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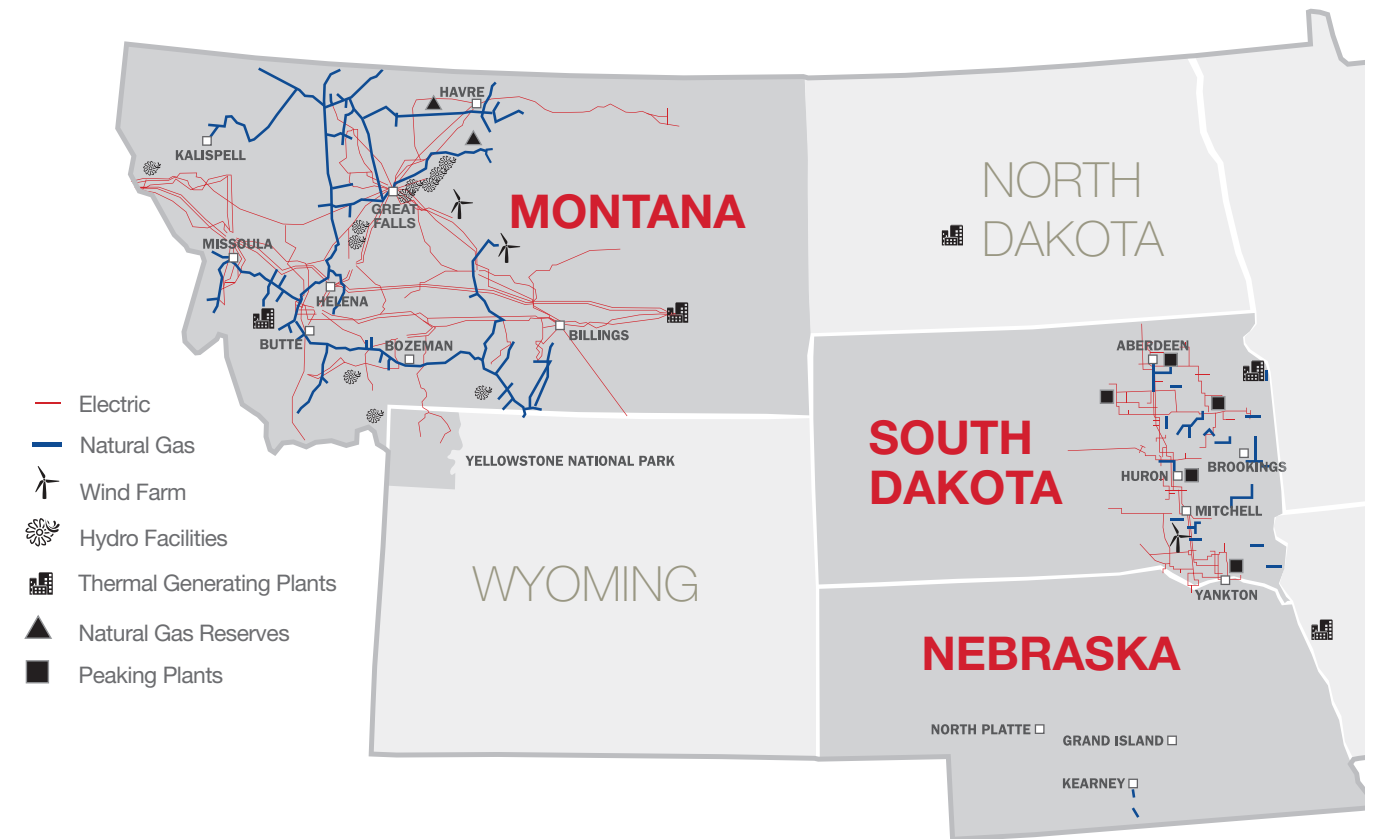


## INTRODUCTION

NorthWestern Energy is a major, regional provider of electricity, natural gas and related services to approximately 775,300 customers in Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. Our electric system has about 28,920 miles of transmission and distribution lines and associated facilities serving 337 communities and surrounding rural areas in Montana and eastern South Dakota. Our natural gas system includes approximately 10,018 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 1,573 full-time employees.

