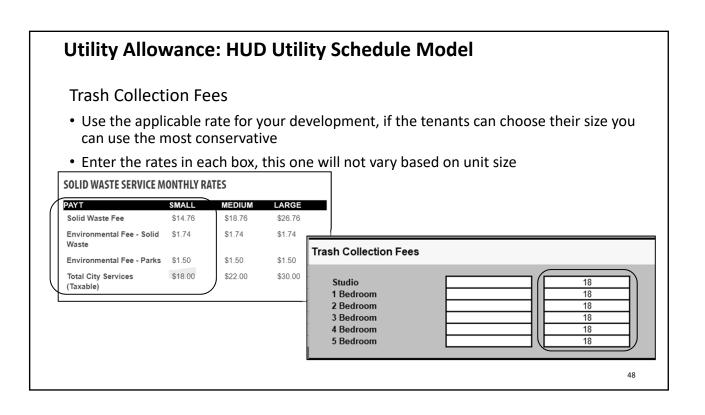
"Tariffs" Tab of HUD Model

- Enter the date at the top under "Current"
- · Utility Name (name of provider)
- Rate Name
- · Rate Effective Date
- For this example the rate is different for the summer; so we need to enter the months that the plan states are the "summer months"
- Monthly Charge is the Service Availability Charge
- Size of blocks should correspond with the rate sheet
- Cost of blocks will correspond with the rate sheet
- For this example there is a winter/summer rate
- Extra Charges are the Fuel/Regulatory Adjustment Factors
- Taxes include the state electric tax, population tax and city tax (if the city charges, which San Antonio does not)



Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model Previous Current Standard Electric Utility Tariff **Utility Name** Peak Capacity Charge is applicable only during the summer billing period (June - Septe Minimum Bill \$8.75. A higher Minimum Bill may be specified in the Customer's Application and Agreement for Electric Service. The Minimum Bill is not subject to reduction by credits allowed under the adjustments below. Plus or minus an amount which reflects the difference in the unit fisel cost factor for the current month above or below a basic cost of \$0.01416 per KWH sold. The unit fuel cost factor for the current month is computed as the sum of: Monthly Charge Retail Electric Fuel/Regulatory Adjustment Factors January 2021 January 2020 Retail Electric Regulatory Fuel/Regulatory Fuel/Regulatory Rate Fuel Adj. Factor Adj. Factor Adj. Factor Adj. Factor <u>Class</u> (per kWh) \$ 0.01972 0.01785 LLP 0.01569 0.00821 0.02390 0.01662 Cost of First Block Cost of Second Block Cost of Third Block Cost of Fourth Block **ELP/LPT** 0.01569 0.00667 0.02236 0.01597 SLP 0.01569 0.00637 0.02206 0.01562 0.00566 0.01569 0.01464 0.01644 STLT & ANSL 0.01569 0.00075 0.01001 0.02728 Effective August 2009, the electric fuel adjustment factor includes the STEP surcharge Regulatory Adjustment Factors effective February 1, 2020





Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model Building Characteristics Unit Type Larger Apartment Bldgs. (5+ units) Projected Allowance Schedule Electric Tariff Standard Electric Utility Tariff Green Discount* None *Choose LEED or ENERGY STAR if the building meets that certification. Choose Significant Green Retrofit if the building had energy saving rehabilitation to any of the following systems in the last 5 years: (1) heating, (2) cooling, (3) lighting, (4) DHW systems, (5) appliances, (6) building envelope, (7) water measures, and/or (8) on-site generation Most of the errors are caused by Space Heating Other Electric incorrect selections on this section of Air Conditioning Water Heating the tab. This section should match the Not Applicable Not Applicable Tenant pays Utility Allowance Questionnaire and Sewer Trash Collection will allow the final tab to populate Not Applicable Not Applicable Not Applicable correctly.

Building Characteristics

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- Unit Type
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Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model

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	None				(5+ units)	1/5/2021
		·	Monthly Dollar A	llowances		
	0 BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR	5BR
Natural Gas						
Electric Resistance	\$15.64	\$16.86	\$18.50	\$20.15	\$21.80	\$23.44
Electric Heat Pump						
Fuel Oil						
Natural Gas						
Bottled Gas						
Electric	\$4.02	\$4.73	\$6.85	\$8.97	\$11.08	\$13.20
Other						
	\$12.49	\$15.05	\$22.34	\$29.65	\$36.26	\$42.75
Natural Gas						
Bottled Gas						
Electric	\$9.02	\$10.61	\$13.54	\$16.48	\$20.11	\$23.87
Fuel Oil						
	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
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- You can clear the data that does not apply
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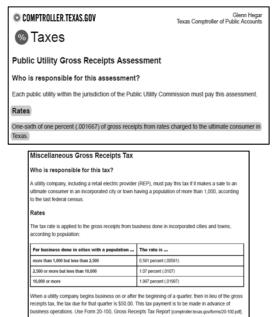
Utility Allowance: HUD Utility Schedule Model

