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PowerLines is working to modernize the utility regulatory system for American energy consumers to lower utility bills and grow the economy.



Why Is Everything So Expensive?

Inflation has been slowing down. But prices remain high, and tariffs could bring a new wave of price hikes.

FOX NEWS POLL

Fox News Poll: Voters cite high prices as biggest motivator to vote

At least 6 in 10 say grocery prices, housing costs are a major problem for their family

By Victoria Balara · Fox News

BUSINESS

US egg prices increase to record high, dashing hopes of cheap eggs by Easter

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By FRANCISCO "A.J." CAMACHO, PETER BEHR | 04/03/2025 06:33 AM EDT

MONEYWATCH

Home electricity bills may reach a 12-year high this summer, driven by high temperatures, inflation

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By Megan Cerullo
Edited By Aimee Picchi
Updated on: May 20, 2025 / 3:10 PM EDT / CBS News



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Consumer Morsel

Will rising utility bills increase the heat on consumers?

21 February 2025

LOCAL

‘Must act immediately’: Healey calls on DPU chair to reduce energy costs for consumers



By Maria Papadopoulos, Boston 25 News and [Ryan Breslin](#),
[Boston 25 News](#)

February 18, 2025 at 7:55 am EST

ELECTRICITY MARKETS

New Jersey Governor Asks FERC to Investigate PJM 2024 Base Residual Auction

Lamont wants to keep CT’s
top utilities regulator.
Lawmakers may have other
ideas

ENERGY

Michigan AG slams utility for planning to request a rate hike days after its latest increase

BY: KYLE DAVIDSON - APRIL 3, 2025 12:15 PM



Governor Cox

@GovCox

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“The proposed rate increase from Rocky Mountain Power would be laughable if it wasn’t so dangerous. The proposal is completely unacceptable. The audacity and lack of awareness with this request seriously calls into question management at RMP. I will do everything I can to make sure a rate increase of that magnitude never sees the light of day.”

sltrib.com/renewable-ener...

Lawmakers say Youngkin backs ban on Dominion campaign cash



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Why the HECK is my electricity bill so high?

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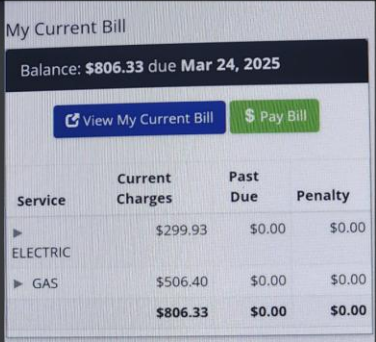
UTILITY BILLS!!!!

Photo

Been in Massachusetts for 7 years. I've delt with National Grid, Eversource and now after being a new homeowner to a VERY VERY energy efficient home, Unital.

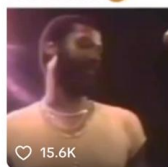
What I've learned in my short time here is they all SUCK but unital seems to be the CEO of the crooks. I've seen people post over 1k for utilities which is probably the norm with the old homes here...

My question is what the hell can be done with these high prices every year? I'm exhausted!




Service	Current Charges	Past Due	Penalty
ELECTRIC	\$299.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
GAS	\$506.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$806.33	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Me after checking my
electric bill 🤔



Utility bills.... Get yo...

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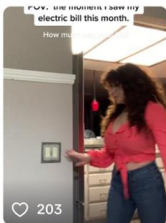


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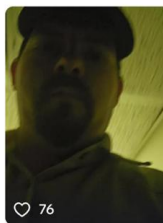
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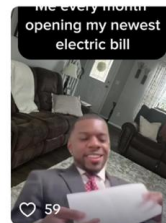
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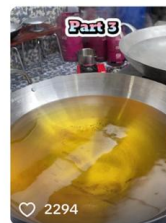
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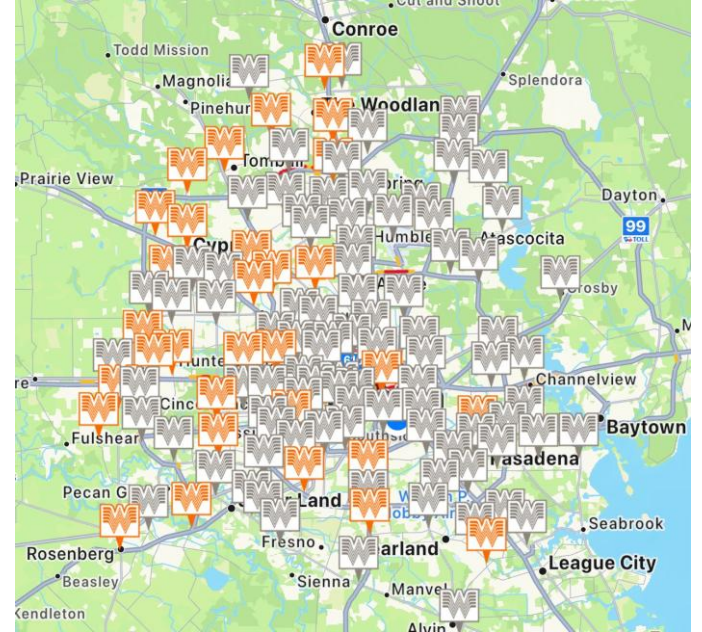


