

RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearings for Minnesota Energy Resources Consolidated System Customers

Minnesota Energy Resources has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for approval to increase rates for natural gas distribution service. The requested increase is for approximately 9.91% or \$40.3 million per year. The requested increase would add about \$8 to a typical residential customer's monthly bill.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the fall of 2023. If final rates are lower than interim (temporary) rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

Evidentiary Hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Minnesota Energy Resources' proposal will be held on May 10 and 11, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day. The evidentiary hearing will be held in the Large Hearing Room at the Public Utilities Commission, 350 Metro Square Building, 121 Seventh Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota. Individuals who cannot attend in person may attend via Microsoft Teams (Teams), a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing through Teams may request an electronic invitation by contacting Judge Case's legal assistant at michelle.severson@state.mn.us.

If you wish to formally intervene in this case, as a party to the litigation, you must serve and file a Petition to Intervene, pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.6200.

Public Hearings

Administrative Law Judge Barbara J. Case will hold two in-person public hearings and two virtual public hearings so that customers have an opportunity to comment on the company's request. Any Minnesota Energy Resources customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings.

You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Minnesota Energy Resources' service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone present has had an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, May 15, 2023	1:00 p.m.	Virtual WebEx
Monday, May 15, 2023	6:00 p.m.	The Steeple Center, Meeting Room 100, 14375 South Robert Trail, Rosemount, MN
Thursday, May 18, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Northrop Community Education Center, Room 308, 201 8th St., Rochester, MN
Tuesday, May 23, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Virtual WebEx

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

Virtual Public Hearings

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held via video conference.

Monday, May 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Attend by Internet Connection (Audio and Video)

To join the virtual hearing using a computer, tablet or smart phone, where you will have audio and video capability, go to: <https://minnesota.webex.com>. In the gray box where it says, "Enter Meeting Information," type the Event Number below for the public hearing date you are attending:

Monday, May 15, 2023 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, May 23, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Event Number: 2482 234 5617 Event Password: MERC23!	Event Number: 2494 927 0907 Event Password: MERC23!

Directions for Appearing via WebEx.

- Log on 5 to 15 minutes before the hearing begins. You will be asked to join the hearing through a Webex application or through a plug-in for your web browser.
- Enter the Event Number shown in the box above.
- Next you will be asked to enter your name, your email address, and an event password (if required). After entering this information, click "Join Now" and you will be granted access to the virtual hearing.
- When you enter the hearing, your microphone will be muted. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator, who will place you in the queue to comment. When it is your turn to comment, your name will be called and your line will be unmuted. You will then be able to ask questions or make a comment.

To Attend by Telephone (Audio Only)

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone, or if you would prefer to attend the hearing via audio only, you may join using any type of telephone. You do not need internet access to call into the hearing; however, you will only be able to hear (not see) the speakers. You will still be able to comment and ask questions.

Use the information in the box below to dial into the hearing. You will be asked to enter the access code for the hearing, as set forth below:

Monday, May 15, 2023 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, May 23, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Event Phone Number: 1-855-282-6330 Event Password: MERC23! (6372230 from phones)	Event Phone Number: 1-855-282-6330 Event Password: MERC23! (6372230 from phones)

If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the hearing, **press *3** on your telephone. You will then be placed into the queue to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the last few digits of your telephone number will be announced by the moderator and your line will be unmuted, allowing you to be heard.

Public Hearing and Process Information

Administrative Law Judge Barbara J. Case will preside over the public hearings and will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations after the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing.

The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed rate increase. At the public hearings, customers and members of the public have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the utility and agency staff; and (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed rate increase. Members of the public may participate without needing to intervene as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required.

Please note that the public hearings will end when all attendees present have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded. You are encouraged to join the meeting at the scheduled start time to be placed on the queue to comment. Commenters will be called in the order they enter the queue. Therefore, it is advantageous to arrive at the beginning of the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted during the comment period before and after the public hearings. Follow the instructions below to provide written comment.

Please contact **Jason Bonnett** at **651-201-2235** or jason.bonnett@state.mn.us if have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is asking customers to comment on Minnesota Energy Resource's request for a rate increase. Send comments to or contact the MPUC's Consumer Affairs Office for assistance with submitting comments:

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

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Online: <https://mn.gov/puc/consumers/public-comments/> See section "How to Submit a Comment" to find a list of ways to comment.

U.S. Mail: 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

Be sure to reference **MPUC Docket No. 22-504**

Important: Public comments may be read by anyone who reviews the case record. Except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from submissions.

Proposed Rate Increases

The table below shows the current and proposed customer charge and distribution charge for each customer class.

