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MONTANA AT A GLANCE

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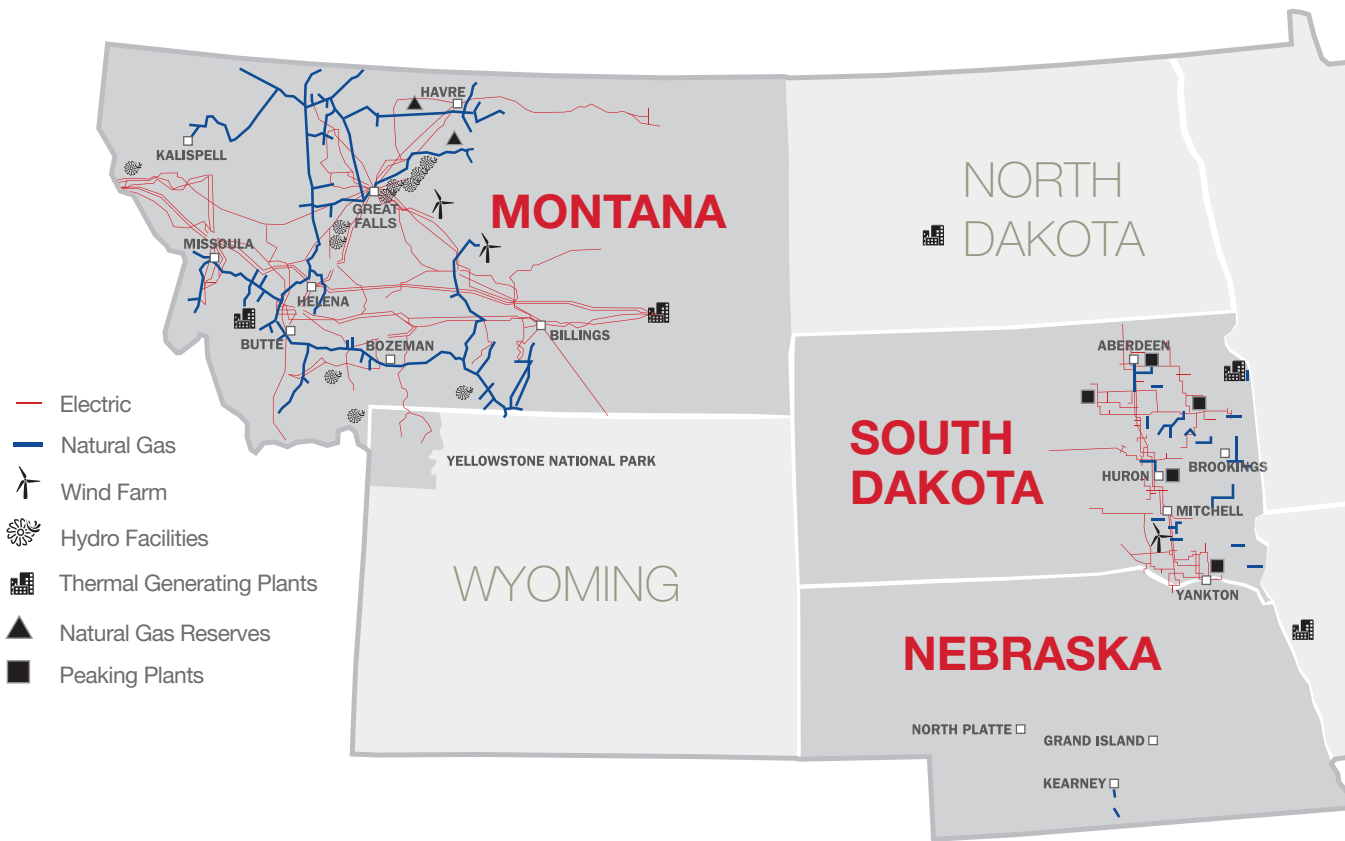


INTRODUCTION

NorthWestern Energy is a major, regional provider of electricity, natural gas and related services to approximately 787,000 customers in Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. Our electric system has about 29,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines and associated facilities serving 341 communities and surrounding rural areas in Montana and eastern South Dakota. Our natural gas system includes approximately 10,000 miles of transmission and distribution pipelines and storage facilities serving 202 communities and surrounding rural areas in Montana, South Dakota and central Nebraska. NorthWestern Energy has approximately 1,585 full-time employees.