The Montana energy operations, which are based in Butte, provide regulated electric and natural gas transmission and distribution services to approximately 405,500 electric customers and 212,100 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 <sup>1</sup>					
Montana Electric and Gas Operations Area	107,600 square miles (73% of Montana's land area) (July 2023 Census Population of 1,132,812)				
Number of Employees	1,269 NorthWestern Energy Employees in Montana				
Number of Customers and Types <sup>1</sup>	Total	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Other <sup>2</sup>
Electric	403,028	322,489	74,438	79	6,022
Natural Gas	210,849	183,809	25,725	232	1,083
Major Montana Cities Served:	Cities	Electric Service	Natural Gas Service		
NorthWestern Energy serves electricity to 221 communities in Montana, provides electricity to Yellowstone Park, and maintains a presence in numerous small towns. NorthWestern Energy serves natural gas to 118 communities. Please consult NorthWestern Energy to determine if we serve your location.	Billings	YES	NO <sup>3</sup>		
	Bozeman	YES	YES		
	Butte	YES	YES		
	Great Falls	YES	NO <sup>3</sup>		
	Havre	YES	YES		
	Helena	YES	YES		
	Kalispell	NO	YES		
Lewistown	YES	YES			
Missoula	YES	YES			
<b>Electric and Natural Gas Retail Rates:</b> 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 <a href="http://www.northwesternenergy.com">www.northwesternenergy.com</a> .					
<sup>1</sup> Customer Counts are are rounded average numbers as of December 31, 2023.					
<sup>2</sup> Electric "other" customer category includes electric lighting, irrigation, interdepartmental and Yellowstone Park customers. Natural gas 'other' includes governmental and interdepartmental customers and propane customers.					
<sup>3</sup> In Billings and Great Falls, there is some limited natural gas service in surrounding communities; check for availability.					

## SYSTEM FACTS

ELECTRIC OPERATIONS <sup>4</sup>	
Service Area Size	97,540 square miles (two-thirds of Montana)
Peak & Average Load	The total control area peak demand was approximately 1,992 megawatts (MWs) on Feb. 22, 2023. Our control area average demand for 2023 was approximately 1,376 MWs per hour for the year on average, with total energy delivered of more than 12.05 million MWh, for year ended December 31, 2023.
Generation & Supply	<p>Annual retail electric supply load requirements average approximately 750 MWs, with a peak load of approximately 1,300 MWs, and are supplied by contracted and owned resources and market purchases with multiple counterparties.</p> <p><b>OWNED RESOURCES:</b> In Montana, NorthWestern Energy owns capacity electric generation of 222 MWs from a share in a coal-fired generator (Colstrip 4), 150 MWs of electric generation from a natural gas fired regulating reserve plant (The Dave Gates Generating Station), 40 MWs from Spion Kop Wind facility, 11 MW from Two Dot Wind Farm, and hydroelectric generating facilities provide 464 MWs of hydro generating net capacity. Owned generation resources supplied about 54% of our retail load requirements in 2023.</p> <p><b>PURCHASED RESOURCES:</b> We also purchase power under QF contracts (qualifying facilities), which provide a total of 549 MWs of contracted capacity, including 87 MWs of capacity from waste petroleum coke and waste coal, 310 MWs of capacity from wind, 17 MWs of capacity from hydro, and 117 MW of capacity from solar projects. We have several other long-term power purchase agreements including contracts for 20 MWs of seasonal base-load hydro supply, 52 MWs of natural gas generation, and 135 MWs of renewable wind generation.</p>
Electric Distribution and Transmission	18,674 miles distribution and 6,600 miles transmission (transmission voltage from 50,000 to 500,000 volts) and 395 substations.
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 <a href="http://www.oatioasis.com/NWMT">www.oatioasis.com/NWMT</a> . Transmission services are provided under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Open Access Transmission Tariff, available online at <a href="http://www.northwesternenergy.com">http://www.northwesternenergy.com</a> . In June 2021, we entered the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM), administered by the California Independent System Operator (California ISO).
NATURAL GAS OPERATIONS <sup>4</sup>	
Service Area Size	70,500 square miles (one-half of Montana)
Load Volumes	For year-end 2023, transported natural gas volumes of approximately 48 Bcf. Retail natural gas supply requires were approximately 22.5 Bcf.
Natural Gas Distribution, Transmission & Storage	5,155 miles underground distribution pipeline, 2,235 miles transmission pipelines, 133 city gate stations and 3 storage fields.
Natural Gas Production & Reserves	Since 2010, NorthWestern has acquired gas production and gathering system assets in Montana to provide rate stability and customer value. As of December 31, 2023, these owned reserves total approximately 31.5 Bcf. In 2024, these reserves are estimated to provide 2.8 Bcf to the annual retail gas load in Montana (approximately 12%). In addition, we own and operate three working natural gas storage fields in Montana with aggregated working gas capacity of approximately 17.85 Bcf.
System Interconnections	Four major, non-affiliated transmission systems connect to NorthWestern Energy: Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline, NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd, Colorado Interstate Gas, and Spur Energy. We also own and operate two transmission pipelines through 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.
<sup>4</sup> Electric and natural gas operations information are from NorthWestern Energy's 2023 Annual Report and 10-K.	