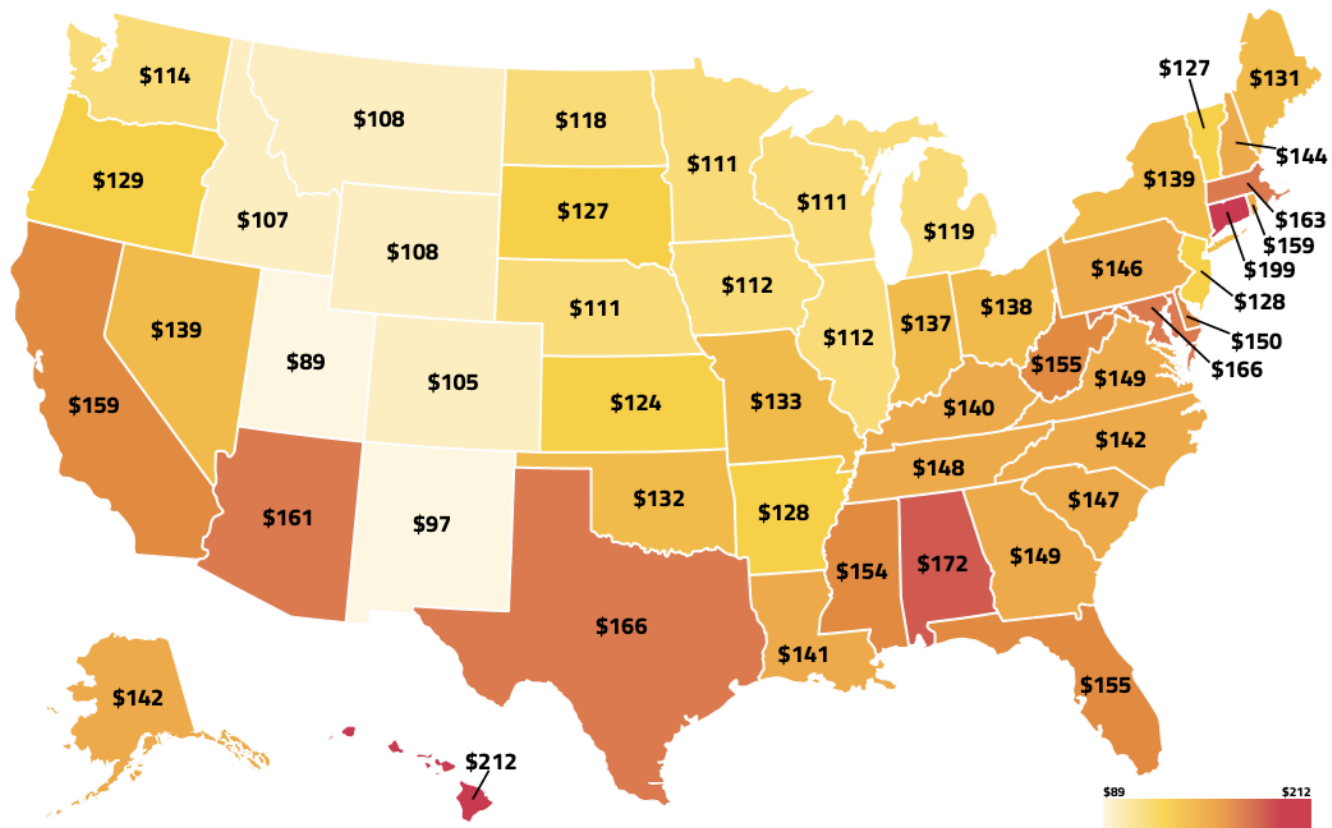
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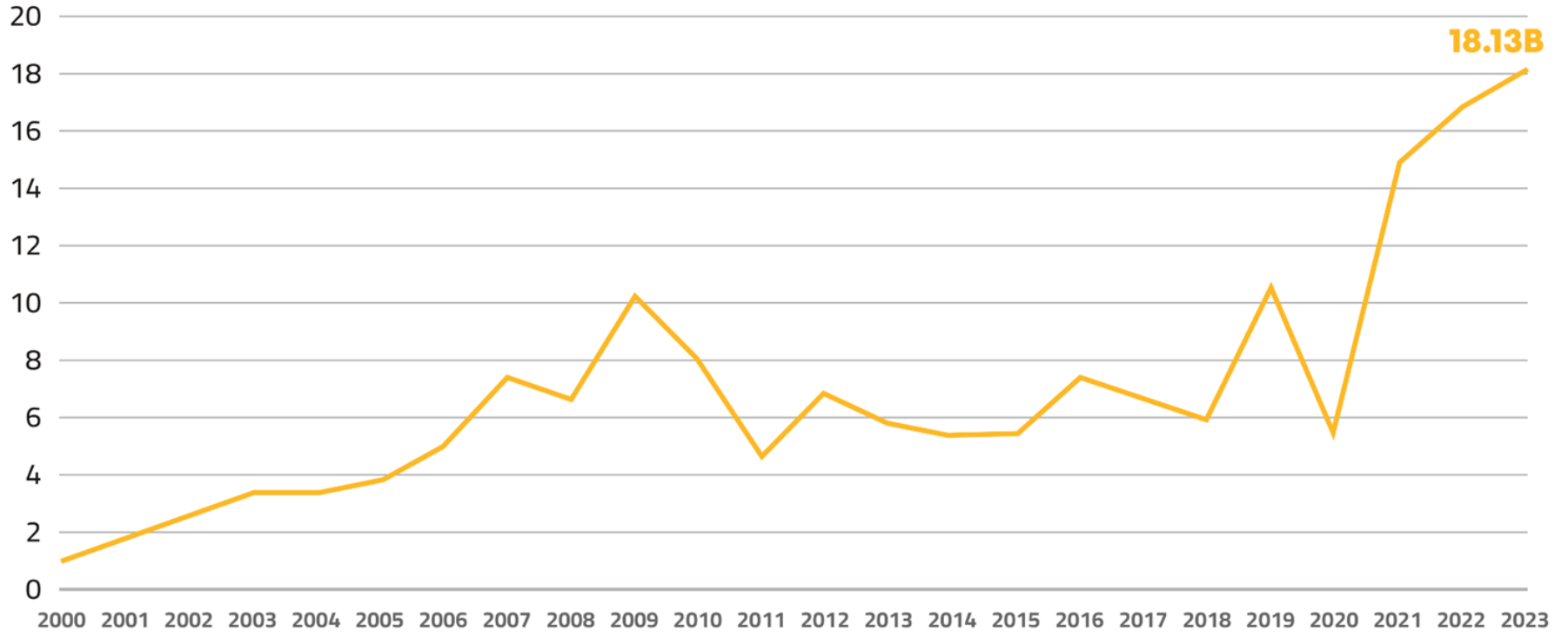




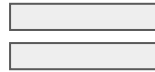




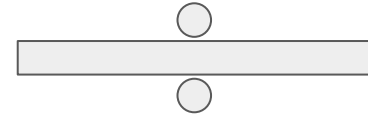
Requested Rate Increase by Electric and Gas Utilities (Billion \$)



