

# Midwest Energy, Inc. Current Comments

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## New Natural Gas Rates & Tariffs In Effect Average Residential Customer to See Increase of 58 Cents per Month

During an open meeting on Nov. 18, 2024, Midwest Energy's Board of Directors approved a natural gas rate case, along with changes to electric and natural gas tariffs. All changes went into effect Jan. 1, 2025.

The rate case is nearly revenue-neutral for the company. An average residential customer will see their bill increase by less than one percent, or roughly 58 cents per month; an average commercial customer will see their bill increase by roughly one-half of a percent, or roughly 76 cents per month. Most other customers will see slight decreases.

While revenue from the residential class will increase about \$105,000 per year, revenue from other classes decreases for a system-wide revenue reduction of about \$12,000 per year.

The Gas Cost of Service Rider was renamed the Gas Cost of Delivery Rider, and was reset for all classes. For residential customers, this results in a decrease

from \$3.48 per month down to \$1.74 per month. The \$900,000 annual cap on the Gas Cost of Delivery Rider was eliminated, with future increases instead capped at 4.5 percent annually. These changes are consistent with

our goals of keeping any increases under the rate of inflation.

Lastly, language was added to the Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) and Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) for collecting revenue for reserves to hedge against wholesale

energy prices and future capacity needs.

Charts of bill impacts for all rate classes and a summary of tariff changes can be found on our website at [www.mwenergy.com](http://www.mwenergy.com) under the "Residential" tab and "Natural Gas Rate Changes".

Per Kansas Statute, Midwest Energy customers may petition the Kansas Corporation Commission to review rate changes within one year of adoption. Details on petition requirements are outlined in K.S.A. 66-104d.

### RESIDENTIAL BILL IMPACT

# of Therms Used Monthly	Current Rate w/ Fixed Charges (Customer Charge, GCSR*)	Proposed Rate w/ Fixed Charges (Customer Charge, GCSR*)	Monthly Difference
40	\$50.15	\$49.99	-\$0.17
59 (average)	\$63.36	\$63.94	\$0.58
80	\$77.85	\$79.24	\$1.41
100	\$91.67	\$93.86	\$2.19
120	\$105.51	\$108.49	\$2.98

\*This chart assumes an average gas commodity cost of \$0.55 a therm; actual commodity prices vary monthly.  
\*GCSR = Gas Cost of Service Rider. Proposes GCSR to reset from \$7.58 to \$1.74.

## Community Fund Applications Due March 1

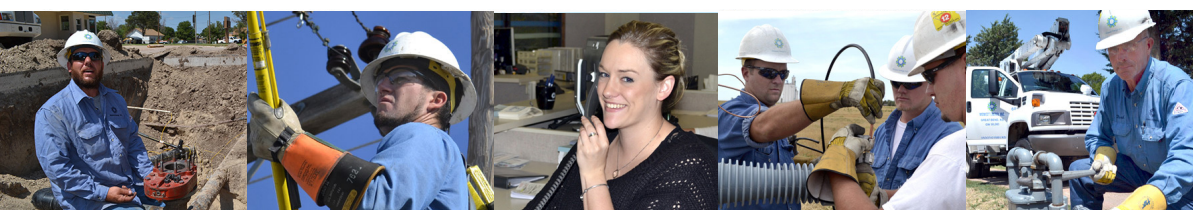
Midwest Energy's Community Fund grants are awarded semi-annually to charitable, educational and nonprofit organizations in the co-op's service area. The spring application deadline is right around the corner on March 1.

The Community Fund supports a variety of projects, from park and public safety improvements to leadership and business club events to educational programs. Those requesting funds for long-lived community assets

or their improvement are preferred over expendable items (like event prizes).

These requests are then reviewed by five customer committees. Funds are allocated based on the number of meters in the assigned counties.

To apply for a Community Fund Grant, visit [www.mwenergy.com](http://www.mwenergy.com) and click on the "Community Fund/ Impact Grant" under the "Community" tab. If you have any questions, give us a call at 1-800-222-3121.



MIDWEST ENERGY, INC.

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# MWE Pays \$8.9 Million in Property Taxes for 2024

Midwest Energy is a 501(c)(12) cooperative exempt from federal income tax. However, the co-op still pays local sales and property taxes, meaning some of the money you're billed each month returns to your home county. Last year, Midwest Energy paid \$8.9 million in local property taxes on facilities and land owned by the cooperative. Below is a county-by-county breakdown of the property taxes paid in 2024:

Barton	\$979,286.64	Haskell	\$7,226.79	Rawlins	\$152,804.64
Cheyenne	\$63,656.56	Hodgeman	\$130,108.42	Republic	\$1,653.66
Decatur	\$59,448.16	Kearny	\$65,109.76	Reno	\$129,486.64
Edwards	\$321,431.21	Lane	\$18,113.29	Rice	\$761,457.84
Ellis	\$2,520,817.08	Lincoln	\$34,532.24	Rooks	\$71,676.55
Ellsworth	\$85,932.65	Logan	\$274,367.79	Rush	\$235,567.17
Finney	\$31,050.28	McPherson	\$3,806.70	Russell	\$201,682.80
Gove	\$181,018.18	Morton	\$672.74	Scott	\$81,694.55
Graham	\$129,229.60	Ness	\$97,741.44	Sheridan	\$219,123.28
Grant (KS)	\$13,986.53	Norton	\$73,630.60	Sherman	\$155,444.52
Grant (OK)	\$223.00	Osborne	\$5,366.04	Smith	\$5,637.76
Gray	\$11,243.33	Pawnee	\$404,382.54	Stafford	\$297,585.96
Greeley	\$14,767.32	Phillips	\$90,770.50	Thomas	\$612,883.69
Hamilton	\$9.36	Pratt	\$19,816.02	Trego	\$208,549.04
				Wallace	\$121,974.52
				Wichita	\$42,232.44
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,937,199.83</b>

## Cold Weather Rule Expires April 1

Midwest Energy observes the Kansas Corporation Commission's winter non-disconnect period, which ends April 1. If your account is past due, your payment must reach us before April 1 to avoid disconnection of service and additional charges.

Financial assistance may be available through Kansas Department of Children and Family's Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) by calling 1-888-369-4777. Applications for assistance are currently being accepted through late March.

The Midwest Customers Care program can also provide help. This program is funded by

donations from Midwest Energy customers and employees. Recipients must have a household income less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level and can receive up to \$200 per season. Assistance is available Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, or when the funding is exhausted, whichever comes first. To apply for Midwest Customers Care, please call the Salvation Army at 1-816-756-5392, Ext. 3.

If you wish to make a payment by credit or debit card, please call 1-800-222-3121 or go to [www.mwenergy.com](http://www.mwenergy.com) any time. If you have additional questions, please call us at 1-800-222-3121.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you have a home office, look for opportunities to save energy in your workspace. Use ENERGY STAR®-rated equipment, which consumes up to 50% less energy than standard models. Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will help extend its life. Another way to save energy in your home office is to use efficient lamps for task lighting. Replace any older bulbs with energy-saving LEDs.

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

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