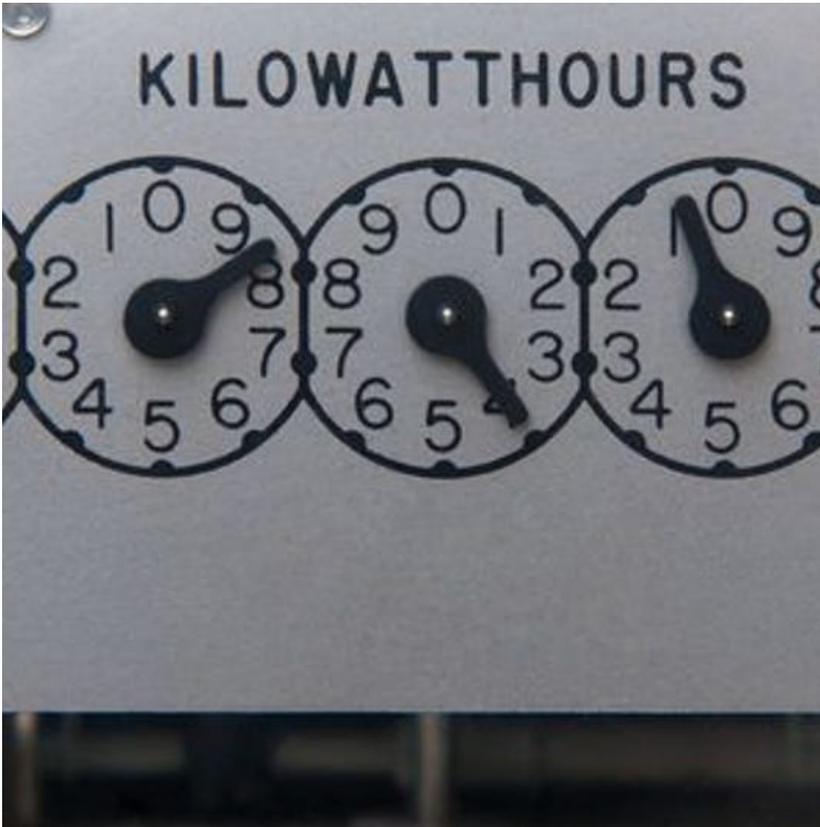


Indianola Municipal Utilities to raise electric rates for first time in two years

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Indianola Municipal Utilities will raise electric rates 3.9%. (Photo: File, File)

Indianola Municipal Utilities will raise electric rates for the first time in two years.

The Board of Trustees approved a 3.9% increase Monday. The board held a public hearing but no residents attended.

The change will be reflected in Dec. 1 utility bills. Chris DesPlanques, general manager for the Indianola Municipal Utilities said the rates were last changed by 7% two years ago.

Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska is raising the wholesale cost it charges Indianola Municipal Utilities and the rate increase will go to cover that, he said.

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"(The rates are) evaluated for appropriateness every year and when it's not necessary there are no costs that get passed on," he said.

How much more customers will pay will depend on their energy usage. DesPlanques said for an apartment with an average monthly electric bill of \$80, the extra cost per month will be \$3.12. For a home with an average bill of \$150, the additional cost will be \$5.85, he said.

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