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### **Energy Cost Adjustment Increase for 2026**

December 10, 2025

Dear City of Fairbank Residents:

On January 1, 2026, the energy cost adjustment for your energy will be increasing by \$0.00881 per kWh. The increased ECA would apply to energy used on or after January 1, 2026, that would reflect the utility bill that you receive in February 2026.

This charge is a pass-through amount. This means that neither the city nor Butler County REC, our energy provider, will receive revenue from the increase. The amount is the result of the largest wholesale power increases from Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, North Dakota, and Corn Belt Power Cooperative, Humboldt, Iowa, Butler County REC's generation and transmission cooperatives.

There are several factors that resulted in the increase, including federal policies, rising demand and reliability strains, regulation and compliance costs, transmission and infrastructure challenges, aging assets and maintenance needs, and labor and supply chain costs.

We understand that this is a difficult situation, and we are here to help with energy-efficiency ideas and improvements.

Feel free to contact us with questions or to discuss energy-efficiency solutions.

Sincerely,

The City of Fairbank