



Colorado Springs Utilities

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July 2026
Net Metering
Rate Case

Supplemental Filing



Date: August 17, 2026
To: Members of City Council
From: Scott Shirola, Pricing and Rates Manager
Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES' JULY 2026 NET METERING RATE CASE FILING**

Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities) prepared supplemental information as part of the July 2026 Net Metering Rate Case originally distributed July 7, 2026, for filing on July 14, 2026. The supplemental material conforms to the requirements of Rules and Procedures of City Council, Part 4 - Utilities Pricing and Tariff Hearing Procedure, Section 1.A.6.

New information contained in this supplemental filing is provided as follows below:

- Legal Notice – Affidavit of Publication
- Customer Outreach – Public outreach overview
- Office of the City Auditor – Audit Report
- Pre-Hearing Communications

**New
Information**

Legal Notice

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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COUNTY OF El Paso

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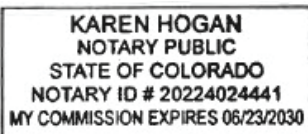


Katrina Marie Gross
Customer Service Associate

Subscribed and sworn to me this 08/04/2026, at said City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado.
My commission expires June 23, 2030.



Karen Hogan
Notary Public
The Gazette



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LEGAL NOTICE COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES 121 SOUTH TEJON STREET COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80903 Notice of Proposed Rate Changes and Tariff Changes Colorado Springs Utilities is required by City Code Section 12-1.108(C)(2)(b) and Colorado Revised Statutes 40-3.5-104 to provide notification when rate or tariff changes are proposed. Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities), an enterprise of the City of Colorado Springs, a Colorado home-rule city and municipal corporation, proposed certain tariff changes to Electric Rate Schedules and Utilities Rules and Regulations within the service area of Utilities electric service territory. The changes will increase or decrease rates, fees, and/or charges, and change terms and conditions for these services. The proposed changes are summarized below. Electric Service Service under Utilities Net Metering Rate Schedule is available to certain customers who install an eligible Renewable Energy System, execute an interconnection Agreement, and participate in the Net Metering program. Utilities proposes (1) the addition of new Energy-Wise Net Metering Standard Rate Options, aligned with Energy-Wise rates and including a Grid Access daily charge, for certain residential and small commercial customers with Net Metering Agreements, (2) the addition of new Net Metering Demand Options, including Summer and Winter Demand Charges, as well as Access and Facilities charges per day and per kWh, for certain residential and small commercial customers with Net Metering Agreements, (3) the addition of new Net Metering Demand Options, including Summer and Winter Demand Charges, as well as Access and Facilities charges per day and per kWh charges, for certain medium and large commercial customers with Net Metering Agreements, (4) providing service under the new rate options to residential and commercial customers with Net Metering Agreements dated on or after April 1, 2027, (5) unless request is made to receive service under the applicable new rate options, grandfathering service under the applicable frozen rate schedule until April 1, 2032, for residential and commercial customers with Net Metering Agreements dated prior to April 1, 2027, (6) moving