2023 COLORADO PHASE II ELECTRIC RATE REVIEW

PROPOSAL AIMS TO UPDATE ELECTRIC PRICING PLANS AND ALIGN BILLS WITH THE COST OF SERVICE

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At Xcel Energy, we work every day to provide the safe, clean, reliable energy that our customers depend upon, and deliver that at an affordable cost. As a national leader in the clean energy transition, we're moving forward with high-value investments to provide an increasingly clean energy mix, while boosting power grid resilience and reliability, as we work towards becoming a net-zero energy provider by 2050.

As required by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, we submitted a proposal in May 2023 to update our pricing plans for Colorado electric customers and align bills with the cost of service. This proposal was a continuation of the electric rate proposal we filed with the Commission in November 2022—we did not request any additional revenue in this second phase.

The Commission approved several rate changes after reviewing our proposed pricing plan updates, which took effect May 1, 2024. Even with these changes, Xcel Energy–Colorado's average residential customer bills will remain below the national average.



Maximizing renewable energy benefits

We performed a Time of Use study under the direction of the Commission to evaluate whether our current periods reflect the realities of today's electric system and what we know as we continue adding more renewable generation into our energy mix. Based off our study, current Time of Use periods (i.e., On-Peak, Mid-Peak and Off-Peak) accurately reflect system conditions today, which we will continue to maintain. However, with expected increases to renewable generation on our system in the coming years, there is a need to shift the On-Peak period later in the evening.

As requested by the Commission, we will propose new Time of Use periods in late 2024 to address energy demand as we add more renewable resources to the grid. Specifically, adding solar generation pushes demand later in the evening, which means the On-Peak and Mid-Peak periods should be later in the day to accurately reflect energy usage. If approved, we expect these changes to be implemented by summer 2025.

Pricing plans to fit your needs

Many factors play a part in determining your electricity needs. Our various pricing plans are designed so you can find the right fit for your household or business. We're continuing to provide options that cater to different customer needs, energy use habits and preferences. The majority of our customers will continue to have the option of being on Time of Use rates or more traditional rate plans. Our new rate options for large commercial fleets of electric vehicles will help advance Colorado's clean transportation and electrification goals while enhancing customer choice and helping keep bills low.

Delivering reliable, affordable service

We understand many customers are concerned with the affordability and reliability of the services we provide. Even as we continue to make improvements, modernize our infrastructure, bring more clean energy online and support our communities, we have managed to keep rates competitive. Over the past decade, electric bills for

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our Colorado customers have been among the lowest in the country and even with these rate changes, bills will remain below the national average. A typical residential electric customer will see a bill increase of approximately \$1.75 per month (or 1.9%) starting May 1, 2024.

As part of this rate case, the Commission also approved a re-allocation of wind energy Production Tax Credits that will take effect with the Q3 electric commodity adjustment on July 1, 2024. Including the effects of this re-allocation, the net bill increase associated with this rate case for the typical residential electric customer is approximately \$1.03 per month (or 1.1%). However, there may be other bill impacts associated with the Q3 electric commodity adjustment that are unknown at this time. We will provide updates as they become available.

PHASE II ELECTRIC BILL IMPACTS				
	Current Bill	Proposed Bill	Monthly \$ Change	Monthly % Change
Residential – RE-TOU	\$92.23	\$93.98	\$1.75	1.9%
Small Commercial – C	\$125.38	\$121.66	-\$3.72	-3.0%
Secondary General – SG	\$2,504.39	\$2,502.35	-\$2.04	-0.1%
Primary General – PG	\$42,323.78	\$40,308.31	-\$2,015.48	-4.8%
Transmission General – TG	\$563,423.65	\$535,490.13	-\$27,933.52	-5.0%

Sample bill impacts based on average customer use.

We're here for you

Affordability is a key priority for our customers, which is why we work hard to control costs, keep energy bills low and provide assistance for customers in need. Xcel Energy is committed to helping customers with their bills when they need it. We will always work with our customers to provide options such as payment plans and assistance programs to get them through difficult times. Learn more by visiting **xcelenergy.com/EnergyAssistance** or calling **800-895-4999**.