The Montana energy operations, which are based in Butte, provide regulated electric and natural gas transmission and distribution services to approximately 413,400 electric customers and 214,500 natural gas (and propane in limited areas) customers in the western two-thirds of Montana and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

OUR SERVICE TERRITORY



Listed below is a summary of NorthWestern’s programs and services.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Retail electric and natural gas distribution, transmission and supply service.
- Wholesale electric and natural gas transmission services.
- Rebates and incentives, education, home energy assessments, energy assistance, along with training and renewable energy resources.
- Area lighting services.
- Business retention, business expansion and creation through Economic Development resources.



SYSTEM FACTS

| MONTANA OPERATIONS ¹ | | | |
|---|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Montana Electric and Gas Operations Area | 107,600 square miles (73% of Montana’s land area) | | |
| Number of Employees | 1,277 NorthWestern Energy Employees in Montana | | |
| Number of Customers | Total | | |
| Electric | 413,400 | | |
| Natural Gas | 214,500 | | |
| Major Montana Cities Served: | Cities | Electric Service | Natural Gas Service |
| NorthWestern Energy serves electricity to 224 communities in Montana, provides electricity to Yellowstone Park, and maintains a presence in numerous small towns. NorthWestern Energy serves natural gas to 117 communities. Please consult NorthWestern Energy to determine if we serve your location. | Billings | YES | NO ³ |
| | Bozeman | YES | YES |
| | Butte | YES | YES |
| | Great Falls | YES | NO ³ |
| | Havre | YES | YES |
| | Helena | YES | YES |
| | Kalispell | NO | YES |
| | Lewistown | YES | YES |
| | Missoula | YES | YES |
| Electric and Natural Gas Retail Rates: Pricing for electric and natural gas retail services are established by tariffs filed with and approved by the Montana Public Service Commission. Because Montana has deregulated natural gas and electric services, customer rates are “unbundled” and electric or natural gas supply is shown separately from delivery and transmission charges. The supply portion of the bill for both natural gas and electric is subject to monthly tracker fuel cost adjustments. NorthWestern Energy’s tariff rates for both electric and natural gas and a tool to compare NorthWestern Energy rates with those of other US utilities is available at www.northwesternenergy.com . | | | |
| 1 Customer Counts are are rounded average numbers as of December 31, 2024. | | | |
| 2 Electric “other” customer category includes electric lighting, irrigation, interdepartmental and Yellowstone Park customers. Natural gas ‘other’ includes governmental and interdepartmental customers and propane customers. | | | |
| 3 In Billings and Great Falls, there is some limited natural gas service in surrounding communities; check for availability. | | | |

