

ORDINANCE NO. 3153-26

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE FURNISHED BY THE COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 3135-25 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the following rates and charges for electric service furnished by the Combined Utilities System of the city of Nebraska City, Nebraska, are established and shall become effective on October 1, 2026, as shown below.

A. **UNIFORM PROVISIONS.** The following provisions shall be effective for all rates included in this ordinance.

1. Effective Date: All charges imposed through this Ordinance shall be effective with billings rendered after October 1, 2026, as shown in Subsections B, C, D, E, F, G, and H hereof.
2. Rates and Charge(s): All bills shall be based upon the Customer Charge per month, plus the charges for demand and consumption, or other charges as applicable.
3. Production Cost Adjustment: All rates are subject to the Production Cost Adjustment Clause as set forth in Section 2 hereof.
4. Term of Payment: All bills are due and payable on date as indicated on bill. Delayed payment charge - five percent (5%).
5. Seasons: Applicable to bills for usage in the seasons as shown below:

Summer: June through September

Winter: October through May

6. Urban shall mean customers located within the city limits of Nebraska City, Nebraska.
7. Rural shall mean customers located outside of the city limits of Nebraska City, Nebraska.
8. Contract Term: All non-residential users which elect, by signed request, to be served by NCU, shall thereby agree to a service commitment of not less than twelve (12) months duration, renewable, automatically and indefinitely until cancellation by consumer.
9. Changing Rates: If more than one rate is applicable, the consumer shall have the right and responsibility to choose the rate which is most advantageous. Consumer may not change rates more than once in any twelve (12) month period, unless otherwise agreed by Nebraska City Utilities (NCU).

10. Rules and Policies: All usage is subject to all rules and policies of NCU.

B. RESIDENTIAL RATES.

1. Residential Service – Urban Summer (RUS):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$27.00
Energy Charge	
First 800 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1250
Excess, per kWh	\$0.1250

2. Residential Service – Urban Winter (RUW):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$27.00
Energy Charge	
First 800 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1250
Excess, per kWh	\$0.1130

3. Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge or any higher minimum as stipulated in an individual service agreement.
4. Applicability: All domestic single-family usage and all churches for customary church uses. Customers with mixed domestic and non-domestic usage at the same meter location whose usage exceeds 5,000 kWh for three (3) consecutive months shall be transferred to the applicable business rate. New three-phase service is not available for residential service under this rate.

C. BUSINESS – URBAN RATES.

1. Business “A” – Urban Summer (BAS):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$50.00
Energy Charge	
First 2,700 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1310
Excess, per kWh	\$0.1310

2. Business “A” – Urban Winter (BAW):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$50.00
Energy Charge	
First 2,700 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1310
Excess, per kWh	\$0.1250

3. Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge or any higher minimum as stipulated in an individual service agreement.
4. Applicability: All business usage of less than 15,000 kWh per month, including apartment buildings and trailer courts, where dwelling units are not individually metered.

D. INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS RATES.

1. Business "B" Summer (BB):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$108.25
Demand Charge, per kW	\$21.11
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.0801

2. Business "B" Winter (BB):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$108.25
Demand Charge, per kW	\$16.78
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.0697

3. Minimum Bill: The Minimum Bill of the customer shall be the Customer Charge plus the greater of the following:
 - a. Monthly demand and energy as metered;
 - b. Sixty percent (60%) of the highest billing demand occurring during the prior months of June, July, August or September;
 - c. Any higher minimum as stipulated in an individual service agreement.
4. Applicability: At the discretion of NCU, all urban and rural business usage with peak demands of greater than 40 kW or 15,000 kWh of usage for 3 consecutive months.

E. RESIDENTIAL – RURAL RATES.

1. Residential Service – Rural Summer (RRS):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$35.00
Energy Charge	
First 800 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1250
Excess, per kWh	\$0.1250

2. Residential Service – Rural Winter (RRW):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$35.00
Energy Charge	
First 800 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1250
Excess, per kWh	\$0.1130

3. Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge or any higher minimum as stipulated in an individual service agreement.

4. Applicability: All domestic single-family usage and all churches for customary church uses. Customers with mixed domestic and non-domestic usage at the same meter location whose usage exceeds 5,000 kWh for three (3) consecutive months shall be transferred to the applicable business rate. New three-phase service is not available for residential service under this rate.

F. **BUSINESS – RURAL RATES.**

1. Business “A” – Rural Summer (BRS):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$51.00
Energy Charge	
First 2,700 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1310
Excess, per kWh	\$0.1310

2. Business “A” – Rural Winter (BRW):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$51.00
Energy Charge	
First 2,700 kWh, per kWh	\$0.1310
Excess, per kWh	\$0.1250

3. Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge or any higher minimum as stipulated in an individual service agreement.

4. Applicability: All business usage of less than 15,000 kWh per month, including apartment buildings and trailer courts, where dwelling units are not individually metered.

G. LARGE BUSINESS RATES.

1. Large Light and Power – Summer (LLP):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$205.00
Demand Charge, per kW	\$21.66
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.0758

2. Large Light and Power - Winter (LLP):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$205.00
Demand Charge, per kW	\$17.87
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.0661

3. Minimum Bill: The Minimum Bill of the customer shall be the Customer Charge plus the greater of the following:

- Monthly demand and energy as metered;
- Sixty percent (60%) of the highest billing demand occurring during the prior months of June, July, August or September;
- Any higher minimum as stipulated in an individual service agreement.

4. Applicability: All large light and power consumers with peak demands of greater than 1,000 kW for three (3) consecutive months. Customers may request other service parameters not provided under this schedule. A service LLP contract rate for such non-standard service may be offered only at the discretion of and approval by the NCU Board.

H. MUNICIPAL RATES. (Charges are the same as INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS RATES.)

1. Municipal Wholesale Rate – Summer (MWR):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$108.25
Demand Charge, per kW	\$21.11
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.0801

2. Municipal Wholesale Rate – Winter (MWR):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026
Customer Charge, per month	\$108.25
Demand Charge, per kW	\$16.78
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.0697

3. **Minimum Bill:** The Minimum Bill of the customer shall be the Customer Charge plus the greater of the following:
 - a. Monthly demand and energy as metered;
 - b. Sixty percent (60%) of the highest billing demand occurring during the prior months of June, July, August or September;
 - c. Any higher minimum as stipulated in an individual service agreement.
4. **Applicability:** To any municipal customer within the Nebraska City service area for resale.

Section 2. Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) Clause. All rates are subject to a Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) as calculated on a monthly basis. The calculated Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for a given month is the difference between actual cost of purchased power, purchased energy and generated energy, per kilowatt-hour and the PCA base of \$0.065/kWh, provided that if this amount is negative, the calculated PCA is zero (0). The PCA charge that is actually applied to customer bills shall be an average of the calculated PCA for the prior six (6) months, provided that between October 2025 and March 2026 the calculation will transition to using the rolling six (6) months average as follows:

October 2025:	One-sixth (1/6) of the calculated PCA for September 2025
November 2025:	Sum of the calculated PCA for September-October 2025, divided by six (6)
December 2025:	Sum of the calculated PCA for September-November 2025, divided by six (6)
January 2026:	Sum of the calculated PCA for September-December 2025, divided by six (6)
February 2026:	Sum of the calculated PCA for September 2025-January 2026, divided by six (6)
Thereafter:	Average of the PCA for prior six (6) months

The calculated PCA will be increased by 6.25 percent to cover the cost of required general fund transfers from the electric utility under City code.

Section 3. Power Factor Correction. All demand rates included herein are subject to adjustment for power factors of less than 95% lagging. If the power factor, by meter or test, is found to be less than 95%, at or near peak monthly demand, the billing demand shall be increased by the ratio of 95 divided by the measured power factor. To allow the customer appropriate time to correct a low power factor, the penalty correction shall be advisory for the first three bills rendered after the customer has been advised in writing of a power factor charge determination has provided by NCU.

Section 4. Service Quality. Customers operating equipment having highly fluctuating or large instantaneous demands, or which require electric service quality exceeding customary industry standards, shall be required to provide adequate corrective and/or protective equipment, isolating transformers, or other equipment necessary to avoid interference with or be affected by customary service to other customers. Such special service conditions shall be subject to such additional monthly charges as the Utility deems necessary and appropriate.

Section 5. Discounts. A credit of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the energy charge shall be granted for primary metering of utility-owned transformers. A credit of three and one-half percent (3-1/2%) of the energy charge shall be granted for customer-owned transformers where metering is located on the low voltage side of the transformers. A credit of five percent (5%) of the energy charge shall be granted for primary metering of customer-owned transformers. No credit shall be allowed when energy is delivered through more than one bank of utility-owned transformers.

Section 6. Discrimination Prohibited. No service shall be provided under any other rate than as provided in these articles, except by written contract.

Section 7. Definitions.

kW shall mean peak kilowatt demand.

kWh shall mean kilowatt-hour consumption.

Section 8. Service Policies. All rates and services included hereinabove are subject to the standard service policies and regulations of the NCU.

Section 9. Taxes. In the event of the imposition of any new tax or the increase of any existing tax, or any increase in payments in lieu thereof, transfer fee, by any lawful authority, the electric bills determined under this ordinance may be increased by the amount of such tax or charge.

Section 10. Repeal. That Ordinance XX and all ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of September, 2026.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

