

## APPROVAL OF CUSTOMER NOTICE

*Issued: July 12, 2017*

### **In the Matter of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's Application for Authority to Change its Rates and Rules in Minnesota to Conform to its Rates and Rules in Wisconsin**

**PUC Docket Number/s:** E-016/GR-17-506

**Case Background:** On June 26, 2017, Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company (NWECE) submitted with its application a proposed notice to customers.

NWECE worked with Commission staff on revisions to this notice that explain how customers may submit comments to the Commission.

NWECE will send a copy of this notice to all of its Minnesota customers in advance of the effective date of the proposed rate increase.

**Submit Public Comments:** Visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Speak Up!*, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion.

- *If you wish to include an exhibit, map or other attachment, please send your comments via U.S. Mail.*

Alternatively, send e-mail to: [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us), or

Send U.S. Mail to Public Utilities Commission, 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101.

Please include the Commission's docket number in all communications.

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**Full Case Record:** See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website - [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (17) and the docket number (506), select *Search*.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company (Northwestern) asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for permission to increase its electric rates by approximately \$2,029, or about 2.66%.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission makes the decision about Northwestern's request. State law allows Northwestern to begin charging new rates within 60 days of its request. This means the new rates can start August 25, 2017.

### Why is Northwestern asking for an increase?

The proposed increase covers capital, labor, materials, interest, construction, and other costs necessary to provide adequate service.

### Here's how the proposed rate change will affect monthly bills:

The proposed rate increase will affect individual monthly bills differently, depending on the amount of electricity you use and your customer class. This chart shows the proposed rate change's effect on average customer bills.

	Average monthly kWh usage	Current monthly cost	Proposed monthly cost	Approximate increase/decrease
Residential	409	\$55.99	\$58.44	4.37%
Rural	489	\$68.69	\$70.04	1.96%
Commercial	724	\$101.41	\$100.43	(0.96%)

### What is the process for reviewing Northwestern's request?

The Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources, the Office of the Attorney General – Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division, and customers may review and make comments and recommendations about Northwestern's proposal.

The Public Utilities Commission may open an investigation into Northwestern's rates and practices on its own motion or based on a customer complaint.

### For more information:

Northwestern's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

**Northwestern Wisconsin Electric**  
104 South Pine Street  
Grantsburg WI 54840  
1-800-261-1200

**Minnesota Department of Commerce**

85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280

St. Paul MN 55101

651-539-1534

[mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc) - Select eDockets, then select 17 in the year field, type 506 in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

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**Submit written comments:**

Comments accepted through August 14, 2017 at 4:30pm. Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered.

Online: [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc) Under Speak Up! Select Open for Comment. Find docket 17-506, and add your comments to the discussion.

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Mail: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Please include your name and the docket number (17-506) in your comments. You can comment on any information in the proposal that is important to you, and if you are for or against the proposal.

Important: Comments you send to the Commission are public. Your name and other identifying information will be on the public record. Any circumstances where the information is not public are described in Minnesota's Government Data Practices Act (Chapter 13).

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**Questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's review process?**

Consumer Affairs Office

121 7th Place East, Suite 350

St. Paul, MN 55101

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