

**The MPUC is asking customers to comment on Otter Tail Power's request for a rate increase. Send your comments to:**

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**

Be sure to reference docket number 25-539

Online: Visit the Public Comment page and send your comments electronically to <https://mn.gov/puc/get-involved/public-comments/>

Email: [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us)

U.S. Mail: 121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul MN 55101

Fax: 651-297-7073

Phone: 651-296-0406  
or 1-800-657-3782

**For more information**

Visit [www.otpc.com/MNRateReview](http://www.otpc.com/MNRateReview) to view our filing, the proposed rate schedules, and a comparison of present and proposed rates or contact our General Office during normal business hours at:

Otter Tail Power Company  
215 South Cascade Street  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537  
Phone: 800-257-4044

You may contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce at:

85 7th Place East, Suite 280  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
Telephone: 651-539-1500  
FAX: 651-539-1547

You can also search e-dockets at the Department of Commerce website: <https://efiling.web.commerce.state.mn.us/documents> (*Web address case sensitive*)

In the Docket #s field type 25-359, click on Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

**How to participate**

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene in this review should contact:

Administrative Law Judge:  
Christa Moseng

Court of Administrative Hearings:  
600 North Robert Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164  
Telephone: 651-361-7900

FAX: 651-539-0310

Web: <http://mn.gov/oah>

You do not need to contact the Administrative Law Judge if you simply want to attend the public hearings, speak at the public hearings, or submit comments in writing.

Be sure to reference Dockets No. CAH 22-2500-41383 and MPUC E017/GR-25-359 in all correspondence or requests.

**Increase in electric rates in effect January 1, 2026**

On October 31, 2025, we submitted an application asking the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase our electric rates. Our request won't take effect until it's been reviewed and approved by the MPUC.

While the MPUC considers our full request, they've granted approval for an interim rate increase beginning January 1, 2026.

**Why is Otter Tail Power Company asking for a rate increase?**

Our last Minnesota rate increase was based on 2021 costs. We've worked hard to manage expenses and improve efficiency, but current rates no longer cover the cost of providing reliable service.



## How will this affect monthly bills?

Most customers will see about a 11.3% increase beginning January 1, 2026, with approved interim rates. We will accomplish this through a uniform interim rate adjustment of 19.16% on portions of customer bills. The interim rate adjustment applies to the customer charge, energy charge, demand charge, facilities charge, fixed charge, and the monthly minimum charge. The impact to you may be higher or lower depending on your actual electric use. This rate increase appears on your bill as **Interim Rate Adj** for service used on and after January 1, 2026.

The table below shows the approved interim and proposed final rates on an average customer's monthly bill in each of our customer classes.

## Average Monthly Electricity Costs

Customer classification	Monthly kilowatt-hour usage	Previous average monthly bill	Approved interim change in monthly bill	Proposed final change in monthly bill
Residential	762	\$93.66	\$11.82	\$18.14
Farms	2,621	\$292.11	\$35.60	\$61.68
General Service	2,889	\$318.81	\$39.25	\$73.20
Large General Service	657,776	\$50,301.52	\$5,271.78	\$8,045.96
Outdoor Lighting	2,074	\$13.30	\$2.04	\$2.01
Controlled Service Deferred	297	\$30.98	\$3.27	\$1.70
Controlled Service Interruptible	1,309	\$102.18	\$9.05	\$9.18
Controlled Service Off Peak	2,841	\$156.37	\$9.31	\$12.88

These interim rates will be in place until the MPUC makes a decision on the final rates, likely in early 2027. 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.

## What is the process for reviewing Otter Tail Power Company's request?

In addition to the MPUC review, the Minnesota Department of Commerce will conduct an investigation of our books and records. The Office of the Attorney General—Residential Utilities Division may investigate the proposal as well.

The MPUC will hold public hearings overseen by an Administrative Law Judge. Customers and the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and will have opportunities to comment on our rate request. Notice of the hearing dates, times and locations (if the hearings are held in person) will be published in local newspapers in our service area, mailed to you as a flyer enclosed with our electric service statements, and will be posted on our website at: [www.otpco.com/MNRateReview](http://www.otpco.com/MNRateReview). If the public hearings are conducted remotely, details on how to participate will be provided in the public hearing notice.