industrial customers receiving Net Metering service on frozen rate schedules to the applicable Energy-Wise standard options, (7) to make available Net Metering service to totalized meters for industrial customers receiving totalization service, (8) modifying the eligibility of Renewable Energy System sizes to increase from 120kW to 200kW of a customer's annual kilowatt-hour usage, actual or estimated, (9) the elimination of an indefinite energy carry-over one-time option except for customers on frozen Net Metering Demand, or industrial options with elections made prior to April 1, 2027, and (10) other clerical modifications related to the proposed Net Metering Changes. UTILITIES Rules and Regulations (URR) Utilities proposed changes to the URR related to: (1) the modification of rate schedules subject to Dynamic Switching to incorporate Net Metering options for certain Commercial and Industrial customers, and (2) the addition of residential and commercial Demand Metering - Electric measurement service standards to incorporate Net Metering Demand options. The changes are proposed effective April 1, 2027. The proposed changes are described in more detail in the material Utilities filed with the City Clerk. Customers are urged to review the complete filing in order to identify all aspects of the proposal that may affect them. Copies of the proposed resolutions, the accompanying tariff sheets, financial data, cost information and a set of all materials were provided to City Council. The proposed changes are on file and open for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, 30 South Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80903 and are posted on the Utilities' website www.csaus.org. City Council may also consider tariff changes proposed by Customers which differ from the changes mentioned above. The City Council set a hearing to be held August 25, 2026, to consider the proposed changes. The hearing will be held in City Council Chambers, 307 North Nevada Avenue, Suite 325, Colorado Springs, Colorado beginning at 9 a.m. The proposed changes, if approved by City Council, will go into effect April 1, 2027, or as otherwise provided in the City Council resolution approving the changes. The proposed resolution and tariffs, as filed with the City Clerk, may be changed by City Council prior to becoming effective as a result of information presented at the hearing by members of the public, witnesses for Customers, the City Auditor, or by Utilities. In addition to public comments taken during the hearing, written comments will be accepted at the office of the City Clerk. Public comments may also be submitted electronically to the City Clerk in advance of the hearing to CityClerk@coloradosprings.gov. Each Utilities Customer has the right to appear personally or through counsel, for the purpose of providing testimony regarding the proposed changes. Any Customer who desires to present witnesses, other than the Customer, should file a Notice of Intent to Present Witnesses and a short summary of the testimony of each witness, as provided in Section 12-1.108(C)(3) of the City Code, with the City Clerk's Office, 30 South Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903 or electronically to CityClerk@coloradosprings.gov and with the Colorado Springs Utilities Rates Manager, 121 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903 on or before 5 p.m. on August 14, 2026. Customers desiring further information on the proposed rate changes described in this Notice, including the estimated impact on monthly bills, should telephone Colorado Springs Utilities at (719) 448-4800. NOTICE TO: ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES HEARING DATE: August 25, 2026 Published in The Gazette July 17, 2026.

