



TOWN OF MADISON
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRIC WORKS
6 BUSINESS PARK DR.
MADISON, MAINE 04950
207-696-4401

Dear Customer:

Re: *Madison Electric Works, Request for Approval of Increase in Rates (35-A M.R.S. § 307), Docket No. 2025-00356 – Notice to Customers of Proposed Rate Increase.*

Madison Electric Works (“MEW”) takes this opportunity to notify you that, in order that it may continue providing essential electricity services to customers, MEW will be filing a proposed increase in rates in accordance with 35-A M.R.S. § 307 and Chapter 120 of the rules of the Maine Public Utilities Commission (“MPUC” or the “Commission”) seeking a proposed effective date of February 1, 2026. MEW’s filing can be found in the Commission docket referenced below. A Notice to MEW’s Customers as directed by the Commission is attached to this cover letter.

This rate increase by MEW is necessary due to two primary factors. MEW’s last rate increase was implemented on August 1, 2022. Prior to that, MEW’s last major increase was a 15 percent increase in 2012, with four, small, one percent increases in the interim. Since the 2022 rate increase, cost increases and other market factors have eroded MEW’s margins. Second, projected reductions in the load associated with a large customer are having a significant impact on MEW’s revenues. Without a rate increase that brings revenues in line with its costs of providing service, MEW will not be able to continue providing essential services to its customers. Even with the proposed increases, MEW’s delivery rates will remain among the lowest in the state.

MEW strives to keep rates as low as possible, but as stated earlier, the four years since MEW’s last rate increase and the loss of significant load has necessitated this increase. In total, the rate adjustment is projected to increase annual revenues by \$850,964, or approximately 44 percent of total Delivery revenues (36 percent when including Transmission Adjustment revenues). As part of the rate increase, MEW also seeks to restructure the Large Power – Primary Service rate to include four separate levels of usage. At the same time and separate from this proceeding, MEW will be decreasing our Standard Offer rate (Rate SO) but increasing the Transmission Adjustment rate (Rate TA). The full effect of these adjustments and MEW’s modified rate design upon each of the customer classes is set forth under Table 1 below.

Table 1

	kWh/mo	Current Bill					Proposed Bill					Increase		Percent Increase	
		Delivery	Pwr Supply	Trans	Cons Assess	Total	Delivery	Pwr	Trans	CA	Total	Delivery	Total	Delivery	Total
Res	709	40.36	54.78	10.64	5.86	111.63	57.37	40.11	18.87	5.86	122.20	17.01	10.57	42%	9.5%
Gen Svc	1,665	81.49	128.65	24.98	13.75	248.88	118.83	94.19	44.31	13.75	271.09	37.34	22.22	46%	8.9%
Large Pwr	23,244	1,010	1,796	349	192	3,347	1,506	1,315	619	192	3,632	496.18	285.04	49%	8.5%
LP-PS*	315,417	1,879		9,290		11,169	12,665		9,290		21,955	10,786	10,786	574%	96.6%

LP - PS		Delivery Rate	
		Existing	Proposed
Small (0 - 2 million kWh/year)		0.00584	LP - 5%
Medium (2 - 10 million kWh/year)		0.00584	0.040
Large (10 - 30 million kWh/year)		0.00584	0.015
30+ million kWh/year		0.00584	Special Contract

* MEW has one LP-PS customer that would qualify as an LP-PS Medium. Monthly energy is based on the projected annual usage provided by the customer. Transmission costs are allocated directly to the customer, and the amount shown is the monthly average for 2025. The customer secures its own power supply.

Sincerely,

Marty Berry
Superintendent



Maine Public Utilities Commission Required Customer Notice

On or around December 15, 2025, Madison Electric Works intends to file a request with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") to increase its distribution rates.

The Commission anticipates that the new rates would go into effect no later than March 1, 2027. If the rate request is granted, a typical residential customer with usage of 709 kWh per month would see an increase of about \$17.01 per month in Delivery rates. A customer using 900 kWh per month would see an increase of approximately \$21.07 per month, and a customer using 1,200 kWh per month would see an increase of about \$27.45 per month. The requested change represents an increase of approximately 9.5% in the total bill of a typical residential customer, and approximately \$850,964 in additional annual revenues. The Commission understands that proposed rates will result in total increases to the bills of commercial, large power customer (secondary), and large power (primary) customers of 8.9%, 8.5%, and 96.6%, respectively.

You may participate in the distribution rate proceeding before the Commission in several ways:

1. If you want to be notified when a filing is made in the case or when Commission orders are issued, you may add your name to the case notification list using the Commission's online case management system (CMS). For information on how to register and use the system, please access the information at www.maine.gov/mpuc/online-services/. The case has been assigned Docket No. 2025-00356.
2. You may petition to intervene. If your petition to intervene is granted, you will be a party with the right to participate formally in the case. Your petition may be submitted through the Commission's CMS and must include the name and docket number of this proceeding (Docket No. 2025-00356) as well as the manner in which you are affected by this proceeding. Your petition must also include a short, plain statement of the nature and extent of the participation you seek, and a statement of the nature of the evidence or argument you intend to submit. You may also submit your petition in writing via U.S. mail to the Commission's Administrative Director, Maine Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0018. Your petition to intervene must be filed with the Commission no later than **January 16, 2026**. The Commission will hold the initial case conference for this case on **January 20, 2026, commencing at 10:00 a.m.** at the Commission's offices at 26 Katherine Drive, Hallowell, Maine.
3. You may file a public comment through the Commission's CMS by accessing <https://mpuc-cms.maine.gov/CQM.Public.WebUI/Comments/CaseNumberSearch.aspx> using case number Docket No. 2025-00365.
4. The Commission intends to hold a Public Witness Hearing, the details of which will be addressed in an order issued in Docket No. 2025-00356.

For more information about this proceeding, contact the Commission at 207-287-3831 or www.maine.gov/mpuc, or contact Madison Electric Works at 207-696-4401 or visit <https://www.madelec.net/>. In addition, the Office of the Public Advocate provides guidance on how to participate at the Commission at www.maine.gov/meopa/puc-information and can be reached at 207-624-3687.