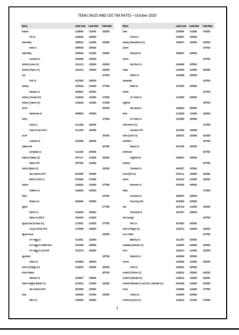
Where to find the tax rates to use in the HUD Model:

- https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/public-utility/
 - This is the base tax rate for all of Texas
- https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/misc-gross-receipts/
 - This table shows the tax rates based on the population of the city/town
- https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/sales/utility/cities.php
 - This table shows the cities that charge a tax on the residential use of gas and electricity
- https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/sales/city.php
 - This table shows the applicable tax rate for the cities and counties in Texas

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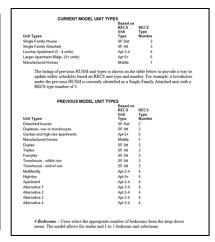


Utility Allowance: Building Types

Identifying Buildings Types

 $HUD\ Document\ referenced\ in\ \S 10.614(b)(1):\ https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC_11608.PDF$ Additional Resource from HUD: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/HUSM-Instructions.pdf





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Utility Allowance: Building Types

CURRENT MODEL UNIT TYP	ES	
Unit Types	Based on RECS Unit	RECS Type Number
71	Type	
Single Family House	SF Det	2
Single Family Attached	SF Att	3
Lowrise Apartment (2 - 4 units)	Apt 2-4	4
Larger Apartment Bldgs. (5+ units)	Apt 5+	5
Manufactured Homes	Mobile	1
The listing of previous HUSM unit types is a update utility schedules based on RECS unit under the previous HUSM is currently ident RECS type number of 3.	type and nu	mber. For example, a townhouse

Currently, the Department utilizes the HUD Guidance as shown on this slide to determine the appropriate building type for developments. This is used when calculating the HUD Model for a development.

PREVIOUS MODEL UNIT TYPES				
	Based on			
	RECS	RECS		
Unit Tunca	Unit	Type Number		
Unit Types	Туре			
Detached houses	SF Det	2		
Duplexes, row or townhouses	SF Att	3		
Garden and high rise apartments	Apt 5+	5		
Manufactured homes	Mobile	1		
Duplex	SF Att	3		
Triplex	SF Att	3		
Fourplex	SF Att	3		
Townhouse - within row	SF Att	3		
Townhouse - end of row	SF Att	3		
Multifamily	Apt 2-4	4		
Highrise	Apt 5+	5		
Apartment	Apt 2-4	4		
Alternative 1	Apt 2-4	4		
Alternative 2	Apt 2-4	4		
Alternative 3	Apt 2-4	4		
Alternative 4	Apt 2-4	4		
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Utility Allowance: Building Types

If the multi-story building (units on top of other units) has less than five (5) units, the Department will calculate based on Low-rise (2-4 units). If the multi-story building (units on top of other units) has five (5) or more units, the Department will calculate based on Apartments (5+ units).

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Utility Allowance: MFDL Buildings

Developments with Multi-Family Direct Loan (MFDL) funds issued by the Department

- May use any methodology except PHA
 - Buildings for which the only source of MFDL funding is HOME-ARP and which contain no HOME-Match Units may use the PHA. It must be submitted initially and annually for approval by the Department.
- May not combine methodologies
- Must use the Department issued/approved UA for all units, even voucher holders
- HTC buildings in which there are units under MFDL programs are considered HUD-Regulated buildings and the MFDL Utility Allowance will be the allowance for all units in the building, regardless of the resident being on the MFDL program

Developments with Multi-Family Direct Loan (MFDL) funds NOT issued by the Department

- Must use the issued/approved UA for all units, even voucher holders
- HTC buildings in which there are units under MFDL programs are considered HUD-Regulated buildings and the MFDL Utility Allowance will be the allowance for all units in the building, regardless of the resident being on the MFDL program

Utility Allowance: MFDL Buildings

The Department will issue a Utility Allowance if annual review is not received by October 1st

- For property specific data, the Department will use:
 - The Annual Owner's Compliance Report;
 - Entrance Interview Questionnaire from prior monitoring review;
 - The owner may be contacted for any missing or unclear information
- Utilities will be evaluated in the following manner:
 - For regulated utilities, the Department will contact the provider directly and apply the charges in effect no later than 60 days before the allowance will be effective.
 - For deregulated utilities:
 - The Department will use the Power to Choose website and search available providers by zip code
 - The plan chosen will be the median cost per kWh based on the average price per kWh for the average monthly use of 1000 kWh
- The Department will notify the owner contact in CMTS of the new allowance
 - The owner will be provided a five day period to report errors related to the physical characteristics of the buildings and utilities paid by the residents
- The allowance must be implemented for rent due in all program units thirty (30) days after the Department notifies the Owner of the allowance.