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Our Montana customers continue to take an interest in our energy efficiency programs through education, rebates and incentives, assistance, training and renewable energy resources. In 2023, our efforts demonstrated energy savings totaling 55,590 Megawatt-hours (MWh) and 420,839 therms for a total cost of \$5.8 million. That's enough to power 6,177 and heat 540 average NorthWestern customers' Montana homes for a year!

## 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](http://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.

## RATES

### 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 2023, nearly 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. Over the last decade, we have already reduced the carbon intensity of our energy generation in Montana by more than 50%. In the last 10 years, we have invested more than \$1 billion in clean energy projects, including hydro, wind and solar facilities.

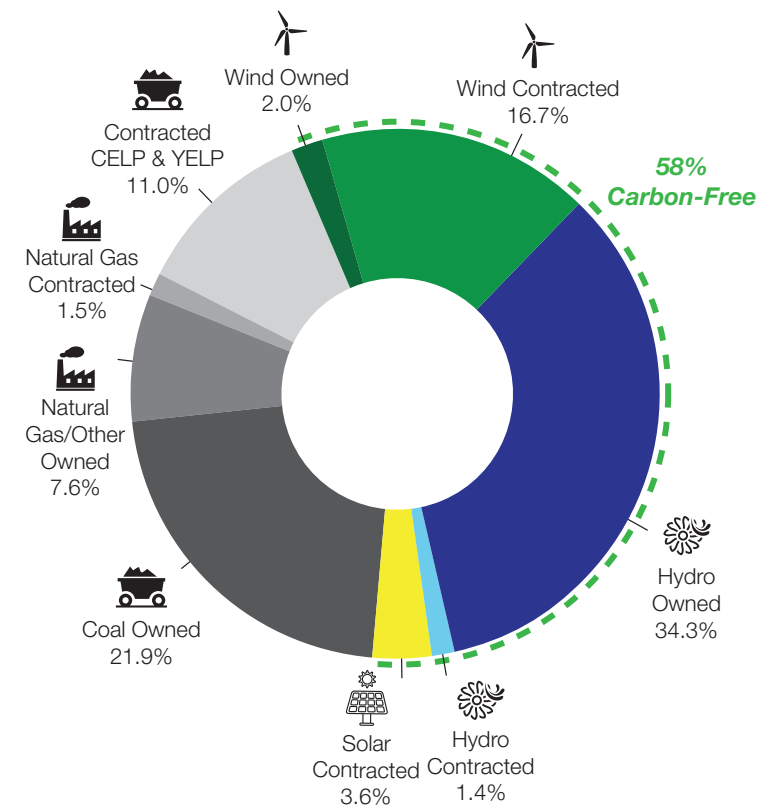
To address our capacity needs in Montana, we are constructing the 175-megawatt Yellowstone County Generating Station, which will generate energy on-demand and provide cost-effective, reliable and environmentally responsible energy. This new resource, which will come online in Q3 of 2024, will be able 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, grid resiliency has been a major focus for NorthWestern Energy. Enhancing and hardening our system prepares us for the increasing threats of weather, wildfire and cyber security events. It also improves reliability for our customers and helps meet Montana's growing energy needs. Our focus on resiliency also includes our natural gas system, which is essential for heating our customers' homes and businesses and for the addition of gas-fired generation to our portfolio. NorthWestern's infrastructure investment has more than doubled over the last decade. In 2023, the Company put nearly \$560 million into capital investments in the system that serves our customers and spent \$338 million in operations, maintenance and general expenses across our service territory.

