

# CSU Rate Changes

A Comparison of CSU and City of Colorado Springs  
Budget Growth

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*“To provide safe, reliable,  
**competitively-priced** electric, natural  
gas, water and wastewater services to  
the citizen owners and customers of  
Colorado Springs Utilities.”*

*-CSU Mission Statement*

# CSU Rates Comparison - Residential Rates

Colorado Springs Utilities Regional Rate Total Bill Comparison As of September 30, 2015										
	Electric		Natural Gas		Water		Wastewater		Total	
	Typical Bill	% Higher/ (Lower)	Typical Bill	% Higher/ (Lower)	Typical Bill	% Higher/ (Lower)	Typical Bill	% Higher/ (Lower)	Typical Bill	% Higher/ (Lower)
Residential	600 kWh		6,000 cf		1,100 cf		700 cf			
<b>Colorado Springs</b>										
Colorado Springs Utilities (E1R, G1R, W-R, S-R)	\$ 74.87		\$ 43.10		\$ 57.07		\$ 32.50		\$ 207.54	
<b>Denver</b>										
Xcel Energy (Sch. R, Sch. RG)	\$ 68.35	-8.71%	\$ 36.33	-15.72%						
Denver Water (Inside City SF Res)					\$ 29.37	-48.54%				
City of Denver Wastewater (Res 5/8")							\$ 19.79	-39.10%	\$ 153.83	-25.88%
<b>Aurora</b>										
Xcel Energy (Sch. R, Sch. RG)	\$ 68.35	-8.71%	\$ 36.33	-15.72%						
Aurora Water (Res 5/8")					\$ 55.42	-2.89%	\$ 21.25	-34.61%	\$ 181.35	-12.62%
<b>Lakewood</b>										
Xcel Energy (Sch. R, Sch. RG)	\$ 68.35	-8.71%	\$ 36.33	-15.72%						
City of Lakewood (SF 5/8")					\$ 51.79	-9.26%	\$ 24.58	-24.38%	\$ 181.04	-12.77%
<b>Pueblo</b>										
Black Hills Energy (RS-1)	\$ 100.40	34.10%								
Xcel Energy (Sch. RG)			\$ 36.33	-15.72%						
Pueblo Board of Water Works (Inside City 3/4")					\$ 26.47	-53.62%				
City of Pueblo Wastewater (Res 3/4")							\$ 29.14	-10.33%	\$ 192.34	-7.32%
<b>Fort Collins</b>										
Fort Collins Utilities (Sch-R, SF)	\$ 56.88	-24.02%			\$ 37.61	-34.09%	\$ 35.71	9.88%		
Xcel Energy (Sch. RG)			\$ 36.33	-15.72%					\$ 166.53	-19.76%

# Governor Hickenlooper at the CASB Conference

- "The middle class is shrinking, the lower-middle class is accelerating and the people are pretty bitter and very, very sensitive to increased governing spending of any source."  
"
- Gazette: Saturday December 5, 2015

# CSU Rates Comparison – Commercial Rates

Commercial	6,000 kWh		124,000 cf		3,000 cf		3,000 cf			
<b>Colorado Springs</b>										
Colorado Springs Utilities (E2C, G1CL, W-C, S-C)	\$	515.20	\$	650.28	\$	179.16	\$	108.46	\$	1,453.10
<b>Denver</b>										
Xcel Energy (Sch-C, Sch-CSG)	\$	608.31	18.07%	\$	551.82	-15.14%				
Denver Water (Non-Res)					\$	70.02	-60.92%			
City of Denver Wastewater (Comm 1 1/2")								\$	84.82	-21.79%
								\$	1,314.97	-9.51%
<b>Aurora</b>										
Xcel Energy (Sch-C, Sch-CSG)	\$	608.31	18.07%	\$	551.82	-15.14%				
Aurora Water (Comm 1 1/2")					\$	154.54	-13.74%	\$	93.67	-13.64%
								\$	1,408.34	-3.08%
<b>Lakewood</b>										
Xcel Energy (Sch-C, Sch-CSG)	\$	608.31	18.07%	\$	551.82	-15.14%				
City of Lakewood (Non-Res 1 1/2")					\$	144.83	-19.16%	\$	92.19	-15.00%
								\$	1,397.15	-3.85%
<b>Pueblo</b>										
Black Hills Energy (Sch-SGS-N)	\$	959.66	86.27%							
Xcel Energy (Sch-CSG)				\$	551.82	-15.14%				
Pueblo Board of Water Works (Inside City 1 1/2")							\$	74.28	-58.54%	
City of Pueblo Wastewater (Comm 1 1/2")								\$	92.16	-15.03%
								\$	1,677.92	15.47%
<b>Fort Collins Utilities</b>										
Fort Collins Utilities (GS-25, Comm 1 1/2")	\$	543.07	5.41%				\$	160.36	-10.49%	
Xcel Energy (Sch-CSG)				\$	551.82	-15.14%		\$	107.27	-1.10%
								\$	1,362.51	-6.23%

# CSU Rates Comparison – Industrial rates

	1,000 kw on-peak demand (88,000 on-peak and 312,000 off-peak demand)		1,240,000 cf		50,000 cf		50,000 cf			
Industrial										
<b>Colorado Springs</b>										
Colorado Springs Utilities (E&T, G1CL, W-C, S-C)	\$	32,404.11	\$	6,290.54	\$	2,392.98	\$	1,339.86	\$	42,427.49
<b>Denver</b>										
Xcel Energy (Sch-SG, Sch-CLG)	\$	34,855.93	7.57%	\$	4,898.79	-22.12%	\$	1,061.42	-55.64%	
Denver Water (Non-Res) City of Denver Wastewater (Comm 2")							\$	1,413.72	5.51%	\$
										\$
										42,229.86
										-0.47%
<b>Aurora</b>										
Xcel Energy (Sch-SC, Sch-CLG)	\$	34,855.93	7.57%	\$	4,898.79	-22.12%				
Aurora Water (Comm 2")							\$	2,159.32	-9.76%	\$
										43,199.89
										1.82%
<b>Lakewood</b>										
Xcel Energy (Sch-SC, Sch-CLG)	\$	34,855.93	7.57%	\$	4,898.79	-22.12%				
City of Lakewood (Non-Res 2", All)							\$	2,044.67	-14.56%	\$
										43,273.21
										1.99%
<b>Pueblo</b>										
Black Hills Energy (Sch-LGS-S)	\$	48,159.83	48.62%							
Xcel Energy (Sch-CLG)				\$	4,898.79	-22.12%				
Pueblo Board of Water Works (Inside City 2")							\$	967.10	-59.59%	
City of Pueblo Wastewater (Ind 2")							\$	1,179.52	-11.97%	\$
										55,205.24
										30.12%
<b>Fort Collins Utilities</b>										
Fort Collins Utilities (GS-750, Comm 2")	\$	29,972.14	-7.51%				\$	1,011.00	-57.75%	\$
Xcel Energy (Sch-CLG)				\$	4,898.79	-22.12%				\$
										37,069.75
										-12.63%

# Rate increase from 2005 -2014 for commercial, industrial, and residential...

<b>Utility Rates Between 2005 and 2014</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Electric - Commerical	\$374.75	\$522.66	39%
Natural Gas - Commerical	\$935.51	\$798.77	-15%
Water - Commerical	\$71.10	\$179.68	153%
Waste Water - Commerical	\$59.57	\$108.87	83%
<b>Total Bill - Commerical</b>	<b>\$1,440.93</b>	<b>\$1,609.98</b>	<b>12%</b>
Electric - Industrial	\$22,856.12	\$32,246.56	41%
Natural Gas - Industrial	\$9,187.21	\$7,772.65	-15%
Water - Industrial	\$1,018.45	\$2,369.88	133%
Waste Water - Industrial	\$836.23	\$1,340.27	60%
<b>Total Bill - Industrial</b>	<b>\$33,898.01</b>	<b>\$43,729.36</b>	<b>29%</b>
Electric - Residential	\$48.87	\$75.75	55%
Natural Gas - Residential	\$53.54	\$50.43	-6%
Water - Residential	\$25.97	\$57.28	121%
Waste Water - Residential	\$13.81	\$32.71	137%
<b>Total Bill - Residential</b>	<b>\$142.19</b>	<b>\$216.17</b>	<b>52%</b>

Residential customers are carrying more than their share of rates increases.

# Comparison of increase per customer to the three categories of utilities...

2016 COSS Electric Revenues	Current Rate Rev	Proposed Rate Rev	Increase in Rev	Percentage
Residential - Portion of Revenue	\$146,936,404	\$153,712,734	\$6,776,330	43%
Industrial - Portion of Revenue	\$114,315,282	\$120,771,961	\$6,456,679	41%
Commerical - Portion of Revenue	\$40,499,157	\$42,379,903	\$1,880,746	12%
Other Customer Classes	\$15,729,678	\$16,290,692	\$561,014	4%
Totals	\$317,480,521	\$333,155,290	\$15,674,769	100%

Residential customers pay for 43% of the revenue increase, higher than any other customer class.



# Electrical Rate Increases

- 15.7 Million total increase
- 6.1 Million of the increase is being paid by residential customers exclusively in their base rate.

# Water Rate Increase

- 9.0 Million total increase
- 3.8 Million of the increase is being paid by residential customers exclusively their base rate.

# GCA is a temporary price reduction

- 17.0 Million total decrease
- 10.0 Million of the increase is being refunded to the residential customers in their base rate.

# Residential Access Fees

- **The rate increases must not be done to the Residential ACCESS FEES.** This is very regressive and the low income rate payers are hurt by this process. *The rate increase for Residential customers for both electric and Water is being done to the Residential **ACCESS FEES.*** **This will increase the residential customers who need assistance.**
- Residential customers are already receiving \$4,278,000 from LEAP and Project Cope. The customers receiving LEAP assistance in 2014 was 7716, and Project Cope served 3,668 customers.