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Utility Allowance: After the Compliance Period

- After the Compliance Period, utilities paid to the Owner are accounted for in the utility allowance
 - TCAP, Exchange, Bond, and THTF Developments layered with Housing Tax Credits no longer within the Compliance Period also include utilities paid to the Owner as part of the utility allowance
- The tenant paid portion of the rent plus the applicable utility allowance must not exceed the applicable rent limit
- It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that all rents are properly restricted

What does this mean? If the development bills water/sewer, for example, based on a RUBS system; during the Compliance Period this is a non-optional fee and must be taken into account on the monthly rent; however, once the Compliance Period is over this now becomes part of the Utility Allowance and is no longer considered a non-optional fee. Failure to do this will result in noncompliance!

Utility Allowance: Changes in the UA

An Owner may not change methodologies or the utilities that a resident is financially responsible for without prior written Department approval.

- The Department will review all requests, with the exception of the "Actual Use" methodology, within 90 days of the receipt of the request
- If the owner fails to post the notice to the residents AND simultaneously submit the request to the Department by the beginning of the 90-day period, the approval or denial will be delayed for up to 90 days after the Department notification

*** Once approval to start or stop charging for a utility is received, owners must implement the change in utilities charged at the time of each household's lease renewal, and no sooner. ***

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Utility Allowance: Requirements for Annual Review

- RHS and HUD-Issued Utility Allowances
 - The owner must demonstrate that the utility allowance has been reviewed annually and in accordance with RHS and HUD regulations
- PHA Method
 - Owners are responsible for periodically determining if the applicable PHA released an updated schedule to ensure timely implementation. When a new allowance is made available by the PHA, it can be implemented immediately, but must be implemented for rent due 90 days after the effective date.
 - HOME-ARP developments must submit for annual review, if approved to use this methodology
- Written Local Estimate (WLE), HUD Utility Model Schedule (HUSM) and Energy Consumption Model (ECM)
 - Owners must update the allowance once a calendar year. The update and all back-up documentation MUST be submitted to the Department no later than October 1st of each year
- Actual Use Method
 - Owners must update once a calendar year. The update and all back-up documentation MUST be submitted no later than August 1st of each year
- A utility allowance is considered implemented once the Unit Status Report is updated and rents are restricted.

Utility Allowance: Failure to Submit for Annual Review

With the exception of MFDL developments, if an Owner fails to submit for annual review during the calendar year, the Development's Utility Allowance will default to the applicable PHA allowance.

If the Development is located in an area that does not have a PHA, the Development fails to have a properly calculated Utility Allowance.

The Utility Allowance for MFDL Developments that fail to submit for annual review will be calculated using the HUD Utility Schedule Model, pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

It is an issue of noncompliance if the Development fails to submit for annual review of the Utility Allowance. The purpose of this requirement is to allow the Department to test for gross rent issues at the time of a monitoring review.

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Utility Allowance: Combining Methods

- In general, owners may combine any methodology described in §10.614 for each utility service type paid directly by the resident and not by or through the owner of the building
 - Example: If residents are responsible for electricity and gas, an owner may use the appropriate PHA allowance to determine the gas portion of the allowance and use the HUD Model to determine the electric portion of the allowance
- RHS and HUD-Regulated buildings (including those HUD-Regulated by MFDL funds) are not allowed to combine methodologies

Utility Allowance: Combining Methods

Utility Allowance to use when there are multiple HUD programs in a building:

- If the building is covered by Multifamily Notice H-2015-4 (PBS8) or receives assistance from RHS, the applicable UA for every rent restricted unit is the UA issued by that program.
- If the building has Department MFDL funds, the applicable UA for every rent restricted unit is the UA approved by the Department (per 10 TAC). This is true even if the building also has Project Based Vouchers/Public Housing.
- If the building has multiple HUD programs that are not covered by 2015-4 (Public Housing/Project Based Vouchers) AND the building does not have Department MFDL funds, it is up to the owner to say which UA they are using.
- Tenants with Housing Choice Vouchers in a HUD-regulated building will not use the PHA UA. They will always use the UA approved by the HUD program.