**Public
Outreach**



July 2026 Rate Case Public Outreach Overview

This document describes the strategic and comprehensive public outreach plan for the July 2026 Rate Case. The focus of communications for the rate case was on the proposed changes for solar customers, and the public process that took place before the proposal was developed.

Public outreach about the rate case began in January, when a survey was distributed to learn more about customer perspectives on residential solar. The goal of public outreach was to collaborate with and inform customers about net metering and our proposed changes.

Additionally, customers can attend Utilities Board and City Council meetings virtually or in person and provide public comment. Past Utilities Board meetings are available at csu.org. Additionally, all City Council meetings are shown on various days and times on SpringsTV, Channel 18.

Customers who cannot attend Board and Council meetings can provide their feedback on the rate case directly to City Council members via phone or email, through Springs Utilities' social media pages, and comments to call center representatives.

Additionally, the following channels and tactics have already been utilized:

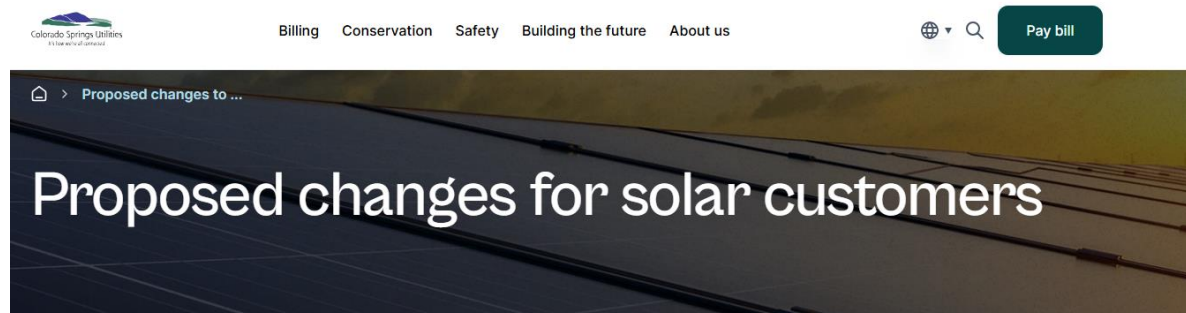
Date	Activity	Audience(s)/stakeholders	Main topic
1/23/2026	Update csu.org	External	Revamped the net metering proposal webpage on CSU.org
1/23/2026	Email	Net metering customers	Solar survey
1/23/2026	social media	Social media followers	Solar survey
1/23/2026	Blog	External	Solar survey
3/18/2026	Utilities Board Working Committee	External	Net metering survey readout
3/19/2026	NEM Newsletter	External	NEM Newsletter was created
3/19/2026	Update csu.org	External	Survey results and NEM Newsletter invite
3/19/2026	Email	External	Survey results and NEM Newsletter invite
4/1/2026	Focus group	Sample of residential solar customers	Two way conversation on proposed net metering changes.
4/2/2026	Focus group	Sample of residential non-solar customers	Two way conversation on proposed net metering changes.
4/3/2026	NEM Newsletter email	NEM Newsletter subscribers	Focus group update
4/3/2026	Update csu.org	External	Focus groups update

4/17/2026	NEM Newsletter email	NEM Newsletter subscribers	Focus group report to be presented to Utilities Board next week
4/20/2026	Utilities Board Working Committee	External	Focus group report
4/20/2026	NEM Newsletter email	NEM Newsletter subscribers	Focus group report available
4/20/2026	Update csu.org	External	Focus group report
5/1/2026	Video	External	Informational video on the cost shift
5/11/2026	Newsletter email	Newsletter subscribers	Newsletter email update
5/18/2026	Utilities Board Working Committee	External	Initial proposal presented
5/18/2026			Feedback form to all engaged customers to review proposal and provide final comment.
	Feedback form	External	
5/19/2026	Newsletter email	Newsletter subscribers	Proposal details & feedback form
5/19/2026	Update csu.org	External	Proposal details & feedback form
5/29/2026	Newsletter email	Newsletter subscribers	Reminder for feedback, Brattle Group report
5/29/2026	Update csu.org	External	Brattle Group report
6/12/2026			
	Email	Net metering customers	UB to hear final proposal on 6/17
6/15/2026	Utilities Board Working Committee	External	Net metering proposal
6/17/2026	Utilities Board Regular Meeting	External	Net metering proposal
6/17/2026	Update csu.org	External	Proposal to City Council details
6/17/2026	Email	Net metering customers	Proposal to City Council details
7/14/2026	City Council		Filing and request for hearing
8/17/2026	Email (Scheduled for 8/17 distribution)	Net metering customers	Hearing on 8/25

These tactics are only for the proposal and not for any implementation

Communication examples:

csu.org



Related links

[July 2026 Net Metering Rate Case](#)

[Net Metering Survey Presentation](#)

[Focus Group Summary](#)

Customers with solar have [a net metering agreement](#). In 2026, we are exploring options to update how solar customers interact with our grid and help us provide reliable electricity to our community.

What is net metering?

Net metering lets customers receive credits for solar energy they generate from their own panels that isn't used right away.

The credits are kilowatt hours (kWh) that are used from the electric grid at a later time. Credits are typically used at night when solar panels aren't generating, and surplus credits from summer can carry over into the winter.

Solar survey:

Customer Thoughts On Residential Solar Generation By Survey Type



Solar Responses (427)

Solar customers overwhelmingly focus on:

- Rate fairness and stability
- ROI protection and fear of rate changes
- Strong desire for grandfathering
- Desire for batteries and system expansion flexibility

Their comments frequently reference personal investment, past agreements, and expectations set by the utility. Comments in this group tend to be the most combative and oppositional, pushing back hard on policy changes and emphasizing fairness.



