

MEMORANDUM

TO: Water & Light Board
FROM: Dawn Jennings, Assistant Director, Rates and Fiscal Planning, Columbia Utilities
DATE: March 4, 2026
SUBJECT: Power Cost Adjustment Report – January 2026

The following is a summary of the power cost adjustment (PCA) determination for January 2026 and is intended to serve as the required monthly update for the Water & Light board.

Projected Expenses

Staff is forecasting a total increase of \$2 million over the forecasted FY25 level due to the timing of when the payments for Iatan and Prairie State were paid as well as increased purchased power costs due to increased energy prices.

	Forecasted FY 26 November 2025	January 2026	Difference
Purchased Power	\$78,115,179	\$80,072,641	\$1,957,462
Transmission Expenses	\$9,169,346	\$8,971,884	(\$197,462)
Natural Gas	\$3,426,822	\$3,626,657	\$199,835
Bal. & Trans. Revenue	\$(9,500,165)	\$(9,449,012)	\$51,153
Prior FY Final True-Up	\$10,871,288	\$10,871,288	\$0
Total	\$92,082,469	\$94,093,458	\$2,010,989

Projected Power Cost Recovery

Staff determined the FY 2026 forecasted energy sold (kWh) based on the MISO load forecast information that The Energy Authority (TEA) prepared. The energy sold forecast takes into account the base minus the energy efficiency programs, electric vehicles (EV's) and behind the meter (BTM) generation. Currently with the final true-up amount from FY 2025 it is anticipated that we will have to recover \$22,002,699 over the course of the fiscal year.

	Forecasted FY26 November 2025	January 2026	Difference
Energy Sold (kWh)	1,218,641,000	1,237,529,684	18,888,684
Base Rate Power Cost Recovery	\$69,096,945	\$70,167,933	\$1,070,988
YTD PCA Billings	-	\$3,997,566	\$3,997,566
Annual Net Power Cost + True Up	\$91,396,887	\$94,093,457	\$2,696,570

Total Power Cost Recovery	\$69,096,945	\$74,165,500	\$5,068,555
Power Cost less Recovery	\$22,299,943	\$19,927,958	(\$2,371,985)

PCA Customer Impact

Below is a summary of the PCA’s impact on each customer type through the current month. These impacts are based on class average monthly usage for the residential, small general service, large general service, and industrial customer classes.

FY26	PCA	RES	SM GEN	LG GEN	IND
	Avg kWh	800	1,306	28,278	860,863
October	\$0.013605	\$10.88	\$17.77	\$384.72	\$11,712.04
November	\$0.013605	\$10.88	\$17.77	\$384.72	\$11,712.04
December	\$0.013605	\$10.88	\$17.77	\$384.72	\$11,712.04
January	\$0.013605	\$10.88	\$17.77	\$384.72	\$11,712.04
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
Total		\$43.54	\$71.07	\$1,538.89	\$46,848.16

The calculated PCA for January 2026 is \$0.013605. This will result in a bill charge of \$10.88 for the average residential customer.