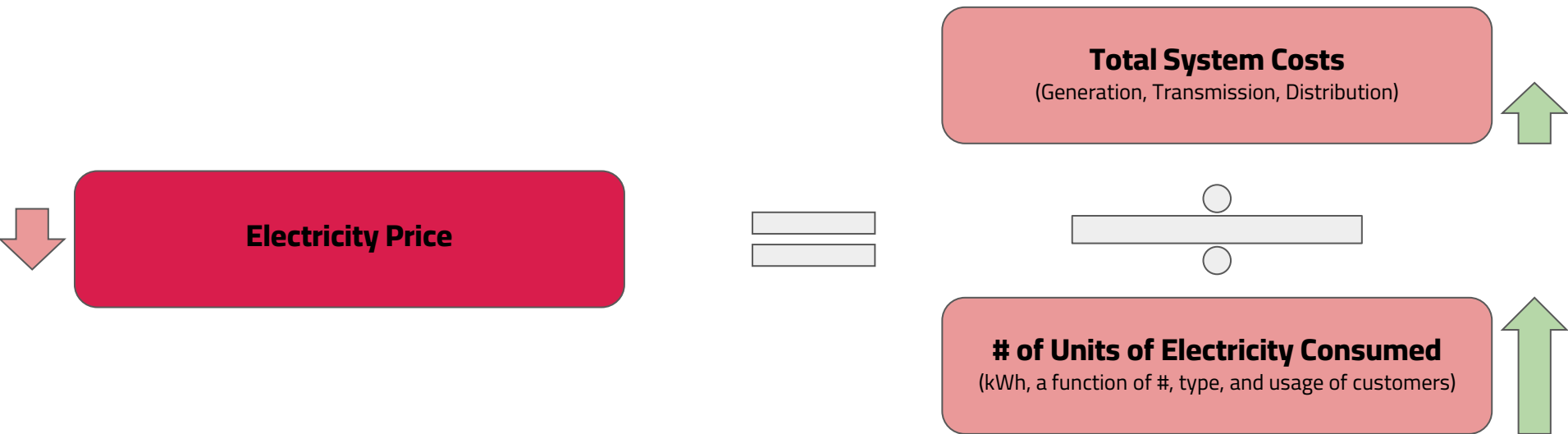
Electricity Price



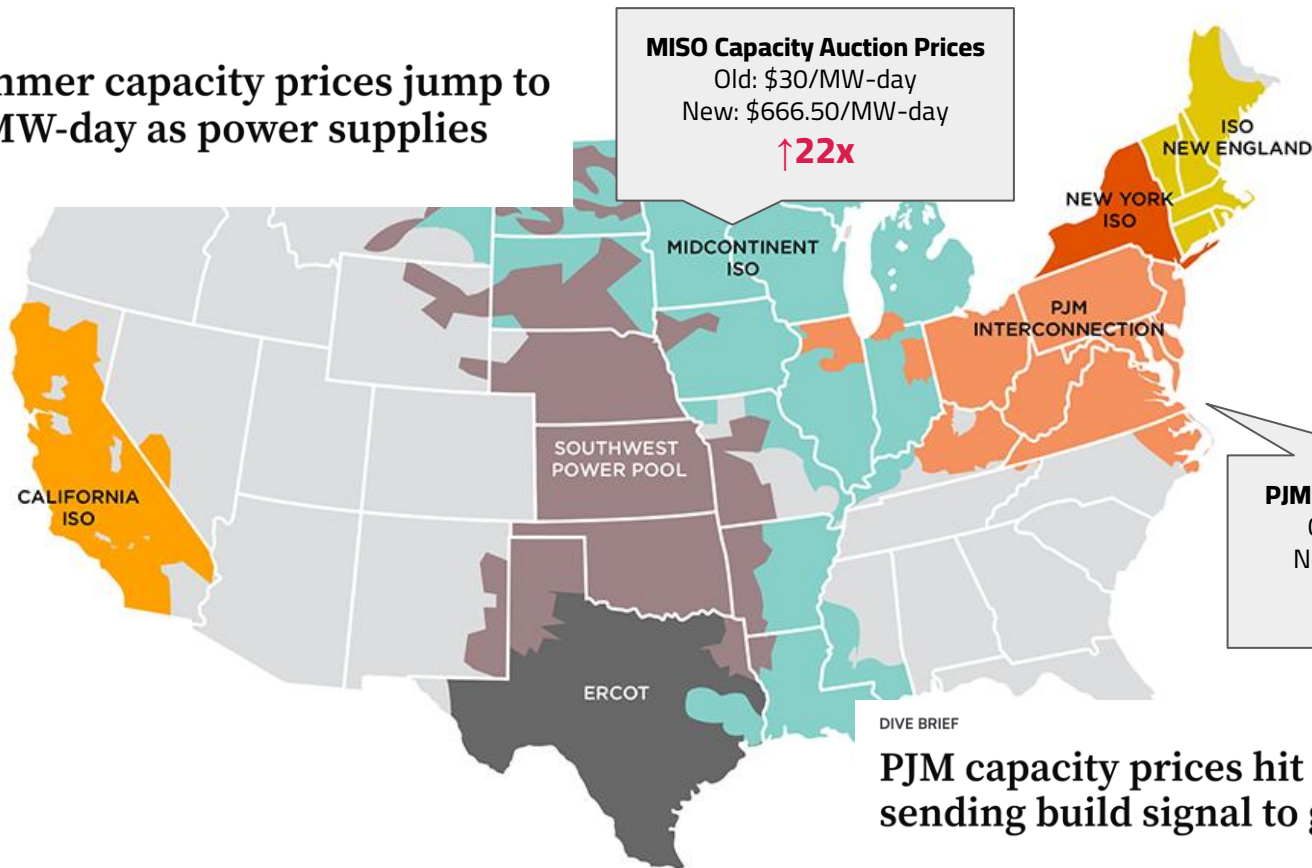
Total System Costs
(Generation, Transmission, Distribution)



of Units of Electricity Consumed
(kWh, a function of #, type, and usage of customers)



MISO summer capacity prices jump to \$666.50/MW-day as power supplies shrink



MISO Capacity Auction Prices

Old: \$30/MW-day
New: \$666.50/MW-day

↑22x

PJM Capacity Auction Prices

Old: \$28.92/MW-day
New: \$269.92/MW-day

↑9x

PJM capacity prices hit record highs, sending build signal to generators

Western Electricity Prices
Upward pressure from wildfires

Wildfire risk drives up Western utilities' insurance premiums

New England Electricity Prices
Upward pressure from volatile gas prices and fuel costs

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FIELD GUIDE TO BOSTON



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Why your heating bills are so expensive this winter in Mass.

Updated February 25, 2025 By [Miriam Wasser](#)



California's power rates are second highest in U.S., soaring bills projected to continue

