

# Midwest Energy, Inc.

# Current Comments

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## Comment Period Opens for Electric Rate Changes

Midwest Energy is proposing new electric rates across all classes. If approved, the new rates would take effect Feb. 1, 2026, and see the average residential customer's bill increase annually an average of 5.4%, or just over \$6 per month, each year over three years.

The new rates would increase revenue annually by approximately \$4.9 million across all rate classes, making this the first increase in distribution rates for the company since 2011. Costs for high-voltage transmission, property taxes and wholesale market changes are adjusted more frequently.

"Midwest Energy has held rates steady in the face of inflation for 14 years," said Patrick Parke, Midwest Energy's CEO. "We have entered a multi-decade effort to rebuild critical infrastructure like substations and powerlines which will require significant capital, and when combined with ongoing inflationary pressures, we've reached the point where this rate case is necessary," Parke added.

**"Delivery" begins appearing on bills.** Also notable in this rate case is a proposal to rename several line items on all customer bills. What today is shown as "Customer Charge" becomes "Electric Fixed Delivery Charge." What today is "Demand Charge" becomes "Generation Demand Charge" and "Delivery Demand Charge." Also, what today appears as "Energy Charge" will be split into "Energy Charge" and "Energy Delivery Charge." These changes are due to updates to Kansas tax statutes in 2023, which allow itemized delivery charges to be removed from the taxable basis for Kansas sales tax. Itemizing delivery charges on bills saves Midwest Energy customers roughly \$2.5 million per year every year, without changing customer rates.

Preliminary numbers for the rate case and tariff revisions are being assembled and will be available for review in August at [www.mwenergy.com/residential/electric-rate-changes](http://www.mwenergy.com/residential/electric-rate-changes). Final versions of rate case numbers and tariffs will

### BILL TERMINOLOGY CHANGES

2025

2026

Customer Charge

Electric Fixed Delivery Charge

Demand Charge

Generation Demand Charge  
&  
Delivery Demand Charge

Energy Charge

Energy Charge  
&  
Energy Delivery Charge

be available no later than Oct. 1, 2025.

The Board of Directors will consider and vote on the proposed rate changes during an open meeting Monday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. at Midwest Energy's office, 1330 Canterbury Dr., in Hays. All members are welcome to attend.

Members may submit comments on the proposed changes no later than Friday, Nov. 7 by e-mail to Justin MacDonald, Vice President of Customer Service, at [jmacdonald@mwenergy.com](mailto:jmacdonald@mwenergy.com), or by phone at 1-800-222-3121.

Members are also invited to attend one of five public information meetings discussing the proposed rate changes:

**Lyons:** Oct. 28, 6:30-7:30 pm, Lyons Public Library.

**Colby:** Nov. 5, 6:30-7:30 pm, Colby Community College Student Union.

**Hays:** Nov. 6, 6:30-7:30 pm, Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center.

**Kinsley:** Nov. 11, 6:30-7:30 pm, Kinsley City Hall Meeting Room.

**Great Bend:** Nov. 13, 6:30-7:30 pm, Front Door Welcome Center.



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# Don't Forget to Check CO Detector Batteries

Many carbon monoxide detectors chirp or beep when they have low batteries or reach the end of their service life. Most units have labels on the back explaining what the sounds mean, along with an expiration date. The average CO detector lasts between five to ten years.