We understand reliability is critical, which is why we have invested more than \$5.5 billion into our energy delivery platform since 2011 – much of which provides hardening and resiliency to the grid. Despite the challenges posed by our rural service territory, our reliability consistently outperforms that of our industry peers. In 2023, our customers, on average, experienced less than 120 minutes of outage time and just one outage per year. This represents 99.98 %reliability and first-quartile performance compared to our industry peers.

**MONTANA**  
**2023 ELECTRIC GENERATION PORTFOLIO**  
BASED ON MWH OF OWNED AND LONG-TERM CONTRACTED RESOURCES



# RATES

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S JUNE 1, 2023 ELECTRIC COSTS BY SIZE & CUSTOMER TYPE <sup>1</sup>					
	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	\$109.60	\$236	\$1,856	\$21,758	\$60,029
Average Cost per kWh for Supply and Delivery	\$0.1461	\$0.1573	\$0.1326	\$0.1209	\$0.0924
NORTHWESTERN SUPPLY RELATED COSTS <sup>2</sup>					
Supply Portion of Monthly Bill	\$58	\$118	\$1,100	\$16,703	\$61,251
Supply Cost as % of Total	53%	50%	59%	77%	102%
Supply Cost per kWh	\$0.0773	\$0.0787	\$0.0786	\$0.0928	\$0.0942

<sup>1</sup> Actual Monthly Rates effective June 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Supply Costs are subject to periodic adjustments and include supply, deferred supply and supply taxes.

