



Customer Notice: Interim Electric Rate Increase

In keeping with our efforts to keep you updated about the pending electric rate case before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC), we are notifying you that starting on July 1, 2015, NorthWestern Energy will implement an interim increase in accordance with state law (SDCL 49-34A-17). The interim rate increase will remain in effect until a final decision regarding our requested rate increase is made by the SDPUC. If the SDPUC establishes a final rate that is lower than the interim rate, customers will receive a refund of the difference with interest. Additional information regarding NorthWestern Energy's electric utility rate increase application can be found online at **NorthWesternEnergy.com** or on the SDPUC's website at **<http://puc.sd.gov>**. If you would like to review the application in person, copies of the filing are available at all our local walk-in locations.

We encourage you to learn more about the many low-cost/no-cost options that are available through our Efficiency Plus (E+) program to help reduce electric use ahead of the cost impact of this filing.

If you have any questions about our electric services or the proposed rate increase, please call (800) 245-6977.

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Interim Rate Filing

	The filing includes:	Bill impact:
Electric	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a request for a 20.24 percent increase in revenues, primarily for federally required and critical infrastructure investments• a request to increase the monthly basic charge from \$5.00 to \$9.00	<p>The bill impact for a customer using an average of 750 kilowatt hours per month will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a total billed increase of \$16.76 per month or 21.5 percent

**The exact dollar amount will vary depending on a customer's electric usage level.*

If the SDPUC establishes a final rate that is lower than the interim rate, customers will receive a refund of the difference with interest.

Public Notice to **South Dakota Customers:**

Proposed changes to the electric rates NorthWestern Energy has filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will begin July 1, 2015, with interim electric rates. A copy of the interim rate filing and our rules and regulations are on file in this office and open to public inspection.

An employee of NorthWestern Energy will assist any person to determine the effect of the proposed change on their rates.

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