Non-Solar Responses (134)

Non-solar customers primarily emphasize:

- Opposition to subsidizing solar customers
- General support for solar generation
- Some skepticism toward solar's effectiveness and environmental impact
- Interest in solar only if costs drop or incentives increase

They often frame the solar ecosystem as inequitable or inaccessible. Overall, responses in this group exhibit the least hostility, focusing more on enablement and education.



Open Survey Responses (220)

This group behaves like a blend of the other two and includes both solar and non-solar customers.

- Polarized with both pro and anti-solar sentiments appearing often
- Rebates and incentives frequently mentioned
- They also have a uniquely high concentration of requests for more information, reflecting lower familiarity with rate design, metering, and storage policies

Less strongly opinionated compared to the other survey respondents.



NET METERING

June 17, 2026



Today, the Utilities Board heard an [informational presentation](#) on our proposed changes to solar rates. The Utilities Board did not vote on any proposed rate changes. Rather, City Council will set a date for a public hearing, tentatively Aug. 25, 2026, with a final vote on Sept. 22, 2026.

The conversation is not about whether solar is valuable. Rather, it's about aligning rates with how our community's electric system works, so costs are shared in a way that is fair, predictable and sustainable for the entire community.

What is being proposed:

Our proposal to modernize net metering rates has three main parts:

1. Two rate options: Customers choose which rate option makes the most sense for them.

Option 1: A flat, monthly grid access fee and Energy Wise time-of-day rates.

Option 2: A demand charge based on the highest on-peak 15 minute interval during a billing period.

Comparing Proposed Solar Rate Options

Grid Access Charge

Demand Charge

Office of the City Auditor
Audit Report



OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Natalie Lovell
City Auditor, CIA, MBA, CCIFP, PMP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalie Lovell".

26-17 Colorado Springs Utilities Net Metering Rate Case Filing Review - July 2026

August 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this review was to evaluate the accuracy and consistency of the methodology used to develop the proposed changes to the Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities) Electric Rate Schedules.

Highlights

We conclude that overall modifications included in the July 2026 Rate Case Filing report, and the supporting schedules for the proposed electric rate schedule for net metering services, were prepared accurately and consistently. Methodology changes were properly disclosed in the Utilities filing report. Changes were in alignment with the rate design guidance approved by the Utilities Board and were supported by the 5-year rate case approved by City Council, effective January 1, 2025.

Energy Wise Net Metering Standard Option

The Energy Wise Net Metering Standard Option applied the Energy Wise rate structure with a grid access charge to align customers with standard rates and enhance bill predictability. Energy consumption and excess generation were netted separately for on-peak and off-peak periods and billed or credited monthly at the applicable time of day rates, with no credit carryover. Rate components included daily access and facilities charges, a daily grid access charge for infrastructure costs, per kWh net consumption charges and excess generation credits consistent with the Energy Wise rate class, and the electric cost adjustment (ECA) and electric capacity charge (ECC) per kWh charges.

Net Metering Demand Option

The Net Metering Demand Option applied a demand based rate structure that preserved the 1:1 energy exchange and allowed monthly rollover of excess generation, while the demand component provided opportunities for bill savings by shifting or staggering usage during on-peak periods. Utilities 1:1 energy exchange provided a net metering option that credited customers for excess solar generation at the full retail kilowatt-hour. Credits offset future electricity use, carry forward monthly, and are settled at the avoided cost rate at year end. Rate elements included daily access and facilities charges based on customer related costs, per kWh access and facilities charges tied to energy classified costs, a daily demand charge determined by the highest 15-minute on-peak net load and allocated to demand related functions, and the standard ECA and ECC per kWh charges.

City Council's Office of the City Auditor

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Pre-Hearing Communications



OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

TO: City Council

FROM: City Attorney

SUBJECT: Pre-Hearing Communications and Utilities' July 2026 Net Metering Rate Case

DATE: July 21, 2026

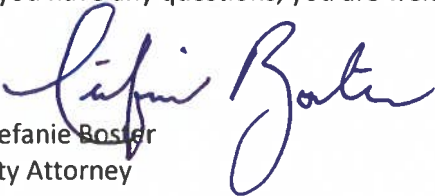
At the City Council Meeting on July 14, 2026, Colorado Springs Utilities filed a tariff change request pertaining to its Electric tariffs and Utilities Rules and Regulations. This tariff change request filing will be heard by City Council during the August 25, 2026, City Council Meeting.

In accordance with Colorado Springs City Code 12.1.108(C)(2)(e), and the parallel provision of the City of Colorado Springs Rules and Procedures of City Council, Part 4-1(B)(5), "If a City Council Member discusses a proposed rate resolution with staff or members of the public outside a public hearing, the City Council Member shall place the substance of the discussions on the public record during the subsequent public hearing."

This requirement was established because public utility law requires that City Council's decision on a tariff change request be based upon evidence in the record. That way, all parties to the tariff change request proceeding will be able to address their positions and concerns fairly to City Council.

To assist you, a form is enclosed with this memo to help you memorialize any pre-hearing communications that occur prior to the July 2026 Net Metering Rate Case. The City Attorney's portion of the rate case procedure will also provide an opportunity for Council Members to summarize any pre-hearing communications for the record

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Chris Bidlack or myself, at 385-5909.


Stefanie Boster
City Attorney
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**City Council Pre-Hearing Communication Form
Utilities' July 2026 Net Metering Rate Case**

City Council Member: _____

Date of Contact: _____, 2026

Communication Type (please check one):

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Telephone Call
- ☐ Personal Contact
- ☐ Letter

Name of Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Summary of Communication:

City Council Pre-Hearing Communication Form
Utilities' July 2026 Net Metering Rate Case

City Council Member: Dave Donelson, Brandy Williams, Lynette Crow-Iverson, Roland Rainey, Brian Risley, Kimberly Gold, Nancy Henjum, David Leinweber, Ken Casey

Date of Contact: July 22, 2026

Communication Type (please check one):

- ☒ Email
☐ Telephone Call
☐ Personal Contact
☐ Letter

Name of Contact: Anna Bingman, Utilities Board Administrator

Phone: _____

Address: 121. South Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Email: _____

Summary of Communication:

Utilities Board communication to inform Board Members, who also serve as City Council, that follow-up information had been provided to a customer regarding questions on how charges and credits would be applied under Colorado Springs Utilities' proposed changes.

City Council Pre-Hearing Communication Form
Utilities' July 2026 Net Metering Rate Case

City Council Member: Nancy Henjum

Date of Contact: August 5, 2026

Communication Type (please check one):

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Telephone Call
- ☒ Personal Contact
- ☐ Letter

Name of Contact: Tristan Gearhart, Chief Planning and Finance Officer
Scott Shirola, Pricing and Rates Manager

Phone: _____

Address: 121. South Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Email: _____

Summary of Communication:

Meeting with Board Member, who also serves on City Council, to discuss net metering background, electric system infrastructure and rate design cost-shift, and details of proposed charges and credits.

City Council Pre-Hearing Communication Form
Utilities' July 2026 Net Metering Rate Case

City Council Member: Dave Donelson, Brandy Williams, Lynette Crow-Iverson, Roland Rainey, Brian Risley, Kimberly Gold, Nancy Henjum, David Leinweber, Ken Casey

Date of Contact: August 5, 2026

Communication Type (please check one):

- ☒ Email
☐ Telephone Call
☐ Personal Contact
☐ Letter

Name of Contact: Anna Bingman, Utilities Board Administrator

Phone: _____

Address: 121 South Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Email: _____

Summary of Communication:

Utilities Board communication to recognize receipt of a letter received by Board Members, who also serve as City Council, from the Colorado Solar and Storage Association (COSSA), dated August 4, 2026. The communication highlighted that the content of the letter was similar to correspondence dated June 8, 2026, which was received prior to Colorado Springs Utilities' filing, and guidance from the City Attorney's Office at that time remains accurate.
