

The MPUC welcomes your comments on the requested rate increase

A comment is a statement of your opinion about any issue that the MPUC is making a decision on in a docket. Your comments will be part of the case record and are public information that can be read by anyone. Please do not include any personal information that you do not want to be public.

You can submit comments through May 30, 2024.

Comments received after the comment period closes may or may not be considered in the MPUC's final decision.

Visit mn.gov/puc/get-involved where you will find a list of ways to comment on docket 23-155.

To comment by email

Send your comments to consumer.puc@state.mn.us and reference docket 23-155

To comment by US mail using the attached tear-off comment card or by letter Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Suite #350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
Be sure to reference docket 23-155

To send comments by fax

651-297-7073 and reference docket 23-155

Important: Comments can be viewed by the public on the MPUC's Web site, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

For assistance in submitting comments, or if you have questions, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at:

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Evidentiary hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Minnesota Power's proposal are scheduled to start on May 28, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Large Hearing Room, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Minnesota Power, the Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources, the Office of Attorney General—Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division and others to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

Anyone with questions on the evidentiary hearings should contact the Administrative Law Judge, Kimberly Middendorf, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164 or by email to oah.webmaster@state.mn.us.

For more information

Minnesota Power's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Minnesota Power

30 W Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802
1-800-228-4966
www.mnpower.com/RateReview

Minnesota Department of Commerce

Energy Division
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St. Paul, MN 55101
651-539-1500
www.mn.gov/puc



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

Our proposed increase to customer bills is about 12% when compared to 2023 levels, resulting in a revenue increase of \$89.1 million. This shows in the proposal as a 17.2% increase in base rates, or about \$127.9 million annually, and a 5.2% or \$38.8 million annual decrease in the Minnesota Policy Adjustment line item on your bill. 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 annual interim rate increase of about 8.6%, or \$63.8 million, the result of the base rate increase combined with decreases in the Minnesota Policy Adjustment line item. The interim rate increase is effective on or after January 1, 2024.

The rate increase appears on your bill as “Interim Rate Adjustment.” It applies to all major items 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 offsetting rider decrease appears on your bill in the Minnesota Policy Adjustment line.

The MPUC will have up to 15 months to review our request and will make its decision regarding final rates by late 2024. If final rates are lower than interim rates, Minnesota Power will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, Minnesota Power will not charge customers the difference for the interim period.

How will these rate changes affect monthly bills?

The table below shows the average, interim and proposed rate impacts inclusive of the Minnesota Policy Adjustment line item decreases for each customer type compared to previous rates in 2023.

Customer Classification	Avg. monthly kWh usage	Avg. current monthly cost	Net interim monthly increase	Proposed final net monthly increase*
Residential	691	\$94	\$8	\$11
Residential Dual Fuel	970	\$96	\$8	\$11
General Service	2,683	\$361	\$31	\$43
Commercial & Industrial Dual Fuel	3,598	\$344	\$30	\$45
Large Light & Power	258,754	\$26,403	\$2,293	\$3,172
Large Power	49,194,469	\$3,999,252	\$344,917	\$478,966
Lighting	156	\$64	\$5	\$8

*Monthly increases include all line items on bills except sales taxes and municipal franchise fees, and may vary by customer based on usage.

Public hearings

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf has scheduled public hearings so that customers may have an opportunity to present their views regarding Minnesota Power’s recently filed retail rate case (MPUC Docket No. E015/GR-23-155). Any Minnesota Power customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Minnesota Power’s service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
Monday, May 20, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Little Falls, MN	Morrison County Govt. Board Room 213 1st Ave SE
	7:00 p.m.	Cohasset, MN	Cohasset Community Center 305 NW 1st Avenue
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Eveleth, MN	Range Recreation Civic Center 901 Hat Trick Ave
	2:00 p.m.	Hermantown, MN	AAD Shrine Meeting & Event Center 5152 Miller Trunk Hwy
	7:00 p.m.	Cloquet, MN	U of M Forestry Center 175 University Rd
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Virtual Only	https://minnesota.webex.com Meeting number (access code): 2492 688 9582 Meeting password: bgUKT6paE82

Bad weather? To find out if a meeting is canceled, call 1-855-731-6208.

Accessibility accommodations

If you need any reasonable accommodation to enable you to fully participate in these public hearings (i.e., sign language or foreign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or large-print materials) please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7834 one week in advance of the hearing.

Customers with hearing or speech disabilities may call through Minnesota Relay 1-800-627-3529 or 7-1-1.