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New Gas Rates Effective for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, or TCJA

On December 22, 2017, Public Law 115-97 (known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, or TCJA) took effect, reducing the marginal federal income tax rate for corporations from a maximum 35 percent to a flat 21 percent, starting in 2018.

On December 29, 2017, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) initiated Docket No. E, G-999/CI-17-895 into the effects of the new law on the rates and services of Minnesota's rate-regulated electric and gas utilities.

On December 5, 2018 the Commission issued an Order requiring Great Plains Natural Gas (Great Plains) to reduce its rates to ratepayers a total of \$395,206 or approximately 1.7%.

The following chart shows how the rate change affects the average monthly bills for the various rate classes. However, how this rate affects your individual monthly bill will vary depending on your actual gas consumption for the month. It is also important to remember your monthly bill will vary due to changes in the cost of gas itself.

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Average Monthly Bill Cost by Customer Class

	Avg. Monthly	Avg. Monthly	Avg. Monthly
<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Usage In Dk</u>	<u>Bill (Current)</u>	<u>Bill TCJA</u>
Residential	7	\$53.78	\$52.88
Small Firm			
General Service	16	121.71	120.24
Large Firm			
General Service	73	478.88	472.16
Interruptible Sales Service			
Small Volume	419	2,204.34	2,175.93
Interruptible Sales Service			
Large Volume	4,563	19,691.65	19,565.26
Interruptible Transportation			
Small Volume	963	1,456.04	1,390.75
Interruptible Transportation			
Large Volume	13,050	8,448.88	8,087.39

**Reflects gas costs as of April 1, 2019.*

Prorated Bill: The first bill you receive may be prorated, depending on the date your meter was read. Bills are prorated to reflect rates in effect at the time service is actually rendered, rather than when your bill processed. This means that any gas used after May 1, 2019 will be billed at the new rates.

In August 2019, Great Plains will refund its customers via a one-time bill credit an amount equal to approximately 1. 7% of the amount billed to each customer for the period January 1, 2018 up to April 30, 2019.

Great Plains' rates, rules and regulations are on file at its offices and are available for inspection upon request. Contact a Great Plains' representative at the telephone number shown on your bill if you have any questions or would like to obtain additional information.