



Colorado Clean Air—Clean Jobs Act Rider

Delivering a sustainable energy future

With construction complete, Xcel Energy's Clean Air-Clean Jobs projects have essentially wrapped up and are producing benefits for customers across the state. The plan allowed the company to make cost-effective investments and upgrades to modernize our system, while delivering cleaner air and changing the way we produce energy.

The Colorado Clean Air-Clean Jobs Act (CACJA) rider has allowed Xcel Energy to complete projects that retire older, less efficient coal units and replace them with natural gas and renewables. We also added modern emission controls to existing power plants.

These projects were necessary to comply with a state air quality plan approved under the Act by the Colorado General Assembly, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Clean Air-Clean Jobs Act plan helps the state comply with federal requirements for visibility, ozone, mercury and other pollutants.

We recently asked the CPUC for approval to adjust this rider to recover the remaining costs of the projects, which we estimate to be \$83.3 million. If approved, the new rider would go into effect Jan. 1, 2018.

- A typical residential electric customer's bill would decrease by \$0.99 a month (or –1.46% percent) from \$68.02 to \$67.03, based on average monthly usage of 627 kilowatt-hours of electricity.
- A typical small-business customer's bill would decrease by \$1.42 a month (or –1.47 percent) from \$96.37 to \$94.95, based on average monthly usage of 995 kilowatt-hours of electricity.

The overall net effect of 2018 electric bill riders is expected to decrease average bills for Xcel Energy electric customers.

All Clean Air-Clean Jobs projects were completed on time, with emissions savings greater than expected. Both sulfur dioxide and emissions of nitrogen oxides are down 90 percent from the affected units, compared to original projections of 83 percent and 86 percent, respectively. Mercury emissions are down 90 percent, compared to original projections of 82 percent.

Additional information about the proposed 2018 CACJA rider is available at xcelenergy.com (select "Rates & Regulations").
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