

2022 NORTH DAKOTA NATURAL GAS RATE PROPOSAL

INFORMATION SHEET
NORTH DAKOTA

STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE NATURAL GAS SYSTEM AS NORTH DAKOTA GROWS



At Xcel Energy, we work every day to provide the reliable energy that our customers depend on, delivering reliable energy at an affordable price. Our natural gas rate proposal to the North Dakota Public Service Commission includes investments that allow us to provide reliable natural gas service to more customers as North Dakota grows.

Maintaining and expanding a safe, reliable, affordable natural gas system for growing communities

This proposal includes upgrades and expansions to the natural gas system that North Dakotans rely on to heat their homes and businesses and power appliances. In the 15 years since our last rate proposal, we have continually invested in the safety, resiliency and reliability of the system as North Dakota has grown, and this proposal would allow us to continue that work to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas service to even more customers. Since our last rate proposal in 2006, the number of natural gas customers we serve in North Dakota has increased by almost 40%. Between 2007 and 2020, we added over 260 miles of new natural gas lines in North Dakota to serve more than 16,000 new customers.

In the Fargo area, the number of natural gas customers we serve increased by 45% between 2010 and 2019, and we anticipate continued growth. To support this growth, we are adding a 4.5-mile-long new 12" natural gas line – the largest natural gas distribution expansion project ever in North Dakota. This project will support the area's growth and enable safe, reliable service to existing and new customers while enhancing system resiliency during cold weather.

Natural gas is the most efficient fuel for heating homes and businesses—especially in cold climates like in North Dakota. Our rate proposal also includes investments to maintain the resiliency and reliability of our natural gas service during extreme cold weather and peak natural gas use.

Keeping bills low now and in the long term

In 2019, our average residential customers' natural gas bills in North Dakota were 24% below the national average, and 18% below the North Dakota average. This is our first rate application in North Dakota in 15 years, and under this proposal, our residential customers' average monthly natural gas bill would remain among the lowest in the region. The average residential customers' bill would increase about \$5.80 per month under this proposal, and the request seeks approval of a net \$7.1 million increase in revenues.

We're here for you

We know this continues to be a challenging economic time for many customers. Customers who anticipate or are having a difficult time paying their bill should contact us at inquire@xcelenergy.com or **800-895-4999**. We can arrange a payment plan that works for you, answer questions, provide information on ways to save energy and money, and connect you with other resources to help with bills.



Learn more

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