REGIONAL UTILITIES MONTHLY 'BUNDLED' ELECTRIC BILLS AS OF June 1, 2023 <sup>1</sup>						
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	\$126.21	\$302	\$2,147	\$22,953	\$66,033
	Tucson Electric Power Company	\$123.57	\$269	\$2,360	\$24,720	\$66,664
	Unisource Electric Company	\$113.26	\$232	\$2,122	\$24,370	\$73,516
CALIFORNIA	Pacific Gas & Electric Company	\$303.90	\$576	\$4,689	\$62,253	\$162,928
	PacifiCorp	\$134.80	\$294	\$2,170	\$21,044	\$66,602
	San Diego Gas & Electric Company	\$386.12	\$730	\$6,511	\$78,660	\$219,210
	Southern California Edison	\$288.14	\$586	\$4,197	\$47,708	\$127,823
COLORADO	Black Hills/Colorado Electric	\$145.58	\$254	\$2,266	\$25,550	\$71,121
	Public Service Company of Colorado	\$108.87	\$219	\$1,936	\$24,745	\$54,062
IDAHO	Idaho Power Company	\$89.15	\$221	\$1,275	\$16,450	\$51,675
	PacifiCorp	\$87.99	\$177	\$1,325	\$16,372	\$47,073
MONTANA	Montana-Dakota Utilites Company	\$98.66	\$159	\$1,776	\$17,875	\$52,005
	<b>NorthWestern Energy</b>	<b>\$109.60</b>	<b>\$236</b>	<b>\$1,856</b>	<b>\$21,758</b>	<b>\$60,029</b>
NEVADA	Nevada Power Company - NV Energy	\$133.62	\$194	\$1,854	\$28,327	\$88,499
	Sierra Pacific Power Company - NV Energy	\$119.09	\$201	\$1,756	\$29,316	\$95,981
NEW MEXICO	El Paso Electric Company	\$74.98	\$199	\$1,492	\$17,343	\$54,087
	Southwestern Public Service	\$86.97	\$88	\$89	\$90	\$91
NORTH DAKOTA	Montana-Dakota Utilities Company	\$92.26	\$179	\$1,435	\$17,544	\$51,710
	Northern States Power Company (Minnesota)	\$97.69	\$184	\$1,574	\$19,713	\$54,519
	Otter Tail Power Company	\$90.29	\$205	\$1,388	\$17,315	\$32,826
OREGON	Idaho Power Company	\$92.01	\$196	\$1,496	\$18,925	\$58,466
	PacifiCorp	\$100.52	\$202	\$1,441	\$17,210	\$48,303
	Portland General Electric Company	\$122.18	\$228	\$1,552	\$16,904	\$49,709
SOUTH DAKOTA	Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy	\$110.01	\$197	\$1,849	\$19,939	\$60,933
	MidAmerican Energy	\$69.95	\$167	\$1,018	\$11,922	\$29,069
	Montana-Dakota Utilities Company	\$98.88	\$174	\$1,667	\$16,408	\$52,526
	NorthWestern Energy	\$101.49	\$215	\$1,647	\$16,648	\$42,531
	Otter Tail Power Company	\$93.94	\$228	\$1,115	\$13,880	\$42,599
UTAH	PacifiCorp	\$81.27	\$82	\$83	\$84	\$85
WASHINGTON	PacifiCorp	\$75.39	\$190	\$1,464	\$16,646	\$51,478
	Puget Sound Energy	\$93.48	\$181	\$1,602	\$19,427	\$61,225
WYOMING	Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy	\$97.30	\$175	\$1,618	\$19,779	\$58,724
	Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power d/b/a Black Hills Energy	\$96.45	\$139	\$1,431	\$16,572	\$50,246
	Montana-Dakota Utilities Company	\$96.45	\$139	\$1,431	\$16,572	\$50,246
	PacifiCorp	\$81.83	\$149	\$1,310	\$16,196	\$43,322
<b>NORTHWESTERN ENERGY RANKING FOR UTILITIES SHOWN</b>		21 of 35	28 of 35	26 of 35	25 of 35	23 of 35
<b>UNITED STATES AVERAGE MONTHLY BILL FOR JANUARY 2022</b>		\$120.63	\$233	\$1,855	\$22,035	\$62,740

\* Source: Edison Electric Institute Typical Bills and Average Rates Report (Winter) (January 2023) Monthly "bundled" costs for supply & delivery as of June 1, 2023.