SYSTEM FACTS

| ELECTRIC OPERATIONS ⁴ | |
|---|--|
| Service Area Size | 97,540 square miles (two-thirds of Montana) |
| Peak & Average Load | The total control area peak demand was approximately 2,079 MWs on January 13, 2024. Our control area average demand for 2024 was approximately 1,372 MWs per hour, with total energy delivered of approximately 11.53 million MWhs, for year ended December 31, 2024. |
| Generation & Supply | Our annual retail electric supply load requirement averages approximately 759 MWs per day, with a peak load of approximately 1,300 MWs, and are supplied by owned and contracted resources and market purchases with multiple counterparties. |
| | OWNED RESOURCES: Owned generation resources supplied approximately 65 percent of our retail load requirements for 2024. We expect that approximately 81 percent of our retail obligations will be met by owned generation resources in 2025, reflecting the full year addition of YCGS which was placed into service in October 2024. |
| | PURCHASED RESOURCES: We have contracts with qualifying facilities totaling 556 MWs of nameplate capacity, including 94 MWs from waste petroleum coke and waste coal, 268 MWs from wind, 17 MWs from hydro, and 177 MWs from solar projects. We have several other long-term power purchase agreements including contracts for 135 MWs nameplate capacity from wind generation, 310 MWs from unspecified resources, 52 MWs of natural gas generation, and 13 MWs of hydro supply. |
| Electric Distribution and Transmission | 18,794 miles distribution and 6,596 miles transmission (transmission voltage from 50,000 to 500,000 volts). |
| Transmission Interconnections and Wholesale Reservations | Transmission system has connections to five major transmission systems located in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) area, as well as one interconnection to a system that connects with the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) region. Transmission reservations over the Montana system occur on NorthWestern Energy’s Open Access Same-Time Information System online at www.oatioasis.com/NWMT . Transmission services are provided under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff, available online at http://www.northwesternenergy.com . In June 2021, we entered the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM), administered by the California Independent System Operator (California ISO). |
| NATURAL GAS OPERATIONS ⁴ | |
| Service Area Size | 70,500 square miles (one-half of Montana) |
| Load Volumes | For year-end 2024, transported natural gas volumes of approximately 50 Bcf. Retail natural gas supply requires were approximately 22.4 Bcf. |
| Natural Gas Distribution, Transmission & Storage | 5,221 miles underground distribution pipeline, 2,133 miles transmission pipelines, 135 city gate stations. |
| Natural Gas Production & Reserves | Since 2010, we have acquired gas production and gathering system assets as a part of an overall strategy to provide rate stability and customer value: as we own these assets, which are regulated, our customers are protected from potential price spikes in the market. As of December 31, 2024, these owned reserves totaled approximately 28.2 Bcf and are estimated to provide approximately 2.6 Bcf in 2025, or approximately 11 percent of our expected annual retail natural gas load in Montana. In addition, we own and operate three working natural gas storage fields in Montana with aggregate working gas capacity of approximately 17.85 Bcf and maximum aggregate daily deliverability of approximately 194,000 dekatherms. |
| System Interconnections | We have connections in Montana with four major, unaffiliated transmission systems: Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline, NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd., Colorado Interstate Gas, and Spur Energy. Twelve compressor sites provide more than 48,600 horsepower on the transmission line and an additional 15,900 horsepower at our storage fields, capable of moving more than 400,000 dekatherms per day. In addition, we own and operate two transmission pipelines through our subsidiaries, Canadian- Montana Pipe Line Corporation and Havre Pipeline Company, LLC. |
| On-System Transportation | End-use customers with annual consumption of 5,000 dekatherms or greater can contract for on-system transportation services. On-system services include firm and interruptible transmission and distribution transportation and firm storage service. Regulated by the Montana Public Service Commission. |
| Off-System Transportation | Available to shippers to transport gas across the system for delivery to the interconnection pipelines. Services include off-peak transmission, interruptible transmission and interruptible storage. Regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. |
| Propane Centralized System | Centralized propane systems serve approximately 600 customers in Townsend, Montana. |
| 4 Electric and natural gas operations information are from NorthWestern Energy’s 2024 Annual Report and 10-K. | |



RATES

The rates for NorthWestern Energy’s electric and natural gas retail services are established by tariffs filed with and approved by the Montana Public Service Commission. The tariffs establish a range of service classifications for both electric and natural gas customers based on customer size and other circumstances. For customers allowed to purchase electric supply in competitive markets, rates for transmission services are provided under a tariff filed with and approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Because Montana has deregulated natural gas and electric services, customer rates are “unbundled” and electric or natural gas supply components are separate from delivery charges. Rates for both electric and natural gas are available online at NorthWesternEnergy.com.

SUPPLY CHOICE

Montana initially passed laws enabling electric and gas supply choice in 1997 allowing consumers to purchase electric or natural gas supply from competitive markets. In 2007, Montana passed new laws curtailing the ability for consumers under 5 MW peak demand to purchase electricity from alternative suppliers. This law requires consumers under 5 MW peak demand to permanently remain with the utility for their electric supply, but consumers under the 5 MW threshold who already received electricity from alternate suppliers were allowed by law to continue to receive supply from a third party. New consumers greater than 5 MW should contact the NorthWestern Energy Economic Development contacts listed in this document for guidance on electric supply options and impacts of the 2007 laws. NorthWestern Energy transportation and delivery costs remain regulated by the Montana Public Service Commission, and transmission charges for choice supply customers are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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RELIABILITY

NorthWestern Energy relies on a diverse electric supply portfolio to provide a reliable, affordable, clean, made in Montana electric supply. Adequate generation capacity with a balanced mix of resources is a key component of reliability.