California Electricity Prices
Up to nearly 50¢/kWh

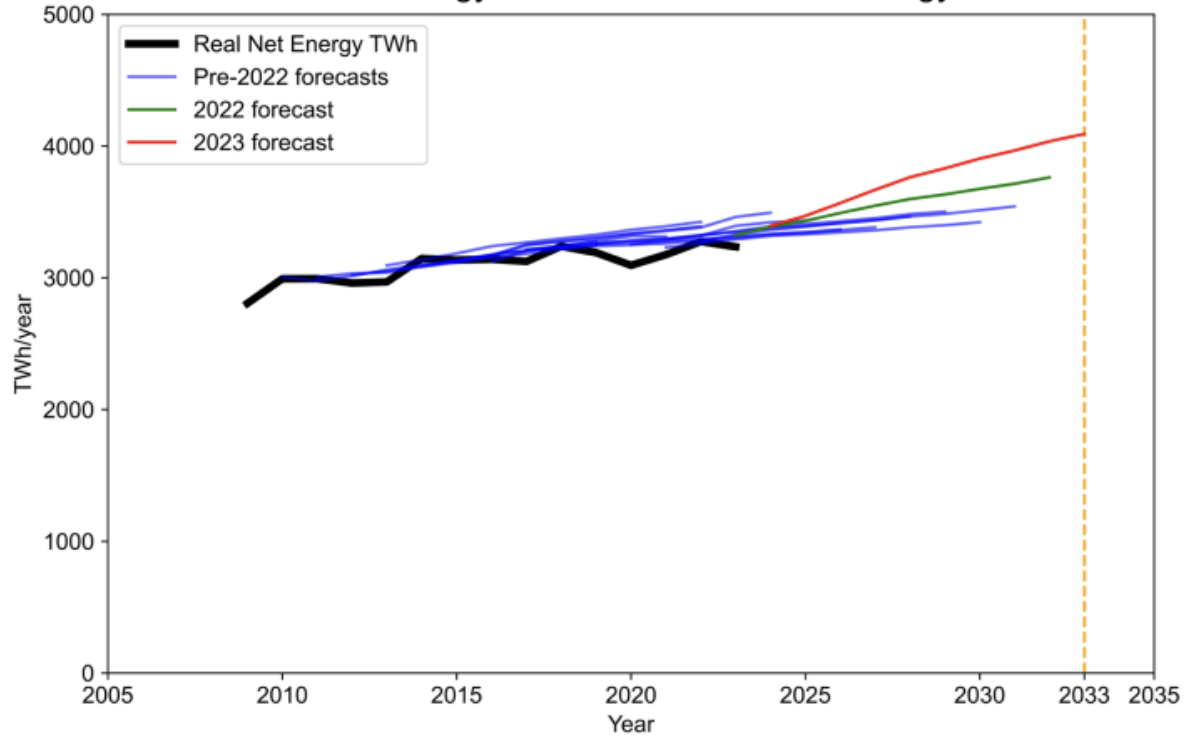
SOUTHWEST POWER POOL

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'Very disturbed': Georgia Power customers see higher bills as parent company reports \$400M profit increase

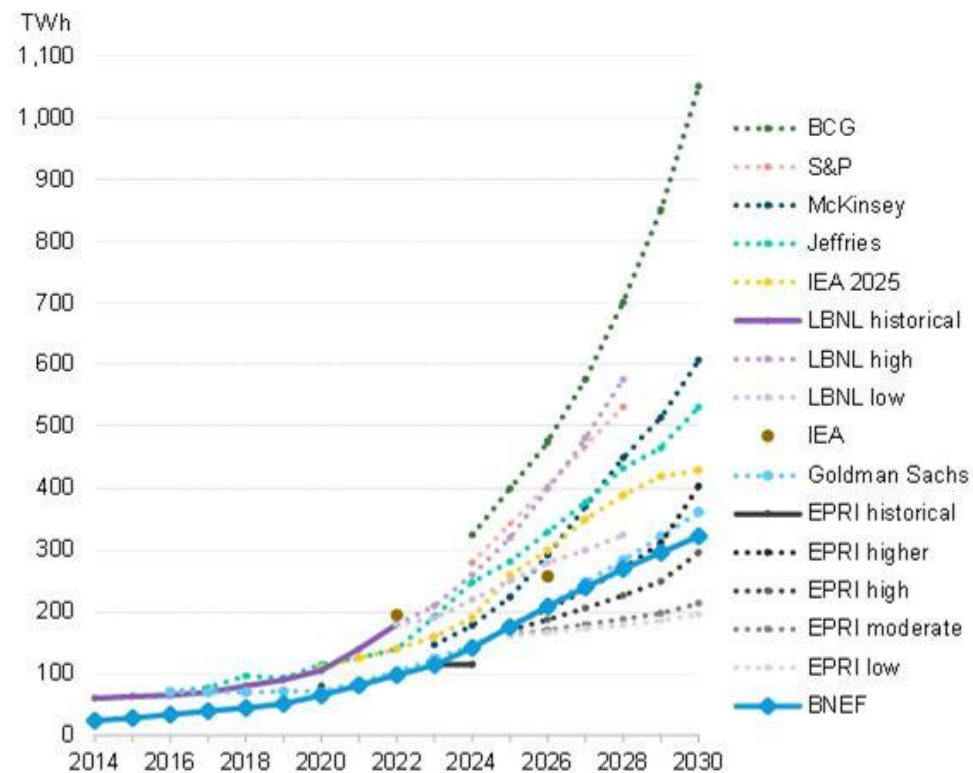
Georgia Electricity Prices
Upward pressure from Plant Vogtle nuclear plant and rate hikes

Aggregate Net Energy Forecast vs. Real Net Energy



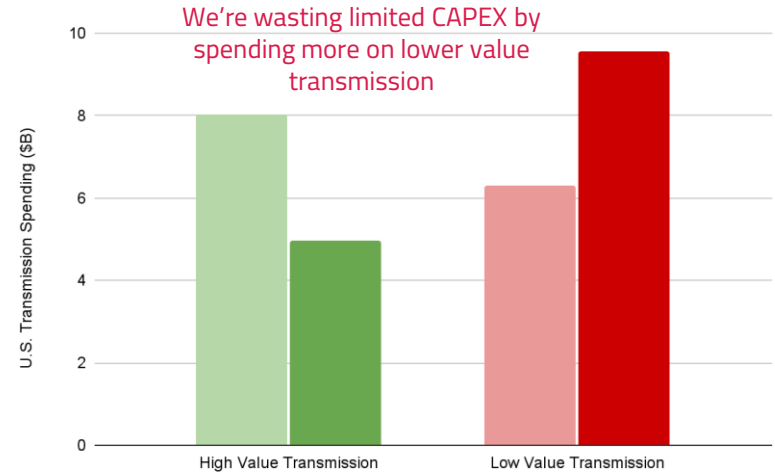
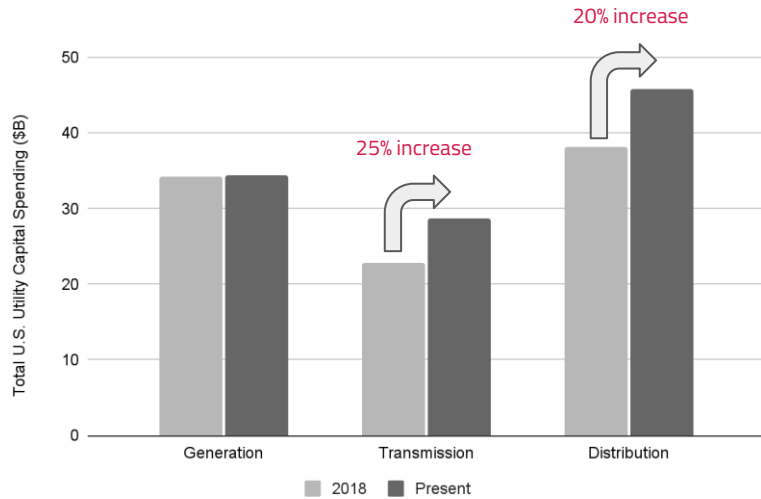
Source: Bipartisan Policy Center