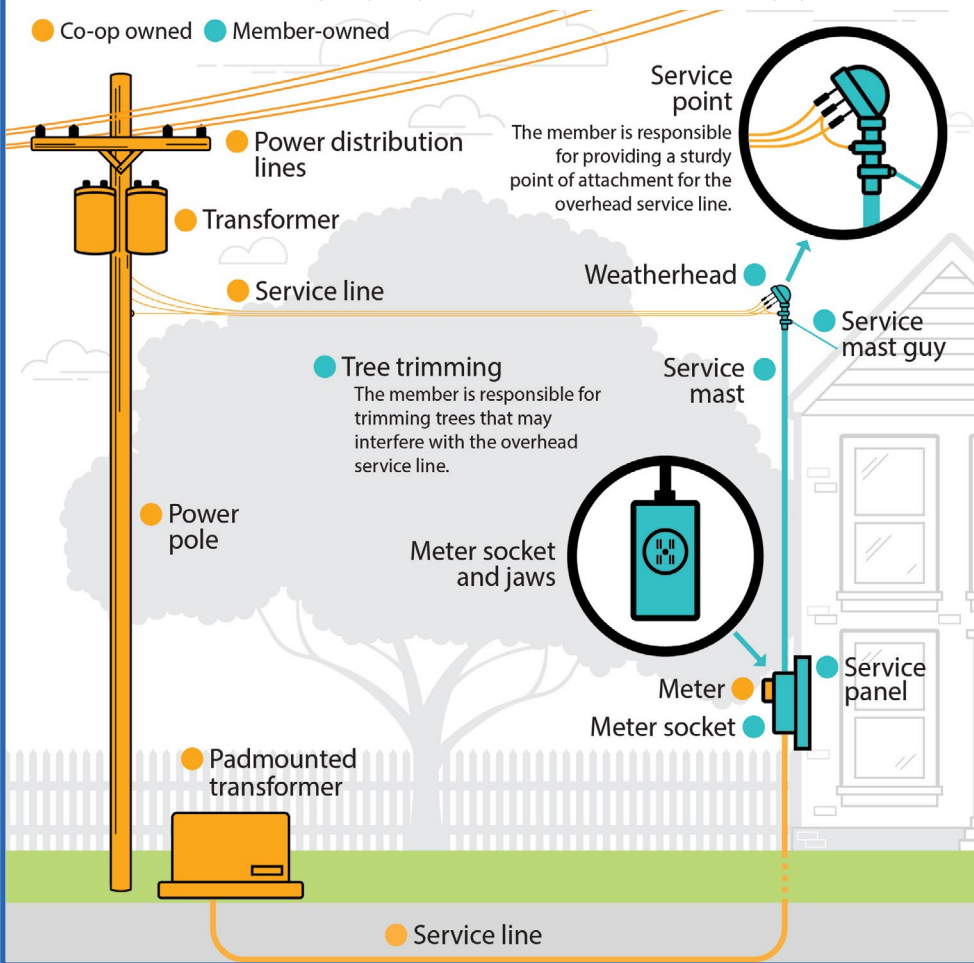
To ensure your home stays protected, check your detector regularly, replace batteries when needed, and listen to the beeps. It might be time for a replacement.

If your detector is instead alerting of CO, evacuate immediately and call Midwest Energy.

## Who Owns It? Customer and Utility-Owned Equipment

When storms bring down equipment, questions often arise about who is responsible for fixing what. This graphic depicts equipment owned by Midwest (in gold) and the member (in blue).

If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If damages occur to any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Always hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.



## MWE Wins Safety Award

Gas workers have once again been recognized for their dedication to safety. Midwest Energy recently won the American Public Gas Association (APGA) Safety Contest for a fifth consecutive year.

The APGA award is given to municipal or co-op gas companies with the lowest incidents of injuries in the provided work hours. Midwest earned this award in 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Midwest was the only Kansas utility given this award and one of only 40 winners nationwide. This award is the result of the combined efforts and daily dedication of many employees. Congratulations!

**OCTOBER 20 10 A.M.**

## MIDWEST ENERGY ANNUAL MEETING

Hilton Garden Inn,  
221 W. 43rd St., Hays, KS 67601

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Replace your cooling system's filter regularly to maintain strong airflow and boost energy efficiency. A clean filter means your system doesn't have to work as hard, saving energy and lowering your utility bills. Factors like allergies and pets in the home can impact how often filters should be replaced. Check the filter every month and replace it as needed. Changing filters regularly also reduces wear and tear on your cooling system, helping extend the life of the unit.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

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