

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may visit Xcel Energy's offices during normal business hours to examine the current and proposed rate schedules and our request for new rates. Xcel Energy's corporate office is located at:

414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Phone: **800-895-4999**

Web: www.xcelenergy.com/XcelMNRates.

Select the **Filing Documents** tab.

Or, you may contact the Department of Commerce at:

85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Phone: **651-296-9314**

Citizens with hearing loss or speech disabilities may call through Minnesota Relay at **800-627-3529** or by dialing **711**.

Web: www.puc.state.mn.us

Select **Search eDockets**; select 12 in the year field; enter 961 in the number field; select **Search**, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these public hearings (e.g. sign language, foreign language interpreter, large print materials), please contact the MPUC at **651-296-0406** or **800-657-3782** one week in advance of the hearing.

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RATE INCREASE NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR XCEL ENERGY

Xcel Energy has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electricity rates by \$285.5 million, or approximately 10.7 percent effective January 1, 2013.

The MPUC will evaluate our request and will make its decision in September 2013. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrative Law Judge Jeanne Cochran has scheduled public hearings so customers may have an opportunity to present their views on the adequacy and quality of Xcel Energy's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. Any Xcel Energy customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Locations
Monday, March 4	1:00 p.m.	Earle Brown Heritage Center 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Minneapolis
Monday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	Sabathani Center 310 East 38th St. Minneapolis
Thursday, March 7	7:00 p.m.	Woodbury Central Park 8595 Central Park Pl. Woodbury
Friday, March 8	1:00 p.m.	West Minnehaha Rec Center 685 West Minnehaha Ave. St. Paul
Monday, March 18	7:00 p.m.	Civic Center 1 Civic Center Plaza Mankato
Tuesday, March 19	7:00 p.m.	Eden Prairie Community Center 16700 Valley View Rd. Eden Prairie
Friday, March 22	1:00 p.m.	Lake George Municipal Complex 1101 7th St. So. St. Cloud

WRITTEN COMMENT

Written comments may be sent to Administrative Law Judge:

Judge Jeanne Cochran

Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620
St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164-0620
Email: Jeanne.Cochran@state.mn.us

Customers may also provide comments to the
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission:

121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101-2147
Email: PublicComments.puc@state.mn.us

Phone: **651-296-0406** or **800-657-3782**, Option 1
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Written comments are most effective when the following three items are included:

- (1) the issue(s) in Xcel Energy's proposal you are addressing;
- (2) your specific recommendation; and
- (3) the reason for your recommendation.

Please include OAH Docket Number 68-2500-30266 and MPUC Docket Number E002/GR-12-961 in all communications. The deadline for written comments is **April 1, 2013**.

Important: Comments will be made available to the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on Xcel Energy's proposal are scheduled to start on April 18, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in the Large Hearing Room, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East,

Suite 350, St. Paul. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Xcel Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce-Division of Energy Resources, Energy Regulation and Planning, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General-Antitrust and Utilities Division, and others to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene in this case should contact the Administrative Law Judge, Jeanne Cochran at the above address.

EFFECT OF RATE CHANGES

The table below provides examples of the effect of the proposed increase on typical bills of Xcel Energy's customers. Individual changes may be higher or lower depending on actual electricity usage.

The rate changes described in this notice have been requested by Xcel Energy. 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 customer class or classes.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN MONTHLY ELECTRICITY COSTS

Customer classification	Average monthly kWh usage	Current monthly cost	Interim monthly increase*	Proposed final monthly increase*
Residential - Overhead line service	562	\$64.66	\$6.71	\$7.92
Residential - Underground line service	824	\$93.49	\$9.66	\$10.27
Energy-Controlled (Dual Fuel)	989	\$70.88	\$5.89	\$8.15
Small General Service	976	\$106.13	\$10.76	\$11.29
Small General Time-of-Day Service	1,405	\$131.23	\$12.51	\$12.63
General Service	17,141	\$1,489.69	\$138.07	\$147.85
General Time-of-Day Service	188,695	\$13,649.38	\$1,165.39	\$1,264.10
Peak-Controlled Service	62,571	\$6,570.24	\$660.40	\$882.97
Peak-Controlled Time-of-Day Service	605,670	\$49,058.84	\$4,450.02	\$5,572.11
Small Municipal Pumping	559	\$64.47	\$6.67	\$7.92
Municipal Pumping	5,177	\$511.26	\$50.17	\$53.77

*Monthly increases do not include the portion of your bill for fuel, riders, sales taxes and municipal franchise fees, and may vary by customer based on usage.