MERC Customer Class	Present Monthly Customer Charge	Proposed Monthly Customer Charge	Present Distribution Charge *	Proposed Distribution Charge **
CONSOLIDATED SALES				
GS-CONSOLIDATED Residential Sales	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$0.24686	\$0.38878
GS-CONSOLIDATED C&I FIRM Class 1	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$0.22251	\$0.34491
GS-CONSOLIDATED C&I FIRM Class 2	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.16857	\$0.25209
GS-CONSOLIDATED C&I FIRM Class 3	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$0.12453	\$0.16486
CONSOLIDATED C&I INT Class 2	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.10453	\$0.14947
CONSOLIDATED C&I INT Class 3	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$0.09453	\$0.11902
CONSOLIDATED C&I INT Class 4	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$0.04823	\$0.05577
CONSOLIDATED Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 1	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.12953	\$0.19554
CONSOLIDATED Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 2	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.08150	\$0.11858
CONSOLIDATED Electric Generation - Class 1	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.09953	\$0.14146
CONSOLIDATED C&I Firm/Interruptible Class 2	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.10453	\$0.14947
CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORT				
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I FIRM Class 2	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.16857	\$0.25209
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I FIRM Class 2 - CIP Exempt	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.13904	\$0.22280
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I FIRM Class 3	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$0.12453	\$0.16486
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I FIRM Class 4	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$0.05016	\$0.05748
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I FIRM Class 5 - CIP Exempt	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00533	\$0.00810
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I INT Class 2	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.10453	\$0.14947
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I INT Class 3	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$0.09453	\$0.11902
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I INT Class 4	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$0.04823	\$0.05577
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I INT Class 5	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.03401	\$0.03497
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I Firm/Interruptible Class 3	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$0.09453	\$0.11902
Transport-CONSOLIDATED C&I Firm/Interruptible Class 5 - CIP Exempt	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00448	\$0.00568

* The present rates identified in this application represent the rates authorized in Minnesota Energy Resources' last rate case in Docket No. G011/GR-17-563.

** The table above reflects proposed increases for final rates to the **monthly customer charge** and the **per therm distribution charge**. For Firm/Interruptible customers, the distribution charge reflects the proposed interruptible distribution rate.

How to learn more

Minnesota Energy Resources' current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Minnesota Energy Resources

2685 145th St. W
Rosemount, MN 55068
Phone: 800-889-9508
Web: www.minnesotaenergyresources.com/company/rate_case.aspx

You may also contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce at:

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7th Place E., Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-539-1534
Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>. Select 22 in the year field, enter 504 in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

If you need information or have questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's review process:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place E., 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.



Public Notice

(First Date of Pub.: Wed., April 26, 2023) (Dates of Pub.: Wed., April 26, 2023)

- I. Meeting called to order by School Board Chair Rod Benson... II. Motion by Surprenant, second by Ludeman... III. Motion by Bauer, second by Fultz... IV. Motion by Ludeman, second by Swanson... V. Visitor Reports/Comments: None... VI. Administrative Reports: Community Education, Bill Tauer... VII. 2 O G % X V L Q H V V 1 R Q H... VIII. New Business: A. Recognize Enrolment: Total K-12 is 645. B. Motion by Surprenant, second by Fultz... C. Motion by Swanson, second by Bauer... D. Motion by Ludeman, second by Bauer... E. Motion by Bauer, second by Surprenant... F. Member Swanson introduced the following resolution...

- the following voted in favor thereof: Bauer, Fultz, Surprenant, Swanson, Ludeman & Benson. and the following voted against the same: None. Absent: Verlinde Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. G. Motion by Ludeman, second by Bauer... H. Motion by Surprenant, second by Swanson... I. Motion by Fultz, second by Swanson... J. Motion by Bauer, second by Surprenant... K. Motion by Ludeman, second by Fultz... L. Motion by Surprenant, second by Swanson... M. Motion by Surprenant, second by Bauer... N. Discussion/No Action: First Reading of the Memorandum of Understanding for 2023-2024 School year... IX. 2 W K H U % X V L Q H V V... X. Adjourn... A. Motion by Swanson, second by Bauer...

(First date of Pub.: Wed., April 26, 2023) (Dates of Pub.: Wed., April 26, 2023) / < 2 1 & 2 8 1 7 < % 2 \$ 5 ' & 2 0 0 , 6 6 , 2 1 (5 6 Tuesday, April 4, 2023 A Summary of the Proceedings of the Lyon County Board 9:00 a.m. pursuant to notice the Lyon County Commissioners met with the following members present: Commissioners Graupmann, Anderson, Crowley, Draper and Andries. Also present: Administrator Stomberg and County Attorney Wikelius. MSP to approve the agenda with the removal of DNR update and addition of engagement letter with Rinke Noonan. MSP to approve the consent agenda. MSP to approve the lawful gambling permit for Soul Acres. MSP to approve the engagement letter with Rinke Noonan and allow Board Chair to sign letter. MSP to approve participation in the annual Boat and Water Safety Grant. \$1,212 has been awarded for 2023. MSP to approve the CUP for Action Rocks, LLC to construct a gravel pit with the conditions discussed. MSP to approve the 2022 Feedlot Annual Report. MSP to approve the low quote from D&G Excavating to stockpile 15,000 cubic yards of clay in the amount of \$2.50/cubic yard. MSP to approve the purchase of 6 buildings for the Garvin Park Legacy Funded infrastructure Improvement project in the amount of \$340,635. MSP to approve the commercial industrial tax abatement policy as amended. MSP to approve the new construction for single and multifamily homes tax abatement policy as amended. MSP to approve the updated Lyon County Property Tax S R O L F \ Z L W K W K H Q H Z hardship as presented. MSP to approve the Voluntary Demotion Policy to be added to the personnel policies effective 4/4/23. MSP to approve the update to W K H 2 I I H U V R I (P S O R N F as presented effective 4/4/23. MSP to approve the hire of Jon Maeyaert as Seasonal Parks Building & Grounds Worker with a starting hourly rate of \$18.45 and start date to be determined. MSP to approve the hire of Lena Her as HR Specialist with a starting hourly rate of \$24.29 and start date of April 20. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. A copy of these proceedings are available in the County \$ G P L Q L V W U D W R U 2 I A F County and also available at www.lyonco.org.

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Wanted

6th Grade Language Arts Teacher - Tracy Elementary Tracy Area Elementary School is accepting applications for a 6th grade Language Arts Elementary Teaching Position. The teacher will have a 1 to 1 classroom with laptops. Tracy Elementary is a K-6 building that has a total enrollment of around 320 students. Please send a letter of interest, resume, school application form, college transcripts, (3) letters of recommendation, and a copy of your teaching license or the ability to obtain one by start date. Apply to: Michael Munson, Tracy Area Elementary Principal, 700 S. 4th St., Tracy, MN, 56175 or email it to me at munsonm@tracy.k12.mn.us. Any questions call 507-629-5518. To print off a copy of the application form, please go to the www.tracy.k12.mn.us and

select "District #2904", then select "Employment" and the certified application form is located in the center of the page. Application deadline: April 28th R U X Q W L O A O O H G (2 completed application. Position R S H Q X Q W L O A O O H H Elementary Teacher - Tracy Elementary Tracy Area Elementary School is accepting applications for an Elementary Teaching Position. The teacher will have a 1 to 1 classroom with laptops. Tracy Elementary is a K-6 building that has a total enrollment of around 320 students. Please send a letter of interest, resume, school application form, college transcripts, (3) letters of recommendation, and a copy of your teaching license or the ability to obtain one by start date. Apply to: Michael Munson, Tracy Area Elementary Principal, 700 S. 4th St., Tracy, MN, 56175 or email it to me at munsonm@tracy.k12.mn.us. Any questions call 507-629-5518. To print off a copy of the application form, please go to the www.tracy.k12.mn.us and select "District #2904", then select "Employment" and the certified application form is located in the center of the page. Application deadline: April 28th R U X Q W L O A O O H G (2 Help Wanted: BAKERY PERSON 8 am - 4 pm Monday-Friday and rotating Saturdays. Apply in person to Bruce at Food Pride 1105 Morgan St. Tracy. 18x

WANTED: Tracy Area Elementary School is seeking a PARAPROFESSIONAL starting next school year. Please send a cover letter, resume and a completed application. Position R S H Q X Q W L O A O O H H Elementary Teacher - Tracy Elementary Tracy Area Elementary School is accepting applications for an Elementary Teaching Position. The teacher will have a 1 to 1 classroom with laptops. Tracy Elementary is a K-6 building that has a total enrollment of around 320 students. Please send a letter of interest, resume, school application form, college transcripts, (3) letters of recommendation, and a copy of your teaching license or the ability to obtain one by start date. Apply to: Michael Munson, Tracy Area Elementary Principal, 700 S. 4th St., Tracy, MN, 56175 or email it to me at munsonm@tracy.k12.mn.us. Any questions call 507-629-5518. To print off a copy of the application form, please go to the www.tracy.k12.mn.us and select "District #2904", then select "Employment" and the R Q R F H U W L A H G D S S R U X Q W L O A O O H G (2 located in the center of the page. Application deadline: May 5 or X Q W L O A O O H G (2 (

For Rent

TAKING APPLICATIONS for 1 BR apartments. Stove, fridge, and most utilities included. Rent is based upon income. Call Twin Circle Apt. 507-629-3160. (T X D O + R X V L Q J 2 S S R U W X Q L W M 1 DOWNTOWN RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE for rent. 1,000 square feet available Feb. 1. Call Jay 507-626-0841. 5tfx SPACIOUS, ONE-BEDROOM upstairs apartment in Downtown Tracy. Nice. \$525 rent includes heat, garbage & water. Available May 1 Call Seth at 507-829-8104. 17x

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MCAN Minnesota Classified Advertising Network

Large advertisement for MCAN with a grid of numbers and contact information.

Two grids of numbers, likely for a word search or puzzle.

A crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in.