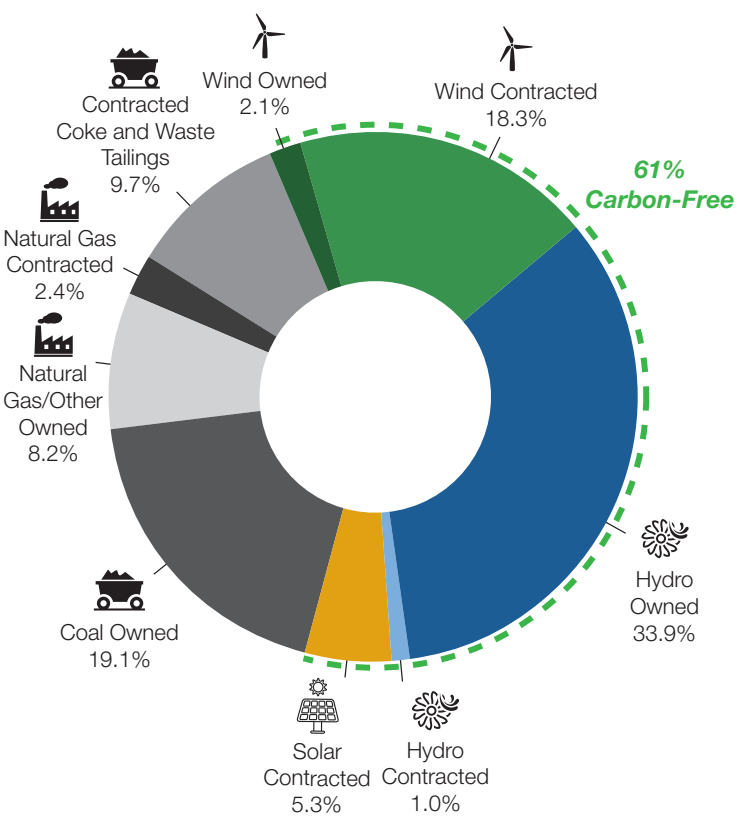
In 2024, more than 60% of the energy produced by NorthWestern Energy for Montana comes from renewable and carbon-free sources, including hydro, wind and solar, compared to 40% for the total US electric power industry. In 2022, NorthWestern Energy announced a companywide goal of being Net Zero carbon emissions no later than 2050. Using Scope 1 and 2 measurements, this plan includes electrification of fleet vehicles, automated metering infrastructure, grid and gas infrastructure improvements including natural gas pipeline modernization. In addition, NorthWestern is pledging to only acquire non-carbon emitting generation resources beyond 2035.

To address our capacity needs in Montana, we constructed the 175-megawatt Yellowstone County Generating Station, which generates energy on-demand and provides cost-effective, reliable and environmentally responsible energy. This new resource, which began serving customers in October 2024, will be able to respond quickly to fluctuations in customer demand, help support the variability of wind and solar generation, and run the full output of the plant on those peak winter and summer days.

In early 2023, we announced our acquisition of Avista Corporation’s 15% ownership (222 megawatts) in Colstrip for no upfront cost, effective end-of-day December 31, 2025. These additional resources are critical for providing reliable, affordable service and improving a capacity deficit to a slight surplus through the remainder of the decade.

For the last decade, NorthWestern Energy has prioritized grid resiliency. By enhancing and hardening our system, we are prepared for the increasing threats of weather, wildfire and cybersecurity events. The investments improve service reliability for our customers now, while supporting the growth of our communities and businesses and helping meet expanding energy needs. We have nearly \$9 billion in property, plant and equipment in place today serving our customers’ energy needs. Despite the challenges posed by our rural service territory, our reliability consistently outperforms that of our industry peers. NorthWestern Energy continues to strengthen its infrastructure investments with a focus on future capacity needs and economic development. In 2024, we announced our plans to join regional efforts to expand and upgrade critical transmission infrastructure, enhancing grid reliability and supporting the integration of renewable energy. Additionally, we entered into agreements with two large-load data center developers in Montana, laying the foundation for new load growth. These strategic investments underscore our commitment to grid resiliency, system capacity, and supporting economic development within the communities we serve. In 2024, our customers, on average, were served with uninterrupted power 99.982% of the time.

