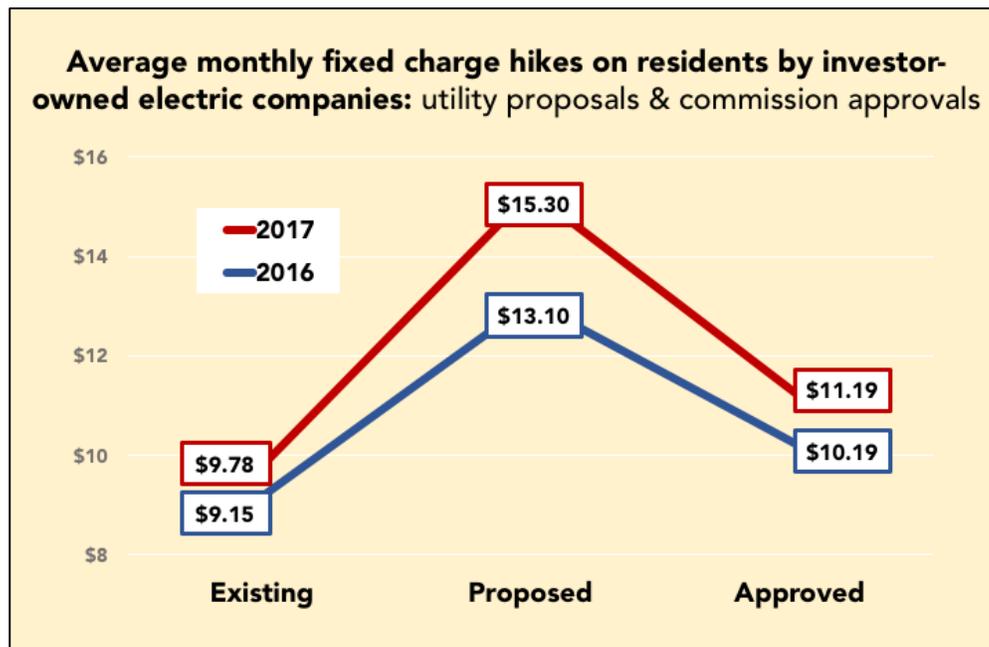


Findings of a 2016-2017 analysis of investor-owned utility proposals to increase mandatory fixed fees on residents



- **Fixed fee hike proposals are not subsiding.** There are 43 monthly customer charge hike proposals in the 2017 analysis. In 2016, there were 33.
- **Commissions rarely approve fixed charge increases at the levels utilities propose, but 2017 saw an uptick in cases where some increase was allowed.**
 - Commissions fully approved just 12% of the customer charge increases utilities proposed in 2017 (15% in 2016) — rejecting or scaling back the rest. However, last year commissions approved some level of increase more than half the time (63% of cases) whereas in 2016 they did so less than half the time (46% of cases).
 - To look at it another way, commissions fully rejected 39% of fixed charge hike proposals in 2016 — denying any increase at all over the existing charge — but fully rejected just 25% of proposals to raise fixed customer charges in 2017.
- **The average approved customer charge crept upward.** In 2017, the average residential fixed charge approved by commissions was \$11.19 a month, one dollar higher than in 2016. The average fixed charge proposed by utilities in 2017 (\$15.30) was over two dollars higher than the year before (\$13.10).