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Utility Allowance: Applications

- If the application includes RHS assisted buildings or tenants, the UA is prescribed by the RHS program, no other method is allowed
- If the application includes HUD-Regulated buildings for HUD programs, other than an MFDL program, the applicable UA for all rent restricted units in the building(s) is the HUD Utility Allowance, no other method is allowed
- If the application includes MFDL funds from the Department, applicants may calculate the UA in accordance with 10 TAC §10.614(c)(3)(B), (C), (D) or (E)
- HOME-ARP may request to use the method described in §10.614(c)(3)(A), the Department must approve this request
- If the application includes federal funds from a unit of local government but no MFDL from the Department, applicants are required to request in writing the UA from the awarding jurisdiction
- For all other applications, applicants may calculate the UA in accordance with §10.614(c)(3)(A), (B), (C), (D) or (E)
 - Upon request, the Compliance Division (UA Team) will calculate or review an allowance within 21 days, but no earlier than 90 days from when the application is due

Utility Allowance: Application Submission

All Utility Allowance requests related to applications of funding must:

- Be submitted directly to UA-Application@tdhca.state.tx.us
- · Requests not submitted to this email address will not be recognized
- Include the "Utility Allowance Questionnaire for Applications" along with all required back-up based on the methodology

If owners want to change to a UA other than what was used for underwriting the owner MUST submit documentation for Department approval, at minimum, 90 days prior to the commencement of leasing activities.

The Owner is not required to review the utility allowances, or implement new allowances, until the building has achieved 90% occupancy for a period of 90 consecutive days, or the end of the first year of the Credit Period (if applicable), whichever is earlier. Once a request to change the utility allowance is approved or implemented, the utility allowance used at underwriting is no longer valid.

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Utility Allowance: Applications with Existing Funds

Any requests for new resources (either additional funds or tax credits) on a Development with an existing Department LURA must use the method that is in effect on the existing Development. If the Owner wishes to change or if for an MFDL application is required to change the methods for the purposes of the application, a request for the existing Development must first be submitted to the Compliance Division for approval.

Utility Allowance: Submission

All requests described in this presentation, other than those for applications, must be complete and uploaded directly to the Development's CMTS account using the "Utility Allowance Documents" in the type field and "Utility Allowance" as the TDHCA Contact. The Department will not be able to approve requests that are incomplete and/or are not submitted correctly.

Utility Allowance Submissions for the 811
Program must be uploaded to the attention of
Bill Cranor. This means, you will have to
upload one packet to the attention of Utility
Allowance and another to Bill Cranor.

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Utility Allowance: Section 811 PRA Program

For Owners participating in the Department's Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) Program the owner may choose the methodology they wish to use. The rules for the chosen method must be followed. On an annual basis, the Development will submit a Utility Allowance update to the 811 Division. The 811 Division will issue an approved Rent Schedule once the submission is reviewed. The allowance listed on the rent schedule only applies to 811 PRA units, not the entire building, and is the only allowance approved for use on 811 PRA units.

Utility Allowance: Keys to Success

- ALWAYS upload Utility Allowance submission to the attention of "Utility Allowance" on the TDHCA Contact List
- Review the UA submission prior to upload
 - Is the questionnaire accurate and complete?
 - Does the posting have the right dates and amounts and unit sizes?
- Upload all required items for the methodology chosen
- Make sure you are using the most current forms available on the Department website:
 - https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/pmcomp/utility-allowance.htm
- Email a member of the UA Team **prior** to submission if you have a question
- Remember, Utility Allowance Rules are Building Rules

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Utility Allowance



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THANK YOU

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DON'T FORGET:

UTILITY ALLOWANCE ANNUAL REVIEW IS REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 1, 2023!

ACTUAL USE IS DUE BY AUGUST 1, 2023!



