Explanation of Billing Codes on City Invoices

EL= a set rate the city charges for electricity. There is a minimum charge. After the minimum charge is met, it is so much per kilowatt hour.

FAE= Fuel adjustment electric. This amount changes every month due to a calculation of a few fluctuating costs that the city could incur when purchasing electricity. For example, the cost of the fuel to produce the electricity is very volatile and transmission charges to get the electricity are getting worse do to the restraints.

FF= franchise fee electric, this is 5% of your EL+FAE amount which goes straight to the general government account to fund all non income producing aspects of the city. For example, Parks, Streets, Police, Pool, and City buildings are funded with this franchise electric fee. This fee helps to keep taxes down. This is the only money that funds these departments.

WT= water, this is a set charge per 1000 gallons of water used. There is a minimum. Once the minimum has been met, customer is charged per 1000 gallons used.

SW-SWA= sewer, residential sewer is calculated by using a winter average from the months of October, November, and December. The water usage from these three months is averaged, then rounded up to the next thousand, and the customer is charged a fixed rate off of that number for the next year. Industrial or commercial customers are not on winter average and are charged a fixed rate per thousand gallons of water used each month.

GS= Gas, the cost of natural gas is calculated each month because of the possibility of major fluctuation in the gas price due to cold snaps across the country and the availability of natural gas in storage. Since the price of gas for the month we are billing is not set yet, we use an estimate provided by KMGA (our natural gas buyers) and use a true up from last month's estimate (weather it was high or low) that amount is either added or subtracted from this month's estimate to come up with the price per 1000 cubic feet.

FFG= franchise fee gas, just like the electric franchise fee. This is 5% of your gas cost that goes straight to the general government

TR= trash, a set fee charged for trash pickup