

MEMORANDUM

TO: Water & Light Board

FROM: Sarah Talbert, Assistant Director Columbia Utilities

DATE: December 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Power Cost Adjustment Report – Preliminary True-Up October 2025

The following is a summary of the power cost adjustment (PCA) determination for October 2025 and is intended to serve as the required monthly update for the Water & Light board.

Projected Expenses

Staff is forecasting an increase of \$10,566,210 power cost over the forecasted FY25 (October 2024) level. This is mainly due to increased capacity costs (~\$3 million) for Prairie State compared to FY 2024 and increased costs (~\$18.2 million) for our load (MISO) compared to FY 2024. Higher LMP and DA costs are due to congestion, volatility of generation in MISO and weather.

	Forecasted October 2024	Preliminary True-Up October 2025	Difference
Purchased Power	\$72,951,996	\$83,062,112	\$10,110,116
Transmission Expenses	\$8,607,240	\$9,278,105	\$670,865
Natural Gas	\$2,940,016	\$4,080,730	\$1,140,714
Bal. & Trans. Revenue	\$(7,719,758)	\$(9,075,243)	\$(1,355,485)
Total	\$76,779,494	\$87,345,704	\$10,566,210

Projected Power Cost Recovery

As of October 2025 (preliminary true-up), energy sales in FY25 were forecasting to be 24,512,058 kWh less than the October 2024 forecast. Staff determined the FY 2025 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.

	Forecasted October 2024	Preliminary True-Up October 2025	Difference
Energy Sold (kWh)	1,187,593,000	1,163,080,942	(24,512,058)
Base Rate Power Cost Recovery	\$67,336,523	\$65,946,689	(\$1,389,834)
YTD PCA Billings	-	\$14,781,238	\$14,781,238
Total Power Cost Recovery	\$67,336,523	\$80,727,927	\$13,391,404
Power Cost less Recovery	\$10,271,686	\$10,185,706	\$(85,980)

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					
December					
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
Total		\$10.88	\$17.77	\$384.72	\$11,712.04

The calculated PCA for October 2025 is \$0.013605. This will result in a bill charge of \$10.88 for the average residential customer.