Figure 9: Comparison of US data-center energy demand forecasts



Source: BloombergNEF

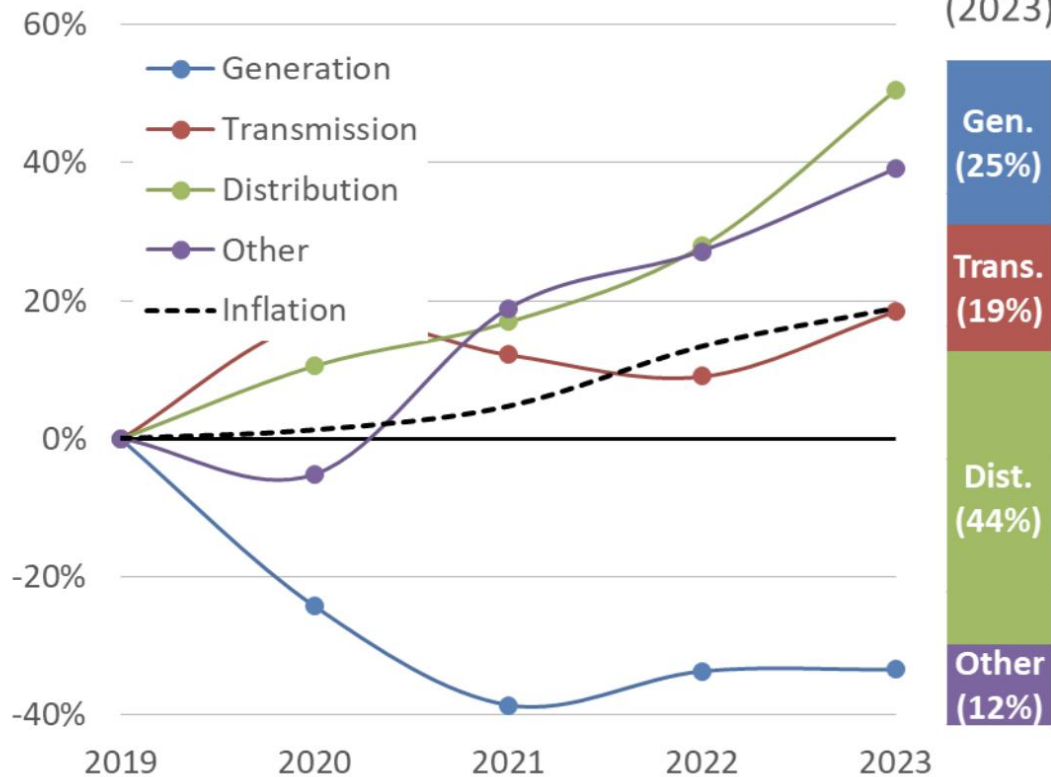
Inefficient Transmission and Distribution Spending



Source: Edison Electric Institute, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, based on latest 2021 figures

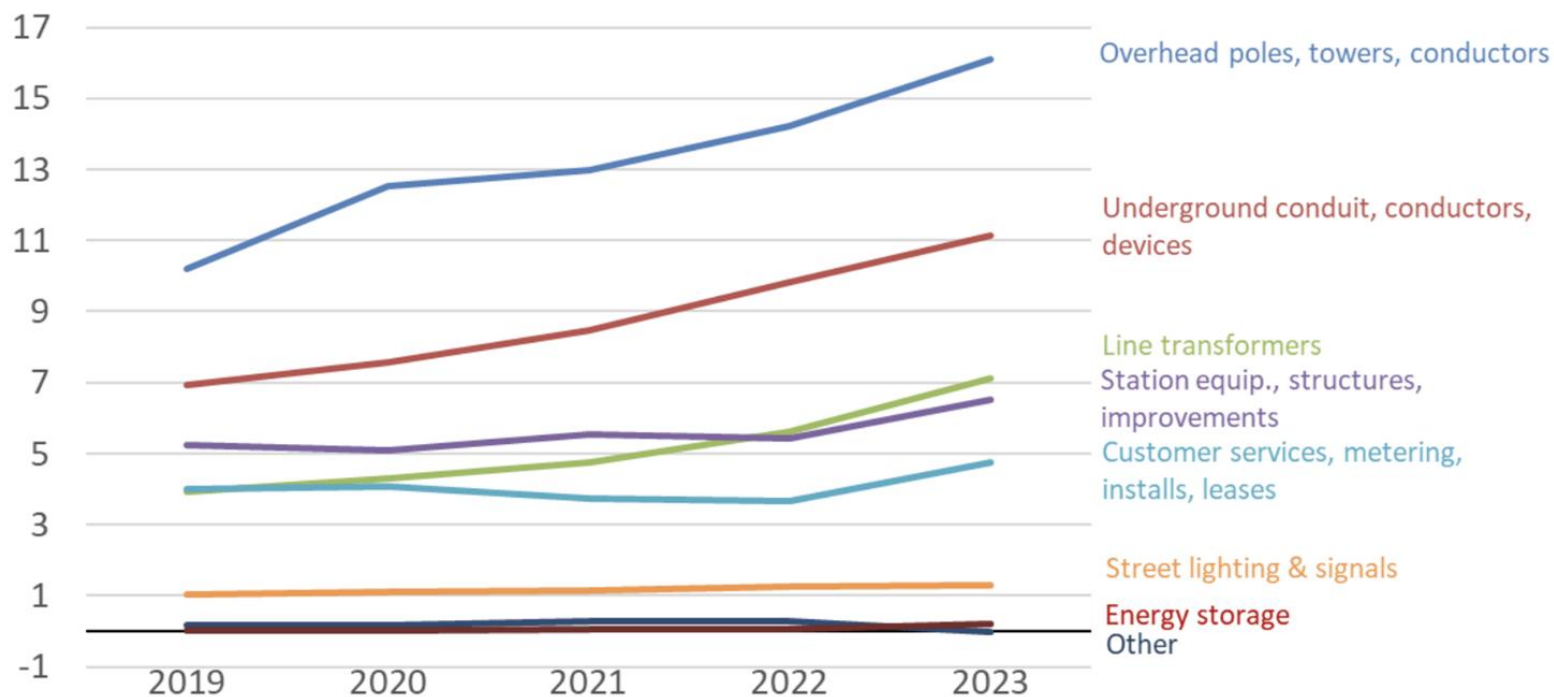
Change in Annual CapEx from 2019

CapEx Share
(2023)



