



# Natural Gas Interim Rates

**Effective January 1, 2024**

On November 1, 2023, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) filed an application with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) for an increase in the Company's natural gas rates. If approved by the Commission, the proposed new rates will result in an increase in total revenue of \$11.6 million annually or 7.45 percent over current rates. Investments in system upgrades and pipeline replacement projects enhancing the reliability, safety and integrity of the natural gas system, as well as increased costs to operate and maintain that system, are the main reasons for the increase request.

State law allows Montana-Dakota to charge an interim rate while the Commission considers the Company's request for a change in rates. On December 13, 2023, the Commission authorized Montana-Dakota to implement an interim increase in the amount of \$10.1 million annually or 6.4 percent over current rates to be effective January 1, 2024. The interim rate will remain in effect while the Commission considers the Company's request. If the final approved increase is lower than the interim increase, Montana-Dakota will refund the difference to its customers with interest. Residential customers will see, on average, an increase of approximately \$5.20 per month.

The interim rate of 20.856% is effective with service rendered on and after January 1, 2024. The interim rate will be applied to the amounts



billed under the Basic Service Charge and Distribution Delivery or Demand Charge applicable under each rate schedule and will be shown as a separate line item on your bill. The first bill you receive may be prorated, depending on the date your meter is read. This means that only the portion of your bill for service on and after January 1, 2024 will reflect the interim rate adjustment.

The current applicable rates for various classes of service are shown below:

**Residential Natural Gas Service – Rate 60**

Basic Service Charge. . . . . \$0.8244 per day  
 Cost of Gas (as of January 1, 2024) . . \$4.447 per dk  
 Interim Rate Adjustment. . . . . 20.856%

**Residential Propane Service – Rate 90**

Basic Service Charge. . . . . \$0.8244 per day  
 Cost of Propane (as of January 1, 2024) . . \$9.410 per dk  
 Interim Rate Adjustment. . . . . 20.856%

**Firm General Natural Gas Service – Rate 70**

Basic Service Charge:  
 Meters rated under  
     500 cubic feet per hour . . . . . \$0.75 per day  
 Meters rated over  
     500 cubic feet per hour . . . . . \$2.13 per day  
 Distribution Delivery Charge  
 Meters rated under  
     500 cubic feet per hour . . . . . \$1.174 per dk  
 Meters rated over  
     500 cubic feet per hour . . . . . \$0.917 per dk  
 Cost of Gas (as of January 1, 2024) . . \$4.447 per dk  
 Interim Rate Adjustment. . . . . 20.856%

**Firm General Propane Service – Rate 92**

Basic Service Charge:  
 Meters rated under  
     500 cubic feet per hour . . . . . \$0.75 per day  
 Meters rated over  
     500 cubic feet per hour . . . . . \$2.13 per day  
 Distribution Delivery Charge  
 Meters rated under  
     500 cubic feet per hour . . . . . \$1.174 per dk

Meters rated over  
     500 cubic feet per hour . . . . . \$0.917 per dk  
 Cost of Propane (as of January 1, 2024) . . \$9.410 per dk  
 Interim Rate Adjustment. . . . . 20.856%

**Other Rates Available:**

Small Interruptible General Gas Service – Rate 71,  
 Optional Seasonal General Gas Service – Rate 72,  
 Firm General Contracted Demand Service – Rate 74,  
 Transportation Service – Rates 81 and 82, Large  
 Interruptible General Gas Service – Rate 85

**How to calculate your bill**

This information is to assist you in checking your bill. A residential service (Rate 60) is used for this example.

1. Assume a month's use of 13.11 Mcf\*
2. Multiply the Mcf x 1.1439 (the average thermal factor\*\* in Bismarck) = 15 dk
3. Determine bill calculations:

Basic Service Charge  
     (31 days @ \$0.8244 per day) . . . . . \$25.56  
 Cost of Gas  
     (15.0 dk @ \$4.447 per dk) . . . . . \$66.71  
 Interim Rate Adjustment  
     (\$25.56 x 20.856%) . . . . . \$5.33  
**Total bill. . . . . \$97.60**

\*Natural gas is measured by your natural gas meter in units called Mcf, which means “thousand cubic feet.” The Mcf is converted to dk by applying a thermal factor.

\*\*The thermal factor is a combination of the Btu content of natural gas and the average atmospheric pressure at your location. This factor appears on your monthly bill.

For further information, applicable rates, rules and regulations are available at [www.montana-dakota.com](http://www.montana-dakota.com) or by calling 1-800-638-3278.