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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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Minnesota Power

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Minnesota Department of Commerce

Energy Division
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
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Interim change in electric rates

Your Minnesota Power bill is changing.

Effective January 1, 2020



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Minnesota Power has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for an increase in electricity rates.

The requested increase is about 10.59% or \$65.9 million overall. While the MPUC reviews our request, state law allows Minnesota Power to collect higher rates on an interim (temporary) basis. The MPUC has approved an overall interim rate increase of about 5.8% or \$36.1 million, for all Minnesota Power customers. The increase is effective for service rendered on or after January 1, 2020.

The rate increase appears on your bill as "Interim Rate Adjustment." It applies to all major charges on your bill. For residential and small general service customers, those charges include the monthly minimum charge and energy charges. For all other customers, the increase applies to the customer charge, energy charges, and the demand charge. The interim rate adjustment is billed as a 5.8% increase or about an additional \$4.50 a month for the average residential customer.

The MPUC will have up to 13 months to review our request and will make a decision on final rates by early 2021. If final rates are lower than interim rates, Minnesota Power will refund customers the difference with interest.

Why is Minnesota Power asking for an increase?

Our current rates were set in Commission Docket No. E015/GR-16-664. Since then we've invested in transmission, distribution and generation infrastructure and cleaner energy resources to ensure safe, reliable and cleaner sources of energy for customers. We requested this rate increase because sales to retail customers and wholesale margin revenue are decreasing, business costs are rising, and we are asking for a higher authorized rate of return on investments. State regulators will review our request and determine whether and how Minnesota Power may recover these costs.

What is the process for reviewing Minnesota Power's request?

The MPUC, the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources, the Office of the Attorney General – Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division, public interest groups, and customers will review and investigate our proposal.

The MPUC will hold public hearings and accept written comments about our rate request. Customers and others will be able to comment on our rate request at the public hearings. You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.

Notice of the public hearing dates and locations will be published in local newspapers, in bill inserts and online at www.mnpower.com/RateReview and mn.gov/puc.

Here's how these rate changes will affect monthly bills

The proposed rate increase will affect individual monthly bills differently, depending on the amount of electric usage and customer type. The table below shows the average, interim and proposed rates for each customer type.

Customer Classification	Avg. monthly kWh usage	Previous monthly cost	Interim monthly increase	Proposed final monthly increase
Residential	713	\$78.16	\$4.48	\$11.66
Residential Dual Fuel	1,063	\$88.90	\$5.17	-\$20.36
General Service	2,711	\$290.94	\$16.80	\$30.05
Commercial & Industrial Dual Fuel	4,255	\$339.18	\$19.70	-\$73.86
Large Light & Power	266,281	\$21,120.22	\$1,241.67	\$2,216.02
Large Power	56,823,222	\$3,353,436.00	\$193,921.87	\$311,935.26
Street & Area Lighting	337	\$57.94	\$3.36	\$8.69