MONTANA
2024 ELECTRIC GENERATION PORTFOLIO
BASED ON MWH OF OWNED AND LONG-TERM CONTRACTED RESOURCES



RATES

| NorthWestern Energy's January 1, 2025 Electric Costs by Size & Customer Type¹ | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | Residential | Commercial | | | Industrial |
| | | | GS1 Secondary Non Demand | GS1 Secondary Demand | GS1 Primary Demand | GS2 Substation Demand |
| Monthly kWh | | 750 | 1,500 | 14,000 | 180,000 | 650,000 |
| Peak Monthly kW Demand | | N/A | N/A | 40 | 500 | 1,000 |
| TOTAL ELECTRIC COSTS (supply, distribution, transmission & other charges) | | | | | | |
| Monthly Cost | | \$98.33 | \$207 | \$1,623 | \$17,651 | \$51,841 |
| Average Cost per kWh for Supply and Delivery | | \$0.1311 | \$0.1380 | \$0.1159 | \$0.0981 | \$0.0798 |
| NORTHWESTERN SUPPLY RELATED COSTS² | | | | | | |
| Supply Portion of Monthly Bill | | \$94 | \$202 | \$1,082 | \$13,749 | \$44,698 |
| Supply Cost as % of Total | | 96% | 97% | 67% | 78% | 86% |
| Supply Cost per kWh | | \$0.1255 | \$0.1344 | \$0.0773 | \$0.0764 | \$0.0688 |
| 1 Actual Monthly Rates effective June 2023. 2 Supply Costs are subject to periodic adjustments and include supply, deferred supply and supply taxes. | | | | | | |
| REGIONAL UTILITIES MONTHLY 'BUNDLED' ELECTRIC BILLS AS OF January 1, 2025¹ | | | | | | |
| STATE | UTILITY COMPANY | Residential | Commercial | | | Industrial |
| | | 750 kWh | 1,500 kWh | 14,000 kWh & 40 kW | 180,000 kWh & 500 kW | 650,000 kWh & 1,000 kW |
| ARIZONA | Arizona Public Service Company | \$136.24 | \$402.57 | \$2,500.24 | \$31,383.82 | \$56,557.89 |
| | Tucson Electric Power Company | \$129.55 | \$269.81 | \$2,402.72 | \$23,603.28 | \$60,587.24 |
| | Unisource Electric Company | \$135.05 | \$262.70 | \$2,389.53 | \$27,816.55 | \$86,069.20 |
| CALIFORNIA | Pacific Gas & Electric Company | \$347.04 | \$607.86 | \$4,767.49 | \$46,887.20 | \$122,593.62 |
| | PacifiCorp | \$179.95 | \$395.77 | \$2,981.93 | \$31,373.83 | \$98,543.08 |
| | San Diego Gas & Electric Company | \$346.36 | \$501.11 | \$5,008.99 | \$59,925.46 | \$165,670.19 |
| | Southern California Edison | \$271.97 | \$305.24 | \$3,451.33 | \$37,013.35 | \$100,221.82 |
| COLORADO | Black Hills/Colorado Electric | \$135.84 | \$235.69 | \$2,050.68 | \$22,865.33 | \$60,823.31 |
| | Public Service Company of Colorado | \$110.78 | \$172.81 | \$1,587.94 | \$18,994.26 | \$46,161.31 |
| IDAHO | Idaho Power Company | \$90.17 | \$158.54 | \$1,189.50 | \$14,875.86 | \$44,973.65 |
| | PacifiCorp | \$90.25 | \$168.16 | \$1,411.57 | \$17,507.29 | \$52,179.57 |
| MONTANA | Montana-Dakota Utilities Company | \$88.16 | \$138.00 | \$1,566.00 | \$18,769.00 | \$55,971.00 |
| | NorthWestern Energy | \$98.33 | \$207.00 | \$1,623.00 | \$17,651.00 | \$51,841.00 |
