

## Data export glossary of terms

<b>Account Holder</b>	This is the name of either the individual or business that appears on your bill.
<b>Account Number</b>	The unique number assigned to your service location.
<b>Amount Due</b>	Represents the Amount Due or amount outstanding for the billing period. (It represents 'New Charges' plus the 'Balance Forward'.)
<b>Balance Forward</b>	Represents the balance of credits/debits brought forward for the invoice.
<b>Basic Charge</b>	This is a partial recovery of the fixed costs of service such as metering and billing.
<b>Billing History: Type</b>	On the Billing History export, this identifies what the data on the associated row is related to. For example, Amount due indicates the values in that row show the total amount due. Usage details indicate values based on electricity usage. Taxes and other non-usage related values are shown in a separate row. (Some people choose to sort/group their information on this.)
<b>Demand (kW)</b>	Demand is a representation of the amount of energy supplied at a point in time and it is contextual to the interval that is being represented. In most circumstances demand is shown as a 'peak' value for a period. (Similar to a high water mark.) The peak value will remain until the value is 'reset'. In some cases this may show as a N/A for meters that don't have demand charges assigned to them.
<b>Demand Charge</b>	Demand charge is related to the maximum amount of power you need during a billing period, measured in kilowatts.
<b>Equal Payment Amount</b>	Payment amount that will be due on each invoice for your account. Equal payment customers 'level' their payments throughout the year, in some instances a customer will be paying slightly more than the cost of energy, in other instances, slightly less. At some point throughout the year, there will be an adjustment entry and a credit or debit will result.
<b>Estimated Usage</b>	Indicates your kWh usage may be estimated since the information from that meter may not have been supplied to BC Hydro in time for this reporting. (Represented by an "X" in the column if applicable.)

<b>For Service From</b>	<p>Within the Electricity Summary Report PDF the “For service from” represents the time period that the electricity service was provided and to which the charges in the report apply. These dates are based on the invoices created during the date range you selected. In many cases the earliest date will be before the selected date range. (E.g. Nov 15, 2014 to Dec 31, 2015)</p> <p>*See also “Invoiced From”</p>
<b>From Date</b>	Start date of the associated billing period.
<b>GST</b>	Goods and Services Tax. Represents Tax collected on behalf of the Federal Government.
<b>HST</b>	Harmonized Sales Tax (if applicable). In April 2013 the province of BC changed the management of HST and replaced the HST with a GST and PST structure.
<b>Interval Start Date/Time</b>	The starting date and time of the interval to which the consumption values apply.
<b>Invoice Date</b>	Also called Billing Date, the date the invoice was issued.
<b>Invoiced From</b>	Within the Electricity Summary Report PDF the “Invoiced from” represents the time-period the user selected for the report. (E.g. Provide me the amounts invoiced from Jan 1, 2015 to Dec 31, 2015)
<b>Invoice Number</b>	The unique number assigned to your invoice. If you have a Consolidated Master, you will see a member invoice number that can be traced back to the member (sub) account.
<b>kVarh Usage</b>	Sometimes called Reactive Power this is measured in kilovar-hours and is used to measure your Power Factor. Power Factor is a calculated value of the useful work that is being supplied to equipment for use. *See Power Factor Percentage.
<b>kW</b>	This is your peak electricity demand (the highest rate of electricity usage as measured in kilowatts) - customers with an electricity demand greater than 35 kW see a Demand Charge on their bill.
<b>kWh Usage</b>	This is a measure of your total consumption of electricity between meter readings. It is measured in kWh and it is read from the kWh portion of your meter.

<b>Late Payment Charge</b>	These are charges for payments past due.
<b>Member Account Number</b>	If your account is a Consolidated Master, this is the unique number assigned to a member (or sub) account.
<b>Meter Number</b>	This is the unique number assigned to your electricity meter. (This may also have the comment "multiple" if a meter has been updated for this account.)
<b>Net Consumption</b>	Consumption is the pace at which you use electricity multiplied by the time it's used for. It is represented in kWh (kilowatt-hours), and should be used in context with the duration between meter reads represented on the report.
<b>New Charges</b>	This is an aggregation of the New Charges for the invoice.
<b>Other Charges</b>	Within the Electricity Summary Report PDF the "Other charges" summarizes levies, late-payment fees, and other non-energy related debits/credits.
<b>Other debit/credit</b>	In some instance, a debit or credit will need to be applied to your account.
<b>Peak Demand</b>	See "Demand (kW)" above
<b>Power Factor Percentage</b>	A measure of how effectively your equipment converts electric current from BC Hydro's system to useful power output, such as heat, light or mechanical motion. The ratio of your usable power consumption (kilowatts) to your reactive power consumption (kilovar) determines your Power Factor. Applies to Medium and Large General Service accounts only.
<b>Power Factor Surcharge</b>	When your Power Factor drops below 90%, a surcharge is applied to cover the cost of supplying additional Reactive Power (*see also kVarh Usage and Power Factor Percentage). Applies to Medium and Large General Service accounts only.
<b>PST</b>	Provincial Sales Tax. Represents Tax collected on behalf of the Provincial Government.
<b>Rate</b>	The rate category as it is applies to this account.

<b>Regional Transit Levy</b>	The Regional Transit Levy is a monthly charge billed on residential accounts in the Greater Vancouver Regional Transit Area to assist in financing the public transit system. For questions about the Regional Transit Levy, contact TransLink Revenue Dept. at 1700-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2.
<b>Riders</b>	A rate rider is applied to the total of all charges, before taxes and levies. Amounts received from the rate rider are used to recover additional and unpredictable energy costs resulting from, for example, low water inflows and higher-than-forecast market prices.
<b>Service address</b>	Service Address that is represented for this account.
<b>Service address city</b>	City as represented for this account.
<b>To Date</b>	End date of the associated billing period.
<b>Usage Charge</b>	Also sometimes called Energy Charge; it is the cost of your total electricity usage during the billing period (for the account you are reviewing).