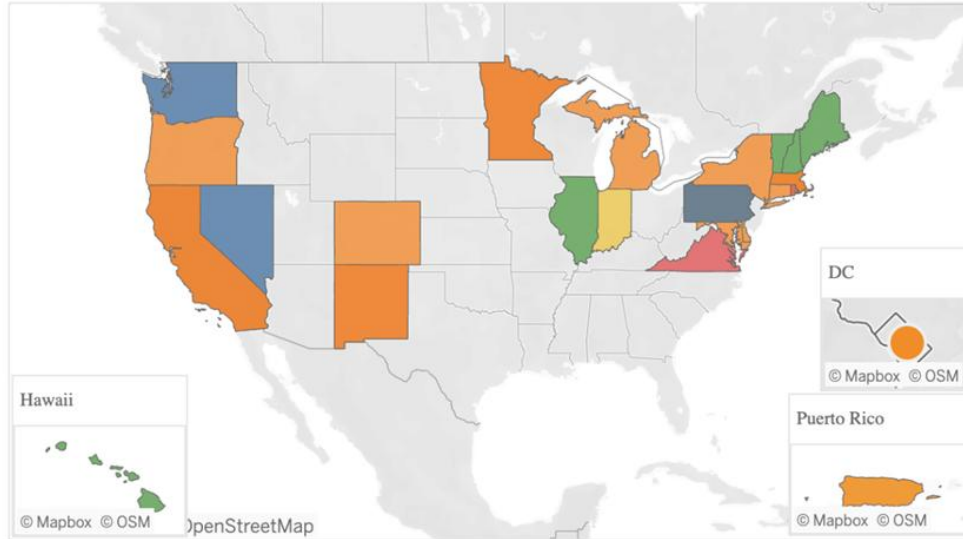
Source: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Distribution Capital Expenditures 2019 to 2023 (Billion \$)



Source: FERC Form 1, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Map: Type of Plan



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documents

Table of planning
requirements

Choose map

- ☒ Type of Plan
- ☐ Hosting Capacity Analysis (HCA) Required
- ☐ Non-Wires Alternative (NWA) Required

Click to highlight type of plan

- ☒ Distributed energy resources plan
- ☐ Distribution system plan
- ☐ Grid modernization plan
- ☐ High DER Future
- ☐ Integrated grid plan
- ☐ T&D improvement plan

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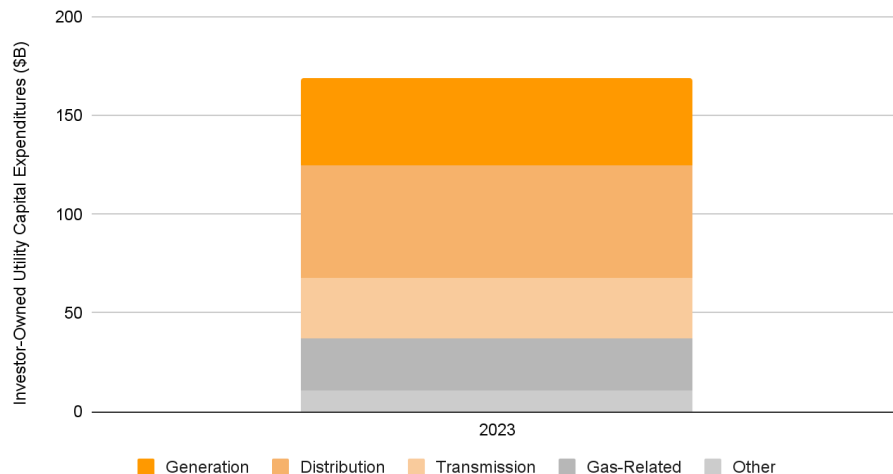


State policies and regulations on integrated distribution system planning are evolving. To submit comments, corrections, or additions to this data, please write to us at:

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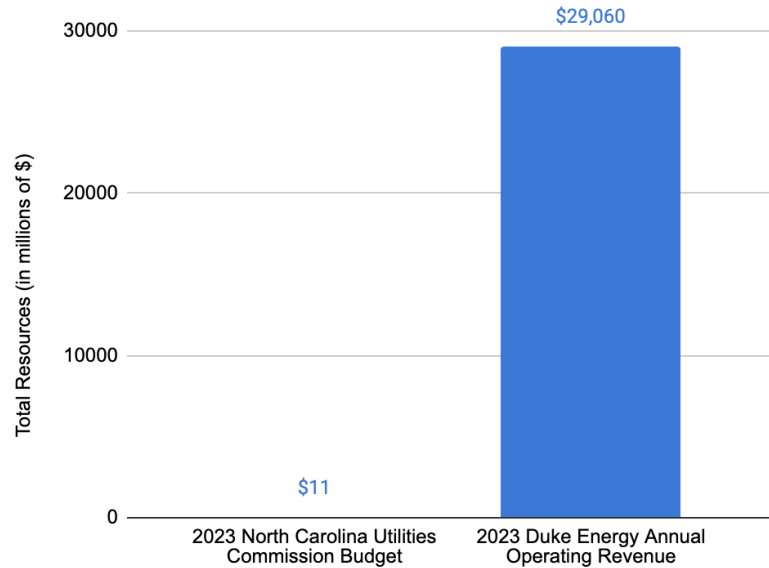
Source: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

200 people oversee \$200 billion in annual utility spending—\$1 billion per commissioner.



Source: Edison Electric Institute

Our regulatory system is underresourced and outdated.



