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# Interim change in electric rates

Your Minnesota Power bill is changing. Effective January 1, 2024



# 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. Included in the proposal is a 17.2% increase in base rates, or about \$127.9 million annually, and a 5.2% or \$38.8 million annual reduction 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 interim rate increase of about 8.6%, or \$63.8 million in annual Minnesota Power revenue, when combined with decreases in the Minnesota Policy Adjustment line item. One change in the Minnesota Policy Adjustment will go into effect at the same time as the interim rate increase, and the other is anticipated to go into effect in the second half of 2024. The interim rate increase is effective for service rendered 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.

## Why is Minnesota Power asking for an increase?

Our current rates were set in MPUC Docket No. E015/ GR-21-335. Since then, we've experienced cost increases due to inflation as we've invested in transmission, distribution and generation infrastructure and cleaner energy resources to ensure safe, reliable and cleaner sources of energy for customers. State regulators will review these expenses and decide how Minnesota Power may recover those 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 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 mnpower.com/RateReview and mn.gov/puc.

# How will these rate changes 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 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