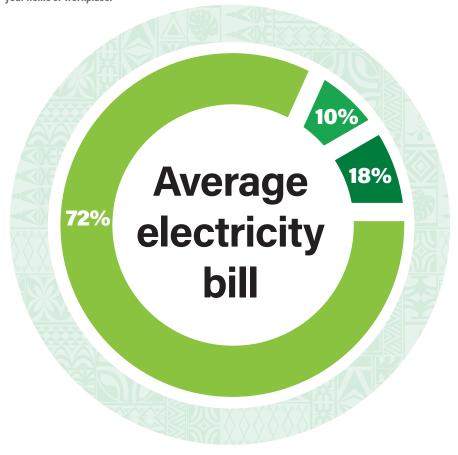


# What makes up your electricity bill?

Te Aponga Uira's electricity bills have three cost components, all of which are crucial to deliver electricity to your home or workplace.



## **Generation costs - 72%**

These are the costs to generate electricity to supply your homes and businesses. This includes the costs of diesel, costs to generate, store and distribute solar, and the costs to run the Avatiu power station.

#### **Network costs - 10%**

These are the costs to get power from the power station to your homes and businesses via poles, pillars, cables and substations, otherwise known as the electricity distribution network. This includes the costs to fix faults when they happen and to do maintenance, repairs, and necessary upgrades.

## **Operating costs - 18%**

These are all the other costs to run the business. These include corporate costs, customer services and finance teams, meter readers, 24/7 fault line, and other costs. This also includes our valuable community sponsorships, maintaining street and coloured lights and funding uneconomic extensions to the electricity grid that is difficult to plan and budget for due to the Cook Islands' land management system.

# Value-Added Tax (VAT)

VAT of 15% is added to the costs that make up your electricity bill. Like all other businesses we need to pay VAT on the services we deliver to you.

Te Aponga Uira is proud to employ a team of around 50 dedicated staff to deliver our vision of empowering the community through sustainable and innovative energy solutions.