Name: _____

Electrical Bill

Decipher pertinent information from electric bills to become a better-informed customer

Choose two electric bills to study (example bills provided by Bangor Hydro) and answer the questions below. Go to the Bangor Hydro Website (<u>www.bhe.com</u>) and complete the Website questions.

Electric Bill:

- 1. What is the account number of this customer?
- 2. What telephone number would the customer call if they had questions about their bill?
- 3. How much did the customer owe the electric company on their last bill?
- 4. What is the period covered by this bill?
- 5. When is the next meter reading scheduled?
- 6. How much money does the customer pay for each kilowatt-hour of energy used *(be careful)*?
- 7. How many kilowatt-hours of energy did the customer use during the period for which they are being billed?
- 8. Is the customer using more or less energy compared to last year? What about last month?
- 9. Is there a state tax being paid by the customer? If there is, how much is it?
- 10. Provide at least four possible suggests on how the customer could possibly lower his/her electric bill in the coming months?

Website:

- 1. How does Bangor Hydro produce energy?
- 2. What is the difference between the distribution charge and transmission charge?
- 3. Are there any current electrical outages reported? If so where are they?
- 4. Name the Maine counties that have towns within Bangor Hydro's coverage area.