# RATES

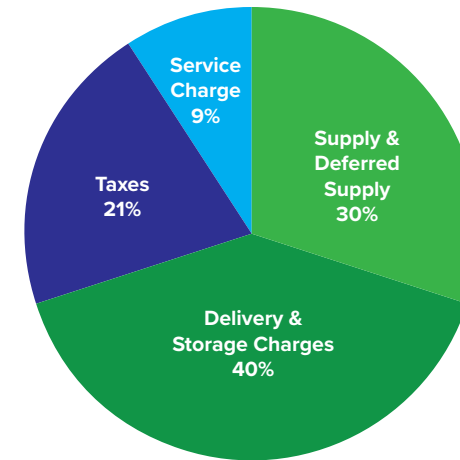
## NATURAL GAS RATES

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

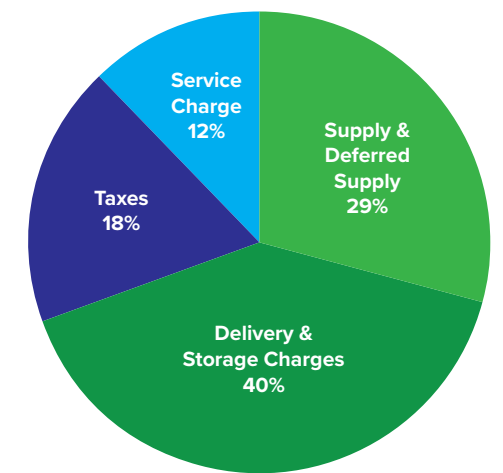
The charts below show the major pieces of an unbundled gas bill for a NorthWestern Energy small commercial natural gas customer using 200 therms a month and a residential customer using 100 therms a month.

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

**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER  
JUNE 2023 MONTHLY NATURAL GAS  
BILL COMPONENTS  
USING 100 THERMS PER MONTH**



**COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER  
JUNE 2023 MONTHLY NATURAL GAS  
BILL COMPONENTS  
USING 200 THERMS PER MONTH**



June 2023 AVERAGE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS PER THERM SOLD BY UTILITIES <sup>1</sup>		
State	Residential	Commercial
Arizona	\$2.56	\$1.26
California	\$1.67	\$1.15
Colorado	\$1.42	\$1.12
Idaho	\$1.48	\$1.07
Montana	\$1.12	\$1.02
<b>Montana - NorthWestern Energy</b>	<b>\$1.05</b>	<b>\$0.96</b>
Nebraska	\$1.92	\$0.84
Nevada	\$2.04	\$1.45
New Mexico	\$1.29	\$0.52
North Dakota	\$1.91	\$0.73
Oregon	\$2.07	\$1.33
South Dakota	\$1.41	\$0.75
Utah	\$1.60	\$1.28
Washington	\$1.99	\$1.33
Wyoming	\$1.91	\$1.21
<b>AVERAGE FOR STATE REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$1.78</b>	<b>\$1.10</b>
<b>TOTAL AVERAGE U.S.</b>	<b>\$2.01</b>	<b>\$1.07</b>
<b>Montana - NorthWestern Energy Ranking</b> (compared to states listed above)	<b>1 of 15</b>	<b>5 of 15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Source: www.eia.doe.gov. - US Natural Gas Sector Report for average cost of gas sold in June 2023.

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 2023, we provided nearly \$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. We sponsor employee volunteerism by offering paid time off for volunteer activities. When employees volunteer their time with an organization, NorthWestern donates grant funds to that organization up to \$400 annually to each organization. In 2023, NorthWestern awarded \$95,000 to local nonprofits through the Employee Volunteer Program.

## ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

NorthWestern Energy spent about \$562 million in capital across its service territory in 2023. This amount includes money spent on our energy system, the wages and benefits we pay employees and the cost of the projects intended to provide safe and reliable service to our customers.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

Researchers estimate that in 2023, NorthWestern Energy's operations in the three states generated nearly \$3 billion in economic impact.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS SUMMARY	MONTANA	SOUTH DAKOTA & NEBRASKA	COMBINED
Local Job Benefit	16,338	1,360	17,698
Gross economic output	\$2.7 billion	\$322.1 million	\$3 billion
Gross county output	\$1.17 billion	\$159.9 million	\$1.3 billion
Total Labor income	\$553.6 million	\$67.4 million	\$621 million
Capital income	\$570.7 million	\$89.3 million	\$660million
Indirect business taxes & fees	\$148.3 million	\$3.2 million	\$151.5 million

# CONTACT

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