2017 Investor-Owned Utility Residential Fixed Charge Proposals & Commission Decisions

State	Utility	Monthly Fixed Residential Charges			Percent Change		Decision Date
		Existing	Proposed	Approved	Existing to Proposed	Existing to Approved	
IL	Ameren Illinois	\$16.95	\$18.63	\$13.97	10%	-18%	Feb-17
NV	Nevada Power	\$12.75	\$16.76	\$12.50	31%	-2%	Dec-17
DE	Delmarva Power and Light	\$11.70	\$17.47	\$11.70	49%	0%	May-17
FL	Gulf Power	\$18.86	\$48.06	\$18.86	155%	0%	May-17
KS	Empire District Electric	\$14.00	\$19.60	\$14.00	40%	0%	Jan-17
MI	Consumers Energy Company	\$7.00	\$7.75	\$7.00	11%	0%	Feb-17
MI	Alpena Power Company	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$5.00	40%	0%	Nov-17
MN	Xcel Energy	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	25%	0%	May-17
OK	Oklahoma Gas & Electric	\$13.00	\$26.54	\$13.00	104%	0%	Mar-17
OK	Empire District Electric	\$12.50	\$20.59	\$12.50	65%	0%	Aug-17
WA	Puget Sound Energy	\$7.49	\$9.00	\$7.49	20%	0%	Dec-17
PA	Pennsylvania Power	\$10.85	\$13.41	\$11.00	24%	1%	Jan-17
NJ	Orange & Rockland Electric Co.	\$4.44	\$6.00	\$4.54	35%	2%	Feb-17
MD	Pepco	\$7.60	\$8.81	\$7.80	16%	3%	Oct-17
MD	Delmarva Power & Light	\$7.94	\$12.00	\$8.17	51%	3%	Feb-17
AK	Alaska Electric Power & Light	\$8.88	\$9.60	\$9.22	8%	4%	Nov-17
ID	Avista Utilities	\$5.75	\$6.00	\$6.00	4%	4%	Dec-17
OR	Portland General Electric	\$10.50	\$11.50	\$11.00	10%	5%	Dec-17
TX	Southwestern Public Service Company	\$9.50	\$10.50	\$10.00	11%	5%	Jan-17
MO	KCP&L	\$11.88	\$13.18	\$12.62	11%	6%	May-17
PA	Metropolitan Edison	\$10.25	\$17.42	\$11.25	70%	10%	Jan-17
PA	Wellsboro Electric Company	\$9.75	\$15.00	\$10.95	54%	12%	Apr-17
MO	Union Electric Co. d/b/a Ameren Missouri	\$8.00	\$12.89	\$9.00	61%	13%	Mar-17
NJ	Atlantic City Electric Company	\$4.44	\$6.44	\$5.00	45%	13%	Sep-17
PA	Pennsylvania Electric	\$9.99	\$17.10	\$11.25	71%	13%	Jan-17
KY	Kentucky Utilities Company	\$10.75	\$22.00	\$12.25	105%	14%	Jun-17
KY	Louisville Gas-Electric	\$10.75	\$22.00	\$12.25	105%	14%	Jun-17
MN	Otter Tail Power Company	\$8.50	\$13.30	\$9.75	56%	15%	May-17
DC	Pepco	\$13.00	\$16.75	\$15.09	29%	16%	Jul-17
TX	El Paso Electric	\$6.90	\$10.85	\$8.25	57%	20%	Dec-17
WI	Northern States Power Company	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	21%	21%	Dec-17
AR	Oklahoma Gas & Electric	\$7.94	\$11.80	\$9.75	49%	23%	May-17
NH	Liberty Utilities	\$11.79	\$14.50	\$14.50	23%	23%	Apr-17
MI	DTE Electric Company	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$7.50	50%	25%	Jan-17
PA	West Penn Power	\$5.81	\$13.98	\$7.44	141%	28%	Jan-17
WI	Superior Water, Light & Power	\$7.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	29%	29%	Aug-17
AZ	Tucson Electric Power	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$13.00	100%	30%	Feb-17
ND	Montana-Dakota Utilities	\$10.65	\$19.77	\$14.00	86%	31%	Jun-17
PA	Citizen's Electric Company	\$8.00	\$13.00	\$11.50	63%	44%	Apr-17
NH	Unitil Energy Systems	\$10.27	\$15.00	\$15.00	46%	46%	Apr-17
AK	Alaska Power Company	\$12.31	\$20.00	\$20.00	62%	62%	Oct-17
IN	Vectren South/Southern IN G&E	\$11.00	\$24.50	\$18.00	123%	64%	Sep-17
AZ	Arizona Public Service	\$8.67	\$24.00	\$15.00	177%	73%	Aug-17

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		Existing	Proposed	Approved	Existing to Proposed	Existing to Approved	
CT	United Illuminating Company	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$9.67	0%	-44%	Dec-16
CO	Public Service Company of Colorado	\$7.71	\$5.78	\$5.39	-25%	-30%	Nov-16
CA	Liberty Utilities	\$7.10	\$7.67	\$6.56	8%	-8%	Dec-16
WA	Avista Utilities	\$8.50	\$14.00	\$8.50	65%	0%	Jan-16
MT	Montana-Dakota Utilities	\$5.40	\$7.50	\$5.40	39%	0%	Mar-16
NM	El Paso Electric	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$7.00	43%	0%	Jun-16
NY	New York State Electric and Gas	\$15.11	\$18.89	\$15.11	25%	0%	Jun-16
NY	Rochester Gas & Electric	\$21.38	\$26.73	\$21.38	25%	0%	Jun-16
CO	Black Hills Energy	\$16.50	\$18.62	\$16.50	13%	0%	Nov-16
FL	Florida Light and Power	\$7.87	\$10.00	\$7.87	27%	0%	Dec-16
WA	Avista Utilities	\$8.50	\$9.50	\$8.50	12%	0%	Dec-16
NC	Dominion North Carolina Power	\$10.96	\$13.48	\$10.96	23%	0%	Dec-16
NV	Sierra Pacific Power Company	\$15.25	\$20.75	\$15.25	36%	0%	Dec-16
MD	PEPCO	\$7.39	\$12.00	\$7.60	62%	3%	Nov-16
MO	Empire District Electric	\$12.52	\$14.47	\$13.00	16%	4%	Aug-16
MD	Baltimore Gas +Electric	\$7.50	\$12.