| NEVADA | Nevada Power Company - NV Energy | \$107.47 | \$135.38 | \$1,321.34 | \$13,469.20 | \$44,379.50 |
| | Sierra Pacific Power Company - NV Energy | \$107.68 | \$177.32 | \$1,503.92 | \$15,903.05 | \$52,312.50 |
| NEW MEXICO | Public Service Company of New Mexico | \$106.59 | \$217.32 | \$1,805.40 | \$19,964.79 | \$51,312.00 |
| | Southwestern Public Service | \$94.79 | \$151.85 | \$1,206.32 | \$14,665.01 | \$31,786.12 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | Montana-Dakota Utilities Company | \$91.94 | \$155.88 | \$1,335.00 | \$16,307.00 | \$49,759.00 |
| | Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) | \$85.49 | \$159.18 | \$1,419.72 | \$17,786.50 | \$51,065.60 |
| | Otter Tail Power Company | \$87.24 | \$202.87 | \$1,292.14 | \$16,010.91 | \$42,754.56 |
| OREGON | Idaho Power Company | \$90.40 | \$190.70 | \$1,315.06 | \$16,577.56 | \$50,044.08 |
| | PacifiCorp | \$128.04 | \$258.23 | \$1,773.65 | \$21,732.95 | \$65,078.18 |
| | Portland General Electric Company | \$157.56 | \$300.04 | \$2,027.40 | \$21,491.70 | \$60,541.70 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy | \$109.17 | \$194.99 | \$1,830.72 | \$19,845.20 | \$60,352.50 |
| | MidAmerican Energy | \$79.84 | \$184.18 | \$1,109.00 | \$13,381.15 | \$36,532.00 |
| | Montana-Dakota Utilities Company | \$104.49 | \$179.00 | \$1,442.00 | \$16,033.00 | \$49,457.00 |
| | NorthWestern Energy | \$113.12 | \$235.29 | \$1,798.00 | \$18,320.00 | \$45,596.00 |
| | Otter Tail Power Company | \$81.72 | \$199.16 | \$1,020.09 | \$12,605.12 | \$37,132.94 |
| UTAH | PacifiCorp | \$95.25 | \$206.22 | \$1,471.04 | \$17,939.57 | \$51,704.03 |
| WASHINGTON | Avista Corp. | \$96.14 | \$248.40 | \$1,944.43 | \$22,496.60 | \$70,073.50 |
| | PacifiCorp | \$87.13 | \$198.53 | \$1,524.28 | \$18,583.92 | \$57,436.77 |
| | Puget Sound Energy | \$104.29 | \$185.74 | \$1,648.49 | \$12,977.64 | \$60,458.88 |
| WYOMING | Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy | \$96.63 | \$173.34 | \$1,605.07 | \$19,616.50 | \$58,139.00 |
| | Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power d/b/a Black Hills Energy | \$123.38 | \$235.69 | \$2,066.84 | \$21,988.20 | \$61,066.00 |
| | Montana-Dakota Utilities Company | \$83.75 | \$113.83 | \$1,193.66 | \$13,524.60 | \$39,241.50 |
| | PacifiCorp | \$105.14 | \$185.41 | \$1,582.99 | \$19,498.18 | \$52,169.24 |
| NorthWestern Energy Ranking for Utilities Shown | | 16 of 35 | 21 of 35 | 19 of 35 | 14 of 35 | 16 of 35 |
| UNITED STATES AVERAGE MONTHLY BILL FOR JANUARY 2025 | | \$124.91 | \$230.94 | \$1,893.54 | \$21,371.79 | \$60,571.82 |
| * Source: Edison Electric Institute Typical Bills and Average Rates Report (Winter) (January 2025) Monthly "bundled" costs for supply & delivery as of January 1, 2025. | | | | | | |

