



# Gahanna Energy Plus (CCA) Program Updates



- Joined SOPEC in August of 2024.
- Approximately **\$923,563.00** in cumulative savings (through February 2026) compared to the AEP Ohio standard service offer (SSO) rate (often referred to as the “Price-to-Compare” (PTC)) since December of 2024.

# Rates

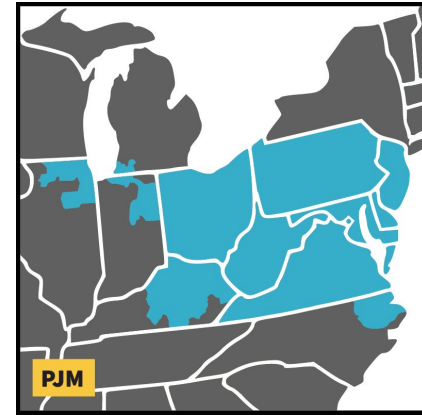
- **Current - through May 2026.**
  - SOPEC Rate (Green) (through May 31, 2026): **9.756 cents per kWh**
  - Opt-down “Brown” Rate (through May 31, 2026): **9.461 cents per kWh**
  - AEP Ohio Standard Service Offer (SSO) Rate (often referred to as the “Price to Compare”) (through May 31, 2026): **9.94 cents per kWh**

# Rates (Cont.)

- **New - Beginning with June 2026 Meter Reads:**
  - SOPEC Rate (Green) (effective June 2026 meter reads): **11.262 cents per kWh**
  - Opt-down “Brown” Rate (effective June 2026 meter reads): **11.027 cents per kWh**
  - AEP Ohio SSO Rate (effective June 1, 2026): Exact SSO rate (the default electric generation rate set through competitive auctions for utility customers who do not choose a supplier) beginning on June 1, 2026 is **not yet known**.

# Understanding Rate Increases & Current Energy Market

- Energy prices are rising across the PJM Interconnection.
  - PJM spans from Chicago to the East Coast.
  - PJM operates a competitive wholesale electricity market & manages the reliability of its transmission grid, including all of Ohio.
- **Capacity charges** (a key component of the supply rate) have risen dramatically across PJM regional grid.
  - Capacity charges fund the power plants that are called upon to run during times of peak electric usage, for example, on the hottest summer days.
  - Like insurance against power outages— ensure that there is enough electricity available during periods of peak electricity usage.
  - PJM runs an auction to purchase this electricity from power plants that can meet emergency demand.
  - These capacity prices at auction have increased significantly.



- **Increases in capacity charges** largely attributed to higher demand from **data centers**, retirements of older power plants, & delays in bringing new generation online.
  - This increase is impacting everyone in the PJM region, not just SOPEC customers.
- A cold winter (which reduced natural gas storage levels)—followed closely by the Iran war—has brought **significant additional volatility to energy markets**.
- While capacity charges are outside of our control, SOPEC's **fixed-term rate** structure helps ensure residents and small businesses see **stability and predictability** on their electric bills.

# Shared Energy Office

## Full-Service, Turnkey Option

Shared services available to all SOPEC members as standard membership benefits:

- **Administrative services**
  - Notices, filings, annual & market monitoring reports, etc.
- **Legal services and government relations**
  - In-house & Outside counsel;
  - Assistance with regulatory issues & energy law
  - Advocacy at the local, regional, & state level



2nd largest customer in Ohio



- **Grant writing services & support**

- **Technical services**

- Energy markets analysis;
- PV solar assessments;
- Power-BI & Data analytics;
- Assist with SolSmart & EPA Green Power Partnership;
- Group solar RFPs: both on-site solar & off-site renewables PPA; &
- Creative program design.



- **Education, marketing, & communications services**

- **Electric aggregation programs**

- Fixed-term, competitive rates for 100% green supply;
- Net metering; &
- Dedicated SOPEC Customer Care call center.



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