

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
For Otter Tail Power Company customers
MPUC Docket No. E017/GR-25-359
OAH Docket No. 22-2500-41383



On October 31, 2025, we filed a request with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to increase electric rates for our Minnesota customers. The overall effect of our request will increase revenue by about 17.69%, or \$44.8 million. The increase may be higher or lower depending on customers’ actual electric use.

State law allows us to collect higher rates on an interim (temporary) basis while the MPUC evaluates our request. The MPUC has approved an overall interim rate increase of approximately 11.34%, or about \$28.6 million, effective January 1, 2026. The interim rate increase will be collected through an interim rate adjustment of 19.16% on certain charges on customer bills. The 19.16% interim rate adjustment is applied to the customer charge, energy charge, demand charge, facilities charge, fixed charge, and the monthly minimum charge. These higher rates will remain in effect until final rates are determined by the MPUC.

The MPUC will likely determine the final rate increase in early 2027. If the final rate increase is less than the interim rate increase, we’ll refund customers the difference, plus interest. If the final rate increase approved by the MPUC is higher than the interim rate increase, we won’t charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we can’t locate you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent 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 when you stop service.

Our last Minnesota rate review 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. The chart below shows an example of how the approved interim and proposed final rates will affect the average customer’s monthly bill in each of our customer classes. Your bill may be higher or lower depending on the actual electric usage and your customer class.

Average monthly electricity costs — example

Customer classification	Avg. monthly kilowatt-hour usage	Previous average monthly bill	Approved interim change in monthly bill	Proposed final change in monthly bill
Residential	762	\$93.66	\$13.15	\$18.14
Farms	2,621	\$292.11	\$39.61	\$61.68
General Service	2,889	\$318.81	\$43.67	\$73.20
Large General Service	657,776	\$50,301.52	\$5,865.18	\$8,045.96
Outdoor Lighting	2,074	\$13.30	\$2.26	\$2.01
Controlled Service Deferred	297	\$30.98	\$3.64	\$1.70
Controlled Service Interruptible	1,309	\$102.18	\$10.07	\$9.18
Controlled Service Off Peak	2,841	\$156.37	\$10.36	\$12.88

The MPUC may either approve, deny, or modify the requested changes, including approving a lesser or greater increase than we requested for any customer class or classes of service.

Public hearings

Administrative Law Judge Christa Moseng will hold public hearings for customers to comment on our request and will also take customers’ written comments about the rate increase request. You may add verbal comments or written comments, or both, to the record.

You’re invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of our service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You don’t need to be represented by an attorney to provide comments during the public hearings.

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows:

Bemidji, Minnesota Tuesday, June 2, 2026 6:00 p.m. Sanford Center, Ballroom 1 1111 Event Center Dr. NE Bemidji, MN 56601	Fergus Falls, Minnesota Wednesday, June 3, 2026 1:30 p.m. M State, Legacy Hall 1414 College Way Fergus Falls, MN 56537	Appleton, Minnesota Wednesday, June 3, 2026 6:00 p.m. Appleton Civic Center, Council Chambers 323 W Schlieman Ave Appleton, MN 56208
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Please contact MPUC staff member Jason Bonnett at 651-201-2235 or jason.bonnett@state.mn.us as soon as possible if you need an interpreter or accommodation to attend a public hearing.

Virtual public hearing

A virtual public hearing has been scheduled as follows to be held via video conference: **Thursday, June 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

To join the virtual public hearing using a computer, tablet, or smartphone, where you'll have audio and video capability, go to: <https://minnesota.webex.com>. In the gray box where it says, "Enter Meeting Information" type in the Event Number below for the public hearing date you're attending:

Thursday, June 4, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.	
Event Number: 2490 612 0916	Event Password, if needed: OTP2026

Directions for appearing via WebEx

- Log on 5 to 15 minutes before the hearing begins. You'll be asked to join the hearing through a WebEx application or through a plugin for your web browser.
- Enter the Event Number shown in the box above.
- Next, you'll be asked to enter your name, your email address, and an event password (if required). After entering this information, click "Join Now" and you'll be granted access to the virtual hearing.
- When you enter the hearing, your microphone will be muted. If you'd like to ask a question or make a comment during the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator, who will place you in the queue to comment. When it's your turn to comment, your name will be called and your line will be unmuted. You'll then be able to ask questions or make a comment.

To attend by telephone (audio only)

If you don't have access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or if you'd prefer to attend the hearing via audio only, you may join using any type of telephone. Internet access isn't needed to call into the hearing; please note you'll only be able to hear (not see) the speakers. You will be able to comment and ask questions.

The information in the box below should be used to dial into the hearing. You'll be asked to enter the access code for the hearing, as set forth below:

Thursday, June 4, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.		
Phone: 1-855-282-6330	Access Code: 2490 612 0916	Event Password: 6872026 from phones

If you'd like to ask a question or make a comment during the hearing **press *3** on your telephone. That will put you into a queue for comment. When it's your turn to speak, the last few digits of your telephone number will be announced by the moderator, and your line will be unmuted, allowing you to be heard.

Please contact Jason Bonnett at 651-201-2235 or jason.bonnett@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

THE MPUC WELCOMES YOUR COMMENTS

You can submit comments even if you don't attend a public hearing.

Comment period

Written comments will be accepted through Monday, September 21, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
- Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered for the record.

How to submit written comments

Written comments can be submitted via: (1) the Commission's website; (2) email; (3) U.S. Mail; or (4) facsimile. To learn how to submit a comment in any of these ways, please visit mn.gov/puc, select "Get Involved" from the dropdown menu on the top of the page, then select "Public Comments and How to Participate." This will take you to the Public Comment page where you'll find a list of ways to comment. Be sure to reference MPUC Docket No. 25-359 in the subject line of your comment.

If you don't have access to the internet, you may send or deliver your comment to:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Ste. 350

St. Paul, MN 55101

Important: Comments can be reviewed by 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 personally identifying information or private information from comments received.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on our proposal will be held on September 15 and 16, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day. The evidentiary hearings will be held at the Public Utilities Commission offices located in the Ramsey County Government Center at 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota. Individuals who can't attend in person may attend via Webex, a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing through Webex may request an electronic invitation by contacting MPUC staff member Jason Bonnett at 651-201-2235 or jason.bonnett@state.mn.us.

The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to allow our company, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General – Residential Utilities Division, and parties who have formally joined the contested case, to present testimony and to cross examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

You may request additional information from us during normal business hours at:

Otter Tail Power Company
215 South Cascade Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Phone: 800-257-4044

Web: otpc.com/MNRateReview

You also may review current and proposed rate schedules by contacting the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Telephone: 651-539-1886
FAX: 651-539-1549

Web: <https://efiling.web.commerce.state.mn.us>
Under "eDockets" select "Search Documents" insert "25-359" in the Docket #s field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

If you have questions about the MPUC's review process or need assistance in submitting comments, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at:

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

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

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

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

Additional information about proposed rate schedules and a comparison of present and proposed rates is available at otpc.com/MNRateReview. Questions or comments about the rate increase request may be directed to 800-257-4044.