

HOW TO LEARN MORE

Great Plains' current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Great Plains Natural Gas Co.

Please call 1-877-267-4764 to schedule an appointment.

Email: customerservice@gpng.com

Web: <http://www.gpng.com/rates-services/rate-cases>

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-539-1534

Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>

Select 19 in the year field, type 511 in the number field, select *Search*, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

Questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's review process?

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Citizens with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.



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RATE INCREASE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO. MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS



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Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains) has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for approval to increase its rate for natural gas distribution service. The requested increase is for approximately 12 percent per year or \$2,860,839. If approved, this increase will add about \$7.05 to an average residential customer's monthly bill.

The MPUC may either grant or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, or may grant a lesser or greater increase than requested for any class or classes of service.

The MPUC is expected to make its decision on our rate increase request in 2020. If final rates are lower than interim rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Administrative Law Judge Ann O'Reilly is holding two public hearings on the company's proposal. Any Great Plains customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Great Plains service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney to provide comments during the public hearings.

LOCATION: Marshall, MN
Marshall-Lyon County Library
Library Community Room
201 C St., Marshall, MN 56258
DATE: Monday, February 24
TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Fergus Falls, MN
National Guard Armory
1421 E. Cecil Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
DATE: Monday, February 24
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Bad weather? Find out if a meeting is canceled – call (toll-free) 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit.mn.gov/puc

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS

Comment Period:
Comments will be accepted through March 3, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. *Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date. Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered.*
Online:
mn.gov/puc, select the Comments icon on the top menu to go to the Public Comment page where you will find a list of ways to comment. Reference Docket G-004/GR-19-511.

U.S. Mail:
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Ste. 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Important: Comments can be reviewed by the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information or any other information from comments received.

The Chart below shows the current and proposed rates for each customer class:

| Customer Class | Average Monthly Usage (in dk) | Average Monthly Bill: Current Rates | Average Monthly Bill: Interim Rates 1/ | Average Monthly Bill: Proposed Rates |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| Residential | 7 | \$46.42 | \$51.15 | \$53.50 |
| Firm General Service (meters < 500 cubic feet/hr) .. | 12 | 86.28 | 97.42 | 97.86 |
| Firm General Service (meters > 500 cubic feet/hr) .. | 83 | 468.30 | 500.67 | 523.94 |
| Interruptible Sales Service - Small..... | 354 | 1,645.01 | 1,779.77 | 1,685.82 |
| Interruptible Sales Service - Large | 4,281 | 15,785.44 | 16,238.18 | 15,835.81 |
| Interruptible Transportation - Small..... | 1,182 | 1,606.58 | 2,045.61 | 1,862.40 |
| Interruptible Transportation - Large | 7,957 | 4,661.18 | 6,239.40 | 5,380.53 |
| Interruptible Grain Drying Previously under Rate 71 | 553 | 2,490.70 | 2,673.40 | 2,754.40 |
| Interruptible Grain Drying Previously under Rate 85 | 1,932 | \$7,250.48 | \$7,498.08 | \$8,504.15 |

1/ Interim rates were effective with service provided on and after January 1, 2020. The Gas Utility Infrastructure Charge was set at \$0.00 at that same time.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on Great Plains' proposal start on March 10, 2020, at the MPUC, 121 7th Place East, St. Paul. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Great Plains, the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General – Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division and others to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.