



# 2019 Colorado Electric Regulatory Rate Review

## Key benefits will strengthen the electric grid, enhance customer service and power Colorado's growth

### Background

At Xcel Energy, we work every day to provide the safe, clean, reliable energy that our customers depend upon. We are a leader in the journey to a carbon-free energy future, moving forward with high value investments that lower operating costs and improve our customers' experience. Xcel Energy is modernizing the way we deliver energy and working to keep your bill as low as possible.

We submitted a regulatory rate review to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) that incorporates investments to expand and strengthen the electric grid, including protecting it from emerging risks, such as wildfires. The investments also begin to establish a platform for enhanced customer experiences.

### Customer benefits

This electric rate review supports improvements that deliver value to our customers and allow Xcel Energy to:

- Invest in next-generation technology that will strengthen and improve the resiliency of the electric grid while increasing capacity to meet Colorado's growing customer needs. Benefits of these investments range from faster outage restoration times to meters that provide near real-time information to help customers adjust usage and save money.
- Accelerate wildfire safety, prevention and mitigation efforts and upgrade infrastructure to reduce the risk of damage due to wildfires.
- Help communities and businesses achieve their sustainability goals through better tracking of their use of renewable energy.
- Consolidate separate bill charges into a base charge. These charges supported key investments that made Colorado a leader in clean energy, including the Rush Creek Wind Project, new transmission lines and Clean Air Clean Jobs Act investments.

### About this proposal

Over the past decade, electric bills for Colorado customers have been among the lowest in the country, averaging about 35% below the national average.

Under the company's proposal, residential customers would see electric bills increase by an average of approximately 6.5%, compared to bills today, for an average monthly increase of \$4.46. Typical small-business customers can expect their monthly electricity bills to increase 6.7% or \$6.79. The request seeks approval of a net \$158 million increase in revenues.



### Keeping energy affordable

Even after this increase, electricity prices will remain affordable, with average residential electric bills for Xcel Energy—Colorado customers remaining below 2014 levels.

We make that possible through a combination of clean energy investments, energy efficiency programs you can participate in, and modernizing the way we deliver energy to you.

### Your Xcel Energy Bill

1	<b>Usage</b> _____ _____
2	<b>Fuel</b> _____ _____
3	<b>Rate</b> _____ _____

Three main components make up your electric bill, and we work with each of them to help keep your bill low.

- 1. Usage** is how much energy you use every month
- 2. Fuel** is the cost it takes to generate the energy you use
- 3. Rates** are set by Colorado state regulators



### Learn more

Our website, [xcelenergy.com](http://xcelenergy.com), provides more regulatory rate review details and information, plus tips for managing your energy bills.

Customers who anticipate or are having a difficult time paying their bill should call us at **1.800.895.4999**. We can answer questions and provide information about energy efficiency and conservation tips, rebates, payment options and programs for those who qualify for energy assistance.