

# Media Release



## **UPDATE: Combined decisions result in a rate increase for PacifiCorp residential customers effective April 1**

**Updated 4/1/2026:** This release updates the **Residential Customer Impact** section below. All other information remains unchanged.

**SALEM, Ore.** – The Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) has approved rate adjustments for PacifiCorp residential customers that take effect April 1, 2026. The changes reflect the outcome of PacifiCorp’s annual power cost adjustment (true-up for 2024), which was resolved through an agreement among PUC staff, PacifiCorp, and consumer advocates. They also incorporate several additional filings that either increase or decrease customer rates, with the net effect being an overall increase.

### **Residential Customer Impact**

The combined effect of the power cost adjustment and other routine filings is expected to increase the typical residential customer’s monthly bill by about \$4.29, or 2.9%. Actual impacts will vary based on individual energy usage. Customers in Albany, Oregon, can expect an average increase of about \$5.64, or 4.1% per month. This additional increase reflects the cost of relocating power lines underground as part of a City of Albany improvement project.

Residential rate changes were delayed until April 1 under House Bill (HB) 3179, the FAIR Act, which prevents residential rate increases during the winter heating season (Nov. 1-March 31) to help reduce customer cost impacts.

### **Reasons for the Adjustment**

The overall change reflects updated actual costs for fuel, purchased power, wholesale market sales, and other power cost expenses for 2024 compared with the forecasted costs for that year. Several routine accounting and tax-related updates also contributed to the final outcome, with some filings resulting in a small rate decrease for customers and others resulting in modest increases. In addition, the adjustment incorporates the cost of two wind farms, which serve to displace more expensive power, as well as updated funding levels to support the Energy Trust of Oregon’s energy-efficiency programs.

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“Our role is to ensure utility rates reflect the real costs of delivering power safely and reliably,” said Commission Chair Letha Tawney. “As fuel prices, wholesale market conditions, and renewable energy costs shift, we must update rates so they accurately reflect the cost of efficiently maintaining the service customers depend on every day. These adjustments also ensure continued investment in clean energy and energy-efficiency programs that benefit Oregon families.”

## Manage Energy Use and Bills

- Explore rebates and energy-saving tips through the [Energy Trust of Oregon](#).
- Learn about bill payment assistance, support for past-due balances, utility discount programs, weatherization services, or the [Equal Pay Program](#) that spreads energy costs evenly throughout the year by calling Pacific Power at 888-221-7070 or [visit PacifiCorp’s website](#).
- Reach out to local Community Action agencies to find out what other support is available.

Pacific Power serves more than 650,000 customers in Oregon.

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