

2026 NORTH DAKOTA NATURAL GAS RATE PROPOSAL

IMPROVING THE NATURAL GAS SYSTEM THAT SERVES OUR CUSTOMERS



With nearly half of North Dakotans heating their homes with natural gas, customers rely on safe and reliable natural gas service. At Xcel Energy, we know it is our job to provide gas safely, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. That's why we're committed to upgrading and strengthening our infrastructure to ensure system resiliency.

In order to make energy work better for our customers, we submitted a proposal to the North Dakota Public Service Commission on Jan. 30, 2026, for new natural gas rates. Xcel Energy last proposed new natural gas rates in 2023.

Proposed rates

If new rates are approved as requested:

- The average residential natural gas customer's monthly bill would be 15.4%, or \$10.11, higher compared to their current bill. Business customer bills will vary depending on energy usage.
- Our residential natural gas customers currently spend approximately 0.83% of their household income on their monthly gas bill — well below state and national averages. Under our proposal, the average residential customer would spend about 0.96% of household income on natural gas service, which is still almost half the national average.
- While the Commission considers our rate proposal, it approved interim rates beginning April 1, 2026. Under interim rates, a typical residential customer's monthly bill will increase by approximately 12.9%, or about \$8.41, based on monthly use of 65 therms. If final rates approved by the Commission are lower than interim rates, we apply a refund in the form of a one-time credit with interest on customers' bills.

Improvements to the natural gas delivery system

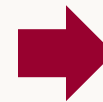
Fire safety systems at gas peaking plants to ensure continued operational safety and reliability



Gas peaking plants provide reliability support when gas is most needed on the system, such as the coldest winter days or when demand exceeds our ability to buy/move gas from production areas.

Peaking plants offer more economic gas on days where commodity gas price markets spike, reducing customer's cost exposure.

Natural gas transmission and distribution infrastructure to support system reliability for new and existing customers



Our transmission and distribution infrastructure in North Dakota continually needs to be modernized and maintained. These investments ensure safe, efficient, and resilient operation of our system.

Installing new meters



New meters make meter reading safer and more efficient. Moving the meters outside of residences allows for drive-by readings.

Our service



We serve more than 66,000 natural gas customers in three counties in North Dakota.



Our North Dakota natural gas system includes 1,200 miles of distribution mains and more than 65,000 gas service lines along with compressor stations, regulator stations, and other supporting infrastructure located in the state.

In the community



Last year, we spent more than \$574.3 million with North Dakota suppliers.



Xcel Energy paid \$8.27 million in property taxes last year, while providing jobs for more than 110 North Dakotans.



Income-qualified programs include:

- Energy Assistance program (EAP) in North Dakota funded by Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP)
- Flexible payment plans, budget billing and ability to set a custom monthly due date for bills

Keeping bills below the national average

We are making investments that deliver value for customers while keeping bills low. If our proposal is approved as requested, our average North Dakota customer's natural gas bills will still be more than 7% below the national average, according to the most recent data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

17%

below national average

Average residential
North Dakota customer's natural
gas bill over the last decade

Safety is always Xcel Energy's top priority

We design and operate our natural gas system to ensure the safety of our customers, our employees and contractors, and the public. Accordingly, our rate proposal centers around past and near-term safety and reliability investments. It also reflects increasing expenses through ongoing natural gas pipeline initiatives, integrity programs, emergency response and damage prevention programs.

Powering North Dakota's growth

We're proud to supply energy to North Dakota's growing economy, which has experienced new housing construction, particularly around Fargo and West Fargo. This activity increased the total number of gas customers by 11 percent. As we power the homes and business of new and existing customers, we commit to providing safe, dependable and sustainable energy while keeping our customers' bills as low as possible.

Natural gas from Xcel Energy is an attractive heating option for new housing because it is clean-burning, convenient, low-cost, and because customers do not need onsite storage as they would for fuel oil, propane, or wood. Customers also do not have to pre-purchase fuel as they do with some other heating options.

We're here to help

We encourage customers to reach out if they need help paying their energy bills. Find more information at [xcelenergy.com/Residential](https://www.xcelenergy.com/Residential) or [xcelenergy.com/Business](https://www.xcelenergy.com/Business).

Learn to save energy and money at [xcelenergy.com/Tips](https://www.xcelenergy.com/Tips).

Xcel Energy offers customers options such as payment plans and assistance to get them through difficult times. Learn more about assistance and the programs listed below at [xcelenergy.com/EnergyAssistance](https://www.xcelenergy.com/EnergyAssistance) or call 800-895-4999.