RATES

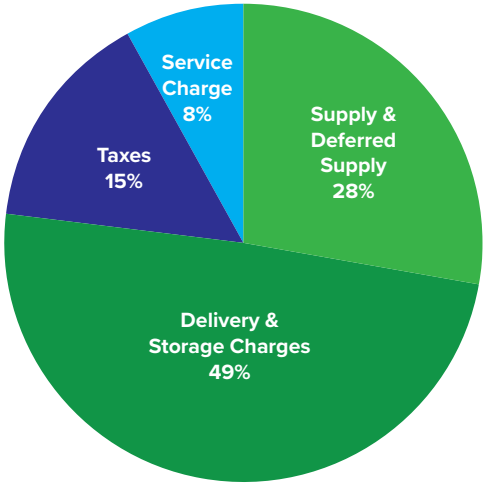
NATURAL GAS RATES

Customers are billed for supply, transmission, distribution, storage, Universal Systems Benefits, competitive transmission charges, a distribution charge, and delivery/supply taxes. NorthWestern Energy natural gas rates are adjusted annually, but the supply portion of the bill is subject to monthly fuel cost adjustments. Current natural gas tariffs and natural gas service rules are available online at NorthWesternEnergy.com

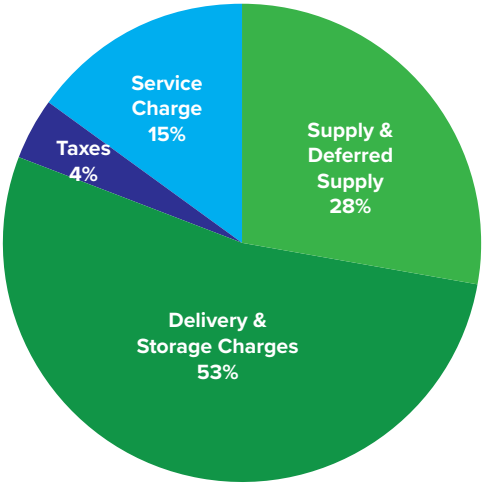
The charts below show the major pieces of an unbundled gas bill for a NorthWestern Energy small commercial natural gas customer using 200 therms a month and a residential customer using 100 therms a month.

Note: Usage varies between winter and summer months, depending upon the heating and water heating needs.

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER
JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY NATURAL GAS
BILL COMPONENTS
USING 100 THERMS PER MONTH



COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER
JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY NATURAL GAS
BILL COMPONENTS
USING 200 THERMS PER MONTH



| January 2025 Average Price of Natural Gas per Therm Sold by Utilities¹ | | |
|--|-------------|------------|
| State | Residential | Commercial |
| Arizona | \$1.59 | \$1.00 |
| California | NA | \$1.61 |
| Colorado | \$1.00 | \$0.84 |
| Idaho | \$0.65 | \$0.59 |
| Montana | \$0.78 | \$0.76 |
| Montana - NorthWestern Energy | \$0.74 | \$0.67 |
| Nebraska | \$0.93 | \$0.85 |
| Nevada | \$1.28 | \$0.85 |
| New Mexico | NA | NA |
| North Dakota | \$0.76 | \$0.73 |
| Oregon | \$1.42 | \$1.12 |
| South Dakota | \$0.81 | \$0.68 |
| Utah | \$1.00 | \$0.85 |
| Washington | NA | NA |
| Wyoming | \$0.87 | \$0.67 |
| Average for State Region² | \$0.85 | \$0.75 |
| TOTAL AVERAGE U.S. | 1.234 | 97.5 |
| Montana - NorthWestern Energy Ranking (compared to states listed above) | 2 of 11 | 2 of 13 |
| 1 Source: www.eia.doe.gov. - US Natural Gas Sector Report for average cost of gas sold in January 2025. 2 Average for State Region is average for the 14 states listed (excludes NorthWestern Energy) | | |

NEW CONSTRUCTION

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are a general overview of the requirements for a new electric or natural gas service. NorthWestern Energy’s New Service Guide offers a complete guide to new construction requirements and can be downloaded at www.northwesternenergy.com

Because each construction project is different. NorthWestern Energy should be contacted early in the project to determine construction requirements, costs and timeframes. To determine utility construction costs, a commercial customer will be asked to provide:

- Load information, in writing, including the voltage requested, service amperage and expected load.
- Site plan that indicates service entrance location, existing easements and other utility locations.

The Montana Public Service Commission rules for electric and natural gas line extensions, customer installations, utility installation and metering can be found online under the Electric and Natural Gas Services Rules section located at www.northwesternenergy.com.

ELECTRIC SERVICE CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

Upon application for electric service, the Utility shall make an extension of the primary and/or secondary line free of charge to the applicant up to the level of the costs shown below, but no greater than the entire actual cost of such line extension as defined in Montana Public Service Commission Electric Tariff, Rule 6-1. For complete Line Extension rules go to www.northwesternenergy.com under the Tariffs and Rates section. Contact Construction Departments at 833-672-8453 or at: www.northwesternenergy.com/account-services/new-construction for Construction Applications and Service Guides.

- **Residential Customer Service Allowance:** maximum line extension Allowance of \$400 (not to exceed 150 feet overhead or 100 feet underground), transformer and meter.
- **Non Demand General Service Commercial and Irrigation Metered Services Allowance:** \$0.05/kWh times the Utility’s estimate of the annual kWh consumption of the customer plus the service drop (not to exceed 150 feet overhead or 100 feet underground), transformer and meter.
- **Demand General Service Commercial and Irrigation Metered Services less than 1 MW Allowance:** \$0.04/kWh times the Utility’s estimate of the annual kWh consumption of the customer plus the service drop (not to exceed 150 feet overhead or 100 feet underground), transformer and meter.
- **Demand General Service Commercial and Irrigation Metered Services equal to or greater than 1 MW Allowance;** calculated based on a Revenue/Cost Ratio. This Ratio is the comparison between the expected annual revenue to be received from the customer and annual cost of serving the customer. A Revenue/Cost Ratio greater than one (1) will result in some level of line extension cost allowance; a Ratio Less than or equal to (1) will result in no line extension cost allowance.
- **Industrial Customers or projects requiring transmission or substation facilities are determined on an individual basis using a Revenue/Cost Ratio.** Because these larger loads generally require extensive engineering analysis and electric line construction, it is critical that NorthWestern Energy be contacted early in the planning process for these types of projects
- **Industrial/Commercial Customers Over 1 MW or requiring substation/transmission level service may be required to apply for a Load Interconnection Study.** This study process requires an initial deposit and may take several months to complete the study, so please contact the utility early in your project development. Our statewide economic development contacts listed can assist you in applying for this process.
- When a line extension cost exceeds the line extension allowance specified for each customer type, the utility will require the customer to pay the difference between the cost of the project and the line extension allowance plus the applicable surcharge and this is collected as an advance. If requests for new line taps from this line extension are received, the original customer’s advance maybe subject to a partial refund that is determined by the utility’s construction department based on each specific project.

NATURAL GAS SERVICE CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

Upon application for natural gas core service, the Utility shall make an extension of the distribution main pipeline free of charge to the applicant for service up to the level of the costs shown below, but no greater than the entire actual cost of such line extension:

- Residential Customer - \$890 allowance toward construction costs.
- Core Commercial Customers - \$.385 times the utility’s estimate of the annual therms consumption of the customer allowed toward construction costs.
- Non-Core Transportation Customers - determined on individual basis. A customer receives a meter and regulator free of charge but will be responsible for the cost of the service pipeline connecting the meter to the distribution main pipeline. Payments for construction costs are generally paid as an advance and are nonrefundable.



ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic vitality is crucial to Montana’s future, and for more than 100 years, NorthWestern Energy has held a strong commitment to the communities it serves. In 2024, we provided more than \$2.2 million in support of our communities through local charitable donations and sponsorships, economic development opportunities, the United Way, chambers of commerce, scholarships, professional association dues and employee volunteer efforts.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Researchers estimate that in 2024, NorthWestern Energy’s operations in the three states generated more than \$3 billion in economic impact.

| NORTHWESTERN ENERGY IMPACT ANALYSIS OF MT, SD AND NE BASED ON 2024 DATA | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|
| | Gross Economic Output | Gross County Output | Jobs |
| MONTANA | | | |
| Butte* | \$1,094,303,744 | \$475,905,307 | 6,634 |
| Great Falls | \$257,029,619 | \$111,780,445 | 1,558 |
| Billings | \$386,276,966 | \$167,989,244 | 2,342 |
| Bozeman | \$397,922,934 | \$173,053,996 | 2,412 |
| Helena | \$203,719,027 | \$88,596,029 | 1,235 |
| Missoula | \$316,321,270 | \$137,565,984 | 1,918 |
| Kalispell | \$47,090,369 | \$20,479,284 | 285 |
| MONTANA | \$2,702,663,930 | \$1,175,370,290 | 16,384 |

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