

Higher prices for gas and electricity for Xcel energy customers could be on the way again. The power company is seeking permission for a fifth rate hike in as many years with an application filed with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. If approved as filed, typical residential customers would see an increase of \$6.50 per month for electricity and \$2.50 per month for gas. Xcel says the electricity rate hike is for ongoing infrastructure improvements while most of the gas increase is for an environmental clean up of a company-owned site in Ashland.