



2018-2021 Electric Regulatory Rate Review

Proposal includes investments to upgrade technology while keeping bills below the national average



Background

Xcel Energy continues to focus on initiatives that fulfill Our Energy Future priorities for Colorado including: powering technology, empowering customer options and powering the economy. This electric regulatory rate review continues on the path toward building a smarter and more efficient energy infrastructure and allowing the company to remain a low-cost energy provider.

Smart investments, sound cost management and productivity enhancements mean we deliver energy at a good value and at the lowest cost possible for our customers. Our four-year proposed plan supports initiatives that will allow us to further manage our costs, offer ways to help keep your electricity bills low, and deliver the reliable service you depend on.

About the proposal

In this regulatory rate review we are requesting a four-year plan that would fund investments to better integrate renewable energy, boost grid efficiency and reliability, offer customers more information for greater control over their energy budget, and reduce system fuel and energy costs.

We've delivered the basics for our customers for over a century, while continuously working to innovate and do things better. It's a key piece of who we are and how we do business. This dedication to delivering value and building meaningful customer and community relationships is a cornerstone of our business—and we proudly bring this to our operations in Colorado where we serve 1.4 million electricity customers.

Customer benefits

The initiatives in the proposal will:

- Create a more resilient power grid, leading to more reliable and improved customer service.
- Put technology in place to keep costs low over the long-term.
- Provide customers greater control and information to monitor and manage their energy use, enable more renewable power choices, and empower new customer options to support your changing wants and needs.

The plan will also support:

- Infrastructure Investments to maintain asset health for reliability and security of the electric grid, cable and pole replacements, and infrastructure to serve new customers.
- Clean Air-Clean Jobs Act Investments which allowed for previously approved environmental retrofits and retiring or converting to natural gas more than 1,000 megawatts of coal-fueled generation in Colorado.
- Productivity Improvements including investments in technology and tools, such as new work management systems, to enable long-term productivity and future cost efficiencies. Using technology better can help our crews serve you better while managing our future costs.

Keeping energy affordable

The total regulatory rate request is for \$244.9 million over four years. Pending approval, it would affect Colorado customer bills by approximately 2 percent annually, on average through 2021. Average monthly bills would increase \$1.73 for residential customers and \$2.68 for small-business customers, on average over the four-year term of the proposal.

Xcel Energy also works to keep costs low for customers by:

- Providing a diverse portfolio of conservation, energy efficiency and demand-side management programs for residential and business customers;
- Managing purchased power costs and adding more cost-effective renewable energy resources to our system; and
- Controlling expenses and focusing on efficiencies, productivity improvements and delivering operational excellence.

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