



UNDERSTANDING YOUR INTERIM RATES

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Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills Power), filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission a **Notice of Intent to Implement Interim Rates in its pending electric rate review case.**

After holding electric rates unchanged for more than a decade, Black Hills Energy is seeking a rate update for critical investments made over the past 12 years.

We understand the impact higher energy bills have on our customers and work hard to balance reliability with affordability. We're committed to helping customers use less energy and manage their monthly electric budgets. This includes helping you understand how to read your electric bill.

Black Hills Power has requested that interim rates become effective on Aug. 18, 2026, and they will apply to all electric customers in Black Hills Power's service territory.

Interim rates are temporary and may be adjusted following the Commission's final decision in this case.



Scan this code or visit blackhillsenergy.com/reliable-sd to learn more, including rate information.

Basic charges

Two basic charges will show up on every electric bill:



Delivery

This is a flat monthly charge that covers the costs to bring energy to your address. This helps cover the cost of powerlines, technology and equipment required to deliver the service.

This is the rate set by the PUC and being impacted by our requested rate review.



Energy usage charge

A pass-through market cost of electricity. This charge is based on how much electricity you used during the billing period for your lights, appliances, electric heating, etc., measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh). We multiply how many kWh of energy you used by the rate per kWh to calculate the energy charge.

For example, if you run the dishwasher and do laundry every day, your energy charge will be higher than if you only run the dishwasher and do laundry twice a week, because you're using more energy to power the appliances.

Energy supply costs

Cost adjustment charges are based on fluctuating energy costs and local regulatory requirements.



Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA)

This includes different costs associated with providing reliable energy, including:

- The purchase of fuel to run our generation facilities.
- Pass through cost to purchase additional power from third parties, needed to meet customer demands.
- Cost associated with transmission system investments. This includes new facilities and modifications to existing transmission infrastructure. For example: sub-stations, new generation and transmission lines.



Other adjustments

Other cost adjustment line items on your bill could reflect costs associated with construction projects, changes in the cost of power purchased under contract for our customers, energy efficiency programs and services and more.

Taxes and fees

There are additional taxes and fees you'll see on your electric bill. This includes any applicable state and local taxes that we collect on your bill and pay to your city, county, town or state, depending on where you live.

Energy efficiency tips

Electricity usage is a big part of your energy bill, so reducing usage is key to a lower electric bill. The good news? Making your home more energy efficient is easier and less expensive than you may think.



Don't over charge

Unplug devices when they are fully charged.



Use windows/screen doors

Use the cooler air in the morning to cool off your home in the summer, and keep those shades open in the winter to let the sun's warm rays in.



Clean your fridge

A clean fridge runs more efficiently.



Caulk and seal openings

Prevent heat loss by caulking and weatherstripping doors and windows.



Turn down the heat

You can save as much as 10% a year on your heating bill by turning your thermostat down during the daytime when you are not at home. Each degree you lower your heat may save you 2% on your heating costs.



Switch to LED

Use LED light bulbs in high-use lighting areas and turn off lights when you leave a room.



Full loads only

Wash full loads of dishes or clothes to better manage energy and water.



Clean that filter

A clean furnace filter allows air to move more easily, reducing the amount of energy needed to heat your home.



Lower your water heating setting

Lowering your temperature setting a few degrees can save energy. Lowering your temperature to under 120 degrees can save you up to 10% on your water heater costs.

Need assistance?

Energy assistance programs

Black Hills Energy supports energy assistance programs in South Dakota through financial contributions and by connecting income-qualified customers to resources and energy assistance options.

Learn more at blackhillsenergy.com/easd

Bill payment assistance

Customers who experience challenges paying their bills are encouraged to contact us at 888-890-5554 or submit an online form on our customer service page as soon as they think they may be experiencing financial difficulties to discuss payment arrangements.

Learn more at blackhillsenergy.com/customer-service

Energy efficiency programs

We are committed to helping customers save energy and money through energy efficiency programs and tips. No matter what approach is right for you, our resources and support can help.

Find ways to save at blackhillsenergy.com/efficiency-and-savings



For more energy-saving tips, energy efficiency program information and to apply for an energy audit and rebates, visit blackhillsenergy.com/efficiency-and-savings.