TDHCA Utility Allowance Questionnaire for Application

Property N	ame:			Н	TC FIIE#:	
	City:	County:		Z	ip Code:	
1. Are you ap	. Are you applying for Multifamily Direct Loans (MFDL) with THDCA; select type or none?					
2. Are you applying for Multifamily Direct Loans (MFDL) from another jurisdiction?					select one	
3. Will there	oe HUD-Regulated build	dings (other than t	hose that are HUD Regu	lated because of a MFDL)	select one	
4. Will there	oe any RHS assisted bui	ildings or tenants?			select one	
5. What utilit	y allowance method ar	e you requesting to	o use?		select one	
6. What Utilit	ies do residents pay?					
				Paid directly to		
	Owner Pays	Resident Pays	Not Applicable	provider or to/thru	If YES, select billing	
				the owner?	method	
Gas				select one	select one	
Electric				select one	select one	
Water				select one	select one	
Sewer				select one	select one	
Trash Collection				select one	select one	
The units are hea	ted by:	gas	electric	select type		
The stoves in the unit are: gas electric						
The units are cooled by:			ative electric			
If individual hot v	ater heaters, they are:	gas	electric			
7						
	Building Configuration				Yes No	
	partment/Garden Style uplex/Fourplex/Townho				Yes No No	
	etached Home	ouse			Yes No No	
	partments (2-4 units)				Yes No No	
8. What are the Unit Types?						
	Bedroom				Yes No No	
	Bedroom				Yes No No	
	Bedroom				Yes No No	
	Bedroom				Yes No No	
	Bedroom				Yes No	

Upon completion, submit this form, along with all back up for the utility allowance method requested to <u>UA-Application@tdhca.state.tx.us</u>. Requests not submitted to this email address will not be reviewed. If the utility is paid to or through the owner, at the time of the first review the owner must provide evidence of the most recent billing cycle documentation (i.e. utility bills, tenant billing, etc.) along with evidence of the rate plan used for the calculations as required by §10.614.

Utility Allowance Questionnaire

This form must be completed by all owners requesting to switch utility allowance methodologies and when submitting an allowance for annual review. Please contact Cara Pollei with any questions at (512) 475-3821 or cara.pollei@tdhca.state.tx.us. All submissions must be uploaded to the Development's Compliance Monitoring Tracking System (CMTS) account.

When uploading, please be sure to choose "Utility Allowance Documents" in the "Type" dropdown menu. In the description box, please identify the method (e.g., written local estimate, HUD model) and if it is an initial request or annual review. In the "TDHCA Contact" dropdown menu, please select "Utility Allowance."

	annual review. In the "TDHCA Contact" dropdown menu, please select "Utility Allowance."						
1.	Name of Development:	and CMTS ID					
2.	Development address:						

3. Types of TDHCA Program Funding:

Zip Code:

Type of Funding	File Number

County:

4.	Туре	of	reau	iest:

City:

a. List CURRENT utility allowance method and source for utilities that residents pay.

Utility	Source	Effective Date	Methodology
	(e.g. name of utility provider or		
	housing authority)		

b. List NEW or UPDATED utility allowance method and source for utilities that residents pay.

Utility	Source	Anticipated	Methodology
	(name of utility provider or housing	Effective Date	
	authority)		

- 5. If this request is for the annual review of the current methodology, were the annual review requirements met last year?
 - a. If no, please select reason:
- 6. What is the beginning date of the 90 day review period? List date.
- 7. Has the proposed utility allowance been posted in a common area of the Leasing Office for resident review (10TAC§10.614(h))?
 - a. As of what date:
- 8. What is the intended effective date? List date rents next due after end of 90 day notification period
- 9. Does the Development receive assistance from USDA- Rural Development (formerly Farmer's Home Administration (FmHa))?
 - a. If yes, do any of the residents in the Development receive Rental Assistance from the USDA?
- 10. Is the building a HUD-regulated building?
- 11. Does the Development have HOME funds from TDHCA or any other Participating Jurisdiction (PJ)?
 - a. If yes, what PJ awarded the HOME funds?
 - b. Does each building have at least one (1) HOME unit?
- 12. What is the Building Configuration? (if there are multiple building types, indicate below)
 - a. Building Type 1:
 - b. Building Type 2:
- 13. Utility information:

	Owner Pays	Resident Pays	Not Applicable	Paid directly to utility provider or to/thru the owner?	If paid to OWNER, select billing method and include the most recent billing cycle evidence
Gas				select one	select one
Electric				select one	select one
Water				select one	select one
Sewer				select one	select one
Trash Collection				select one	select one
The units are heated by:		gas	electric	selec	t type
The stoves in the unit are:		gas	electric		
If individual hot ware:	vater heaters, they	gas	electric		

14. Confi	rm (documentation submitted with this request.				
	a.	Current UA sources (ex: last year's approval letter from TDHCA or PHA schedule)				
	b.	New/Updated UA sources (ex: letter from utility provider, HUD model & back up, PHA schedule, etc.)				
	c.	Posted Notice to Residents (not needed if annual PHA request with no changes; this is required for ALL				
		requests to change methodology or utilities billed)	requests to change methodology or utilities billed)			
	d.	If paid to or through the owner a copy of a current resident bill and the applicable rate plan for the utility.				
Completed B	У		Date			
Title			Company Name			
Phone Numb	er		Email Address			