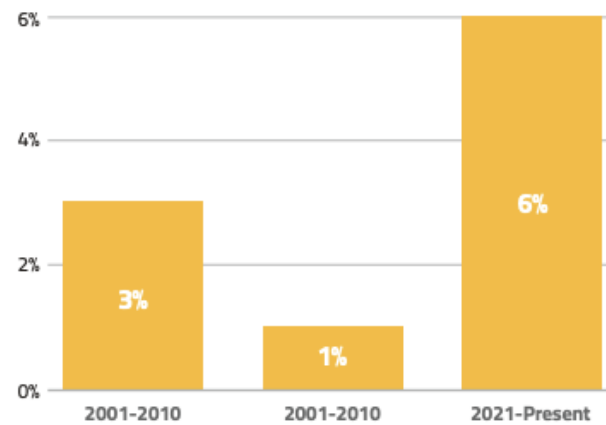
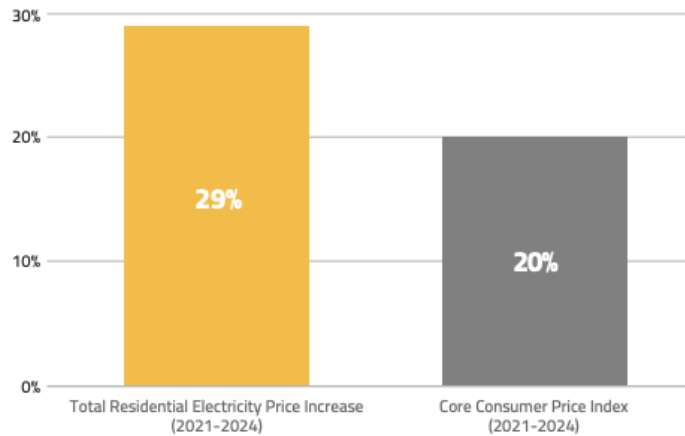
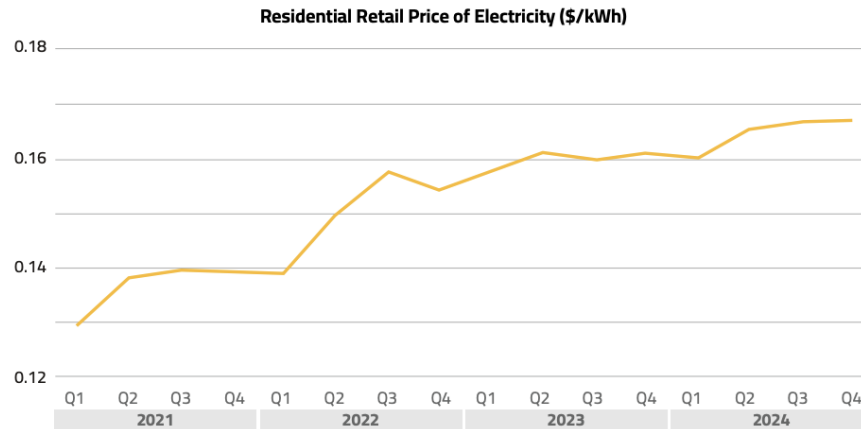


Utility Bills Are Rising

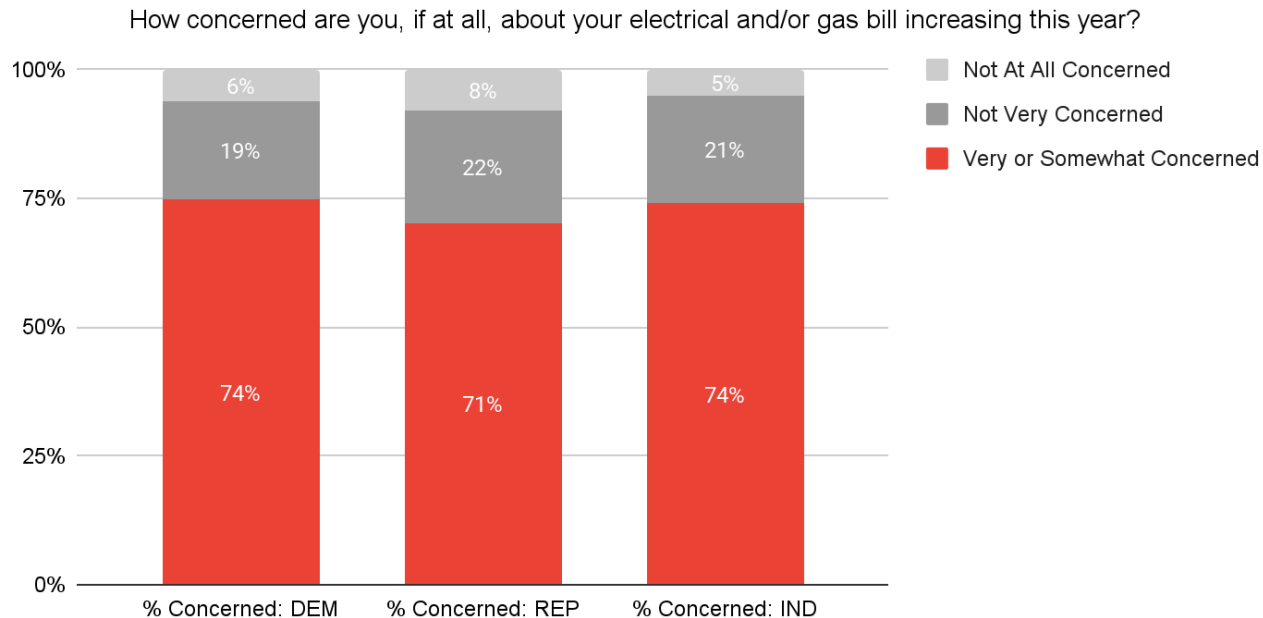
An Analysis of How Utility Bills are
Impacting American Energy Consumers
and Who Determines Them

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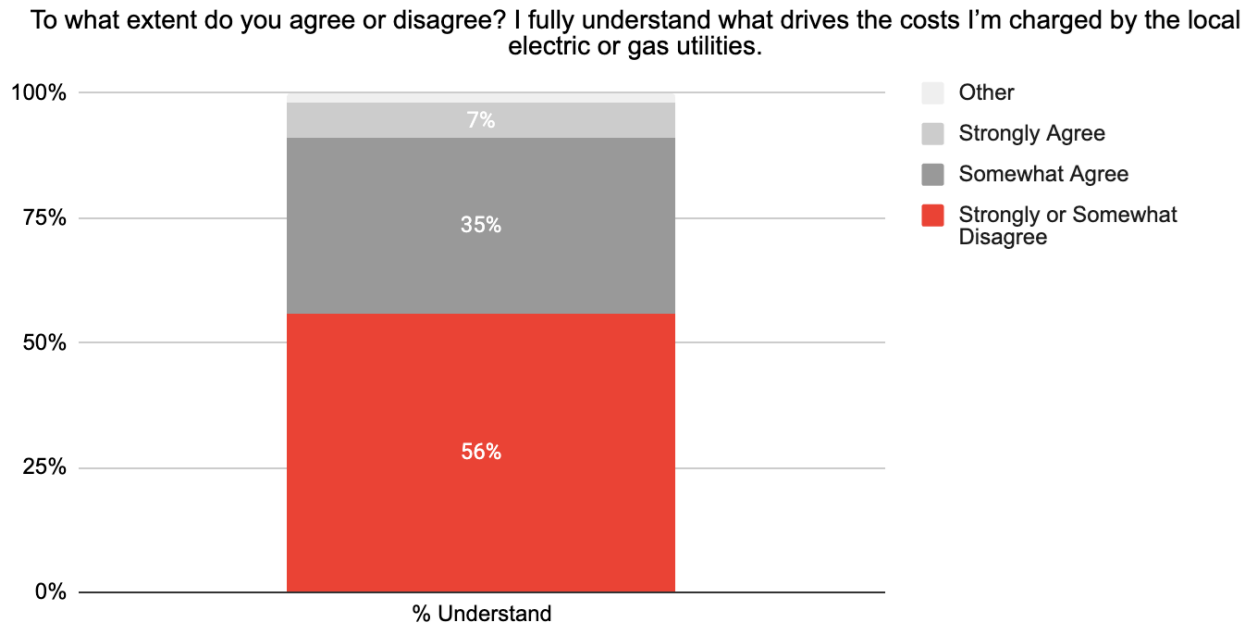
Americans are concerned about rising utility bills.



Source: PowerLines Poll with Ipsos

Americans don't understand their utility costs.

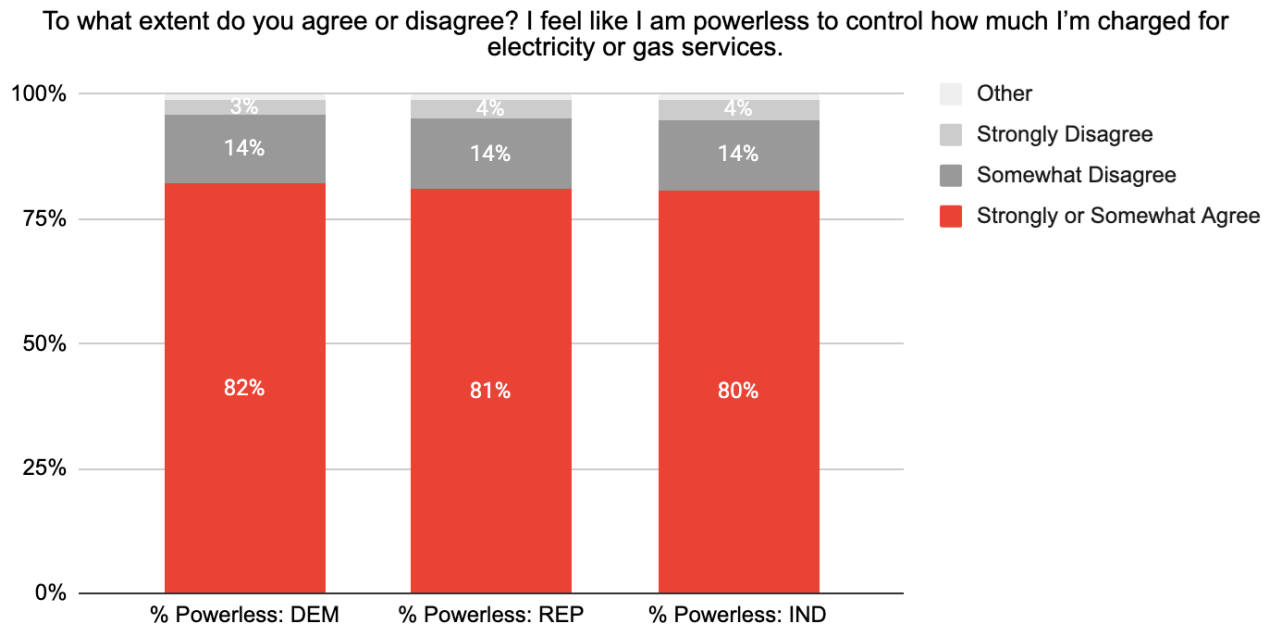
Nearly 3 in 5 (56%) Americans don't feel like they fully understand what drives utility costs.



Source: PowerLines Poll

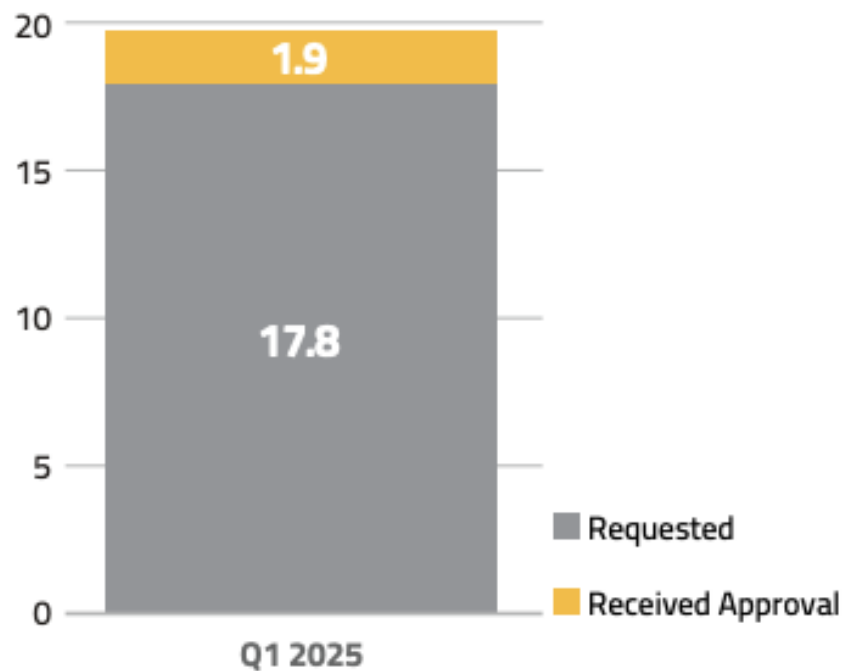
Americans feel powerless over rising utility bills.

This feeling of powerlessness holds true across political parties.



Source: PowerLines Poll

**Estimated Rate Increase Requests by
Investor-Owned Utilities in Q1 2025 (Billion \$)**



OPINION

Thousands of energy experts are leaving federal government. Here's where they should go.


State PUCs desperately need skilled energy professionals to advance economic development, energy affordability and national security goals.

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By Charles Hua, Abe Silverman and Ted Thomas




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Focus IT Systems and Technology Data Lead
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
Madison, WI, USA · USD 83,200-104k / year · 5 days
Government Administration · Government and Military · 51 - 200 employees · Director

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BILL ANXIETY: The majority of Americans are worried their electric and gas bills will rise this year — and feel powerless to do anything about it, [according to a report released Wednesday](#) from data company Ipsos and **PowerLines**, a nonprofit that aims to lower power bills.

The New York Times

“We’re facing a huge affordability crisis in America,” said Charles Hua, a former Energy Department adviser who recently founded [PowerLines](#), a nonprofit organization focused on modernizing utility regulations to cut power bills. “This issue is not going away.”

PowerLines Engagement with Consumer Advocates

Advocate for increased resources for PUCs and CAs

Accelerate consumer education and comms efforts

Advocate for consumer-centric utility regulatory reforms

Elevate affordability concerns at national and state level

Support “big tent” coalition building



Thank you.

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