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Effective February 1, Brainerd Public Utilities (BPU) customers will see an adjustment in both their electric and water rates.

BPU's energy charges paid to Minnesota Power, which is BPU's wholesale power provider, have increased 36% since 2008, while BPU's revenue has only increased 15% for the same time period. BPU needs to increase their revenues in order to build cash reserves to fund necessary capital infrastructure projects and to meet minimum debt service coverage ratio on outstanding bonds payable.

The rate adjustment for water is necessary to fund major capital projects including work on the elevated water tower, the water plant itself, and to cover the increase in operating costs.

Class	Current Electric Rates			New Electric Rates		
	Monthly Charge	All kWh	All kW	Monthly Charge	All kWh	All kW
Residential	12.00	0.0604	-	13.25	0.0660	-
General Service (GS)	20.00	0.0609	-	22.00	0.0675	-
GS—Demand	33.00	0.0322	12.60	40.00	0.0342	14.00
Large Power (LP) Secondary	120.00	0.0241	16.25	120.00	0.0265	17.50
LP—Primary	120.00	0.0235	15.50	120.00	0.0255	17.00
Industrial	120.00	0.0199	15.00	120.00	0.0220	16.30
Dual Fuel	-	0.0420	-	.50	0.0460	-
Off Peak Energy	-	0.0360	-	.50	0.0397	-

If you have any questions regarding these adjustments, please feel free to attend the monthly BPU Commission meeting. The Commission holds their monthly meetings, the last Tuesday of each month, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Power Cost Adjustment will remain unchanged at \$0.007 per kWh.

The proposed monthly charges also include the \$0.53 Minnesota Department of Health charge to accommodate the mandatory State charge that has been placed on each water meter in the State since July 1, 1992. Water and wastewater treatment customers outside the City limits will be charged 200 percent of the applicable rate.

Monthly Charge (By Meter Size)	Water Rates		Wastewater Rates	
	Current	New	Current Debt Service Charge	New
5/8 & 3/4 Inch	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.50	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
1 Inch	34.00	35.00	13.00	13.00
1 1/2 Inch	51.00	51.00	18.00	18.00
2 Inch	95.00	95.00	22.00	22.00
3 Inch	155.00	157.00	31.00	31.00
4 Inch	240.00	240.00	39.00	39.00
6 Inch	380.00	397.00	55.00	55.00
8 Inch	730.00	747.00	70.00	70.00
All Meters			9.00	9.00
Infrastructure Charge		3.00		
Commodity Charge (Per 1,000 Gallons)	\$ 1.85	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.40

Business & Repair Office Hours

7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Business: 829-8726

Repair: 829-2193

Emergency 24 hour service
365 days a year: 218-829-2193

EMAIL@BPU.ORG

WWW.BPU.ORG

TREE TRIMMING

Tree trimming requests will be put on a list to be done during the winter months. Trees that interfere with Brainerd Public Utilities' (BPU) power lines, with the exception of service wires to residences or buildings, will be trimmed or removed depending on the circumstances.



Trimming or removal of trees on private property is the property owner's responsibility. BPU will temporarily remove and replace the property owner's service wires to accommodate the tree trimming or removal during normal business hours.

BPU requires 24 hours notification to temporarily remove the service wires.

If you would like to be put on the winter tree trimming list, call Kelly at 218-829-2193.

Create a Healthy Yard for Your Family, Pets, and Critters!

Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) invites you to participate in the 13th Annual Tree and Plant Pre-Order Sale Program. SWCD sells low-cost native tree seedlings, flowers, grasses, and seed mixes. Credit cards are now accepted, see order form for details.

Order forms are available at the SWCD office at 322 Laurel Street, Suite 13, Brainerd, online at www2.co.crow-wing.mn.us/swcd, and by request at (218)-828-6197. Orders are accepted until March 1, 2013.

How Much Does It Cost To Operate Your Electrical Appliances?

* Based on \$0.0660 per kilowatt - hour

Appliances	Average kWhs Monthly	Approximate Cost
Freezer (Frost Free)	150	\$9.90
Freezer (Standard)	100	\$6.60
Microwave Oven	20	\$1.32
Clothes Dryer	125	\$8.25
Iron	12	\$0.79
Automatic Washer	15	\$0.99
Water Heater (Family of 4)	500	\$33.00
Electric Frying Pan	20	\$1.32
Blender	1	\$0.066
Coffee Maker	10	\$0.66
Dishwasher	100	\$6.60
Toaster	3	\$0.20
Garbage Disposal	2	\$0.13
Television Set	80	\$5.23
Electric Blanket	15	\$0.99
Waterbed Heater	90	\$5.494
Hair Dryer	10	\$0.66
Humidifier	30	\$1.98
Dehumidifier	200	\$13.20
Electric Range	150	\$9.90
Refrigerator (Frost Free)	200	\$13.20
Refrigerator (Standard)	150	\$9.90

NOTICE: All electrical work performed in the City of Brainerd requires a "Request for Electrical Inspection" form to be filed, and work inspected by our inspector. Please call 825-3210 or 829-2193 for more information.

BEFORE DIGGING: Call Gopher State One at 1-800-252-1166 for water and electric locations. All requests for locations must be made by calling the above toll free number at least 48 hours before digging begins.