

New natural gas distribution rates approved

What you need to know

In August 2015, CenterPoint Energy asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to change its rates for utility distribution service.

- The filing, known as a rate case, sought to increase the Company's annual revenues by \$54.1 million or about 6.4 percent.
- The MPUC approved an annual revenue increase of approximately \$27.5 million, or 3.5 percent.
- Under the final order, the monthly Basic Charge for residential customers remains at \$9.50, and the per therm Delivery Charge increases from \$0.18458 to \$0.20648.
- The effect on an average residential customer's bill (who uses approximately 923 therms in a year) is an increase of about \$2 per month, or \$24 per year. Bills also vary because the wholesale cost of natural gas changes each month.
- Rate changes will affect individual monthly bills differently depending on the amount of natural gas used and the customer's rate class.

Refunds on interim rates

State law allowed the Company to collect interim (temporary) rates while the MPUC considered its rate case.

- The Company began collecting annual interim rates of \$47.8 million, on October 2, 2015.
- Since the final rate increase of \$27.5 million is less than the interim rate increase, the Company will refund the difference, with interest, as well as other adjustments beginning in December 2016 bills.
- A typical residential customer's refund is approximately \$16.

Learn more

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