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Effective December 1, Brainerd Public Utilities (BPU) customers will see adjustments in their electric, water, and wastewater treatment rates. The electric rate adjustment will affect only commercial customers who are being billed a demand charge. BPU's demand charges paid to Minnesota Power, which is BPU's wholesale power provider, have increased 57% over the last three years, while BPU customer rates have increased only 9% during the same time period. The adjustment will increase cash flow by approximately \$311,000 for 2012.

Increased electric demand charges also affect the operating costs for the water and wastewater departments, so all BPU customers will see an adjustment in the commodity charge for both water and wastewater. The water rate will be adjusted from \$1.75/1,000 gallons to \$1.85/1,000 gallons and the wastewater rate will be adjusted from \$2.15/1,000 gallons to \$2.40/1,000 gallons. The adjustments will increase cash flow by approximately \$177,000 for 2012.

BPU customers will also see an additional \$3 charge on their monthly bill named "Water Improvement Fee". BPU has significant existing water infrastructure assets that need to be rehabbed or replaced, and does not have the necessary funding in place to pay for these major improvements. Many of the projects need to be done within the next two to four years. This fee will generate approximately \$160,000 of cash flow annually.

Class	Current Electric Rates			New Electric Rates		
	Monthly Charge	All kWh	All kW	Monthly Charge	All kWh	All kW
Residential	12.00	0.0604	-	12.00	0.0604	-
General Service (GS)	20.00	0.0609	-	20.00	0.0609	-
GS—Demand	33.00	0.0322	12.00	33.00	0.0322	12.60
Large Power (LP) Secondary	120.00	0.0241	15.25	120.00	0.0241	16.00
LP—Primary	120.00	0.0235	14.75	120.00	0.0235	15.50
Industrial	120.00	0.0199	14.25	120.00	0.0199	15.00
Dual Fuel	-	0.0420	-	-	0.0420	-
Off Peak Energy	-	0.0360	-	-	0.0360	-

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	New
5/8 & 3/4 Inch	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
1 Inch	34.00	34.00	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	155.00	31.00	31.00
4 Inch	240.00	240.00	39.00	39.00
6 Inch	380.00	380.00	55.00	55.00
8 Inch	730.00	730.00	70.00	70.00
All Meters			9.00	9.00
Infrastructure Charge		3.00		
Commodity Charge (Per 1,000 Gallons)	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.85	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.40

Watt's Weather

Total Precipitation
October 2011 1.53"
October 2010 4.36"

Average Temperatures
October 2011 Hi 61 Lo 38
October 2010 Hi 61 Lo 39

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.

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

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.

CLEARANCE OVER STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & ALLEYS

Clearance of tree branches, shrubs, and bushes need to be maintained to a minimum height of 14 feet over streets and alleys. Clearances should be maintained so as not to obstruct the light from street lamps, traffic signs and devices, interfere with utility lines or block visibility at intersections.

Clearances over streets and alleys are also to be maintained for the safety and operation of City plows, fire trucks, and other equipment.

Clearance over sidewalks is to be maintained at a minimum of 10 feet over the sidewalk.

The City of Brainerd shall have the authority to direct you to trim such trees and may cause the same to be trimmed by employees of the City when deemed necessary.

If you have any questions, please call Bonnie Muzik, City Tree Inspector at 218-828-2320, or the City Engineer's office at 218-828-2309.



HeatShare

Some of your neighbors will be cold this winter



Join your neighbors who care by giving to HeatShare.

HeatShare is a voluntary program administered by The Salvation Army. When you give you are helping warm the lives of the elderly, disabled, and others who have nowhere else to turn. It helps the needy survive our long winter by providing funds for heating bills and heating related repairs. HeatShare is a last resort for many who have no other resources available to see them through the winter.

Who is eligible for HeatShare?

- Seniors with low incomes and no alternate source of help.
- Disabled people whose physical capabilities limit their ability to maintain income to adequately cover energy bills.
- People who have had unexpected emergencies within the last 12 months and as a result cannot pay for household energy costs.
- People who meet income guidelines and have received or applied for all other possible public funds.

Who supports HeatShare?

You, neighbors, friends, people in big cities, people in small towns, and businesses all help by sending a tax deductible contribution with the form provided below.

Real People
Saving Real
Energy
In Real Time



A free and easy tool
to track
your energy use
and save!

Conserve Energy!
Save Money!

Sign Up for
MYMETER™
today at
www.bpu.org



YES! I want to contribute to HeatShare!

COLD WARM
HANDS HEARTS.

I am making a one-time contribution of: \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Account Number: _____

Signature: _____

Please make check payable to HeatShare & enclose this form with your utility payment in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your generous tax deductible contribution!