

Public Hearings

Administrative Law Judge James R. Mortenson is holding public hearings. Judge Mortenson invites you 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.

June 19, 2017

2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Eveleth Range Recreation & Civic Center
901 Hat Trick Avenue
Eveleth, MN 55734

June 20, 2017

2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
The Inn on Lake Superior
350 Canal Park Drive
Duluth, MN 55802

June 21, 2017

6:30 p.m.
Itasca Community College
1851 East Highway 169
Backes Student Center
Continued Learning Conference Center
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-3397

June 22, 2017

5:00 p.m.
Morrison County Government Center
213 1st Avenue Southeast
Little Falls, MN 56345-1468

Bad weather? To find out if a meeting is canceled, call 651-201-2213 or (toll-free) 1-855-731-6028, or visit www.mn.gov/puc.

For more information

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

Minnesota Power

30 W Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802
800-228-4966

www.mnpower.com/2016RateReview

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101
651-539-1534

www.mn.gov/puc

Select eDockets, then type 16 in the year field, type 664 in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

Questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's review process?

Consumer Affairs Office

121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101
651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782

www.mn.gov/puc

Citizens with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.



Notice of public hearings for proposed rate increase

May 2017

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www.mnpower.com/2016RateReview

Minnesota Power has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electric rates by approximately \$38.8 million, or about 6.1 percent overall.

This is a decrease of approximately \$16.3 million, or about 3.0 percent overall, from the initial request filed on Nov. 2, 2016 for \$55.1 million, or about 9.1 percent overall.

Depending on customer class and usage, the actual percent increase will vary based upon final approval by the MPUC.

The MPUC has changed the interim rate increase. The interim rate increase changed from \$34.7 million or 5.60 percent to \$32.2 million or 5.07 percent. If final rates are lower than interim rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference. If you move before we issue a refund and we cannot find you, we may treat your refund as abandoned property. This means we will send your refund to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address if you stop service.

Submit written comments

Comments accepted through July 3, 2017. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date. Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered.

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Online: Go to www.mn.gov/puc "Submit Your Comments," Speak Up! Find docket 16-664 and add your comments to the discussion.

Mail: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Your written comments should include your name and a docket number. You can comment on any information in the proposal that is important to you, and if you are for or against the proposal.

Important: Comments that you send to the Commission are public. Your name and other identifying information will be on the public record. Any circumstances where the information is not public is described in Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Chapter 13).

Accommodations

If you need any reasonable accommodation to enable you to fully participate in these public hearings (e.g., sign language or foreign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or large-print materials) please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7900 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TTD) at least one week in advance of the hearing.

Technical Hearings

Formal technical hearings on Minnesota Power’s proposal start August 8, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN. The purpose of the technical hearings is to allow Minnesota Power, the Minnesota Department of Commerce-Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General-Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division and others to present their case and to ask questions of each other’s witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

Effect of rate changes

The table below shows the revised impacts of the interim rate and impacts of the proposed final increases. Below are examples of the effect of the proposed increase on typical bills of Minnesota Power’s customers. Individual changes may be higher or lower depending on actual electricity usage.

Customer classification	Average monthly kWh usage	Previous monthly cost*	Interim monthly increase*	Renewable adjustment change	New TOTAL monthly cost with interim and renewable adjustments*	2018 additional proposed final monthly increase*	2018 proposed TOTAL monthly cost**
Residential	744	\$81	+	\$4	+	\$9	\$90
Residential CARE	778	\$66	+	\$3	+	\$9	\$74
Residential Dual Fuel	1,119	\$102	+	\$5	+	\$3	\$103
General Service	2,670	\$299	+	\$14	+	\$10	\$307
Commercial & Industrial Dual Fuel	4,278	\$371	+	\$17	+	\$11	\$373
Municipal Pumping	6,220	\$676	+	\$31	+	\$26	\$697
Large Light & Power	297,246	\$25,714	+	\$1,155	+	\$356	\$25,519
Large Power	54,834,528	\$3,608,097	+	\$171,332	+	(\$31,952)	\$3,798,940
Street & Area Lighting	364	\$61	+	\$3	+	(\$3)	\$59

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

**The 2018 proposed total monthly cost includes the interim increase, additional proposed final increase and renewable adjustment.

Minnesota Power has requested the rate changes described in this notice. The MPUC may either grant or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may grant a lesser or greater increase than that requested for any class or classes of service.