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**Rates of Florida Municipal Electric Utilities Continue to be Significantly
Less than the State's Private Electric Utilities**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – In December 2015, the average rates of Florida's municipal electric utilities dropped slightly and continue to be among the lowest in the state. On average, the bills of municipal electric utilities' customers are 11 percent lower than the bills of investor-owned utilities' customers. Of Florida's 34 municipal electric utilities, 33 were below the investor-owned utilities' average cost of power.

December 2015 also brought cost decreases for those cities that are part of the Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA), a not-for-profit agency which purchases and provides wholesale power to cities operating electric utilities. The average cost for the 13 Florida cities served by FMPA's All-Requirements Project (ARP), dropped to \$111 per 1,000 kWh, well below the average investor-owned utilities' cost of \$129 per 1,000 kWh. Additionally, the five lowest cost utilities in Florida are all served by FMPA's ARP.

"Community-based, public power is not only among the most reliable, it is also, on average, the least expensive," said Barry Moline, Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) Executive Director. "Our customers are our neighbors and we are proud to provide them with power they can count on at an affordable rate."

The data was compiled by the FMEA and was issued as part of its [December 2015 bill comparison report](#). Produced monthly, the report includes billing information from investor-owned and municipal utilities. It compares utility bills for residential, commercial and industrial utility customers categorized by consumption in 15 categories.

Overall, the City of Quincy reported the lowest bills in eight categories and the Town of Havana reported the lowest rates in seven categories.

To view the full report, please visit http://publicpower.com/pdf/rates/2015/2015_december_rates.pdf.

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The Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) represents the unified interests of 34 public power communities across the state, which provide electricity to more than 3 million of Florida's residential and business consumers.

FMPA All-Requirements Project Utilities and FPL (with FPL's Proposed 15% Rate Increase) Residential Bill Comparison, December 2015

