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Natural Gas Distribution Rate Adjustment In South Dakota And Nebraska

NorthWestern Energy has filed for a natural gas utility rate adjustment in South Dakota and Nebraska (we are not seeking a rate adjustment for electric utility operations in South Dakota). The company is requesting a 5.4% increase in its distribution rates which equates to approximately \$6.4 million in revenue, the first such rate adjustment in eight years. Current rates were last adjusted in 1999 based on 1998 costs.

To compare the old rates to the proposed rates and see the effect the rate change will have on your bill, select the link below for your state. You'll be directed to an online calculator where you can enter your monthly therm usage and see the cost difference.

- Nebraska
- South Dakota

If you have any questions, be sure to call our Customer Contact Center at (800) 245-6977.

Why is NorthWestern Energy filing a rate case adjustment?

Like all businesses, NorthWestern Energy has experienced increasing costs associated with operating the utility. The cost of fuel for our fleet vehicles, the material costs for pipes and fittings, healthcare, pensions, labor, and other expenses have gone up over the past nine years. Our employees have done everything possible to control costs, but we have determined that it is necessary to increase our rates so that we can continue to provide the high level of services our customers have come to expect.

Documents Filed

Nebraska Application, Tariff, Testimony, and Exhibits

South Dakota Application, Testimony, and Exhibits

South Dakota Rate Schedule Filing

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I am filing a written objection to a rate increase and request that the puc suspend it.

*Thank you,
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