Understanding the 2027 Rate Increase

BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

In September, the Basin Electric Board of Directors authorized a Class A rate increase of approximately $5.33 per megawatt-hour, or approximately 7.5%, beginning Jan. 1, 2027. The increase marks the second phase of the phased-in rate adjustment that began in 2026. As a member-owned cooperative, we recognize that rate increases directly affect our members and their communities. We remain committed to balancing reliability, financial strength, and affordability so we can continue providing the dependable service our members count on today and for years to come.



Growth in traditional load

To serve this growth, Basin Electric is investing in new generation and transmission projects, which are at higher costs than our existing fleet.



Commodity price variability

Fluctuations in commodity prices affect the cost of fuel for Basin Electric and sales revenue at our subsidiaries.



Increase in planning reserve margins

Southwest Power Pool will require Basin Electric to have higher capacity reserves, increasing capital expenditures, operating costs, and purchase power.



Investments in reliability

Basin Electric will continue to make investments in system reliability, including upgrading existing facilities and reducing outage cycle times.

Responsible Planning for a Reliable Future

Rolling financial forecasts: Basin Electric has adopted a rolling financial forecasting model in which updates to projected rates are provided throughout the year.

Diversifying resources: The cooperative's diverse generation fleet, alongside market purchases, is key to keeping rates affordable. As of Dec. 31, 2025, Basin Electric has 6,150 megawatts (MW) of dispatchable resources (ex: coal and natural gas units) and approximately 2,885 MW of non-dispatchable resources (ex: wind and solar) in its portfolio. The addition of Pioneer Generation Station Phase IV in 2025 added more than 560 MW of dispatchable, reliable power for Basin Electric's members.

Utilizing generation across the divide: Basin Electric's diverse geographic footprint provides flexibility in serving members. The cooperative operates across both the Western and Eastern Interconnections and maintains access to DC ties, enabling it to move electricity across both systems. Basin Electric's broad service territory also provides access to natural gas resources in multiple regions, including competitively priced Bakken gas. Because weather conditions vary across its footprint, Basin Electric has more options for managing generation resources and serving member demand. This flexibility helps support reliable service and cost-effective power for members.



What this Means for Members

As a member of a cooperative, every dollar is either reinvested into the system or returned to members. When Basin Electric earns higher margins, it builds financial strength and helps maintain appropriate equity levels, both of which contribute to reducing borrowing costs.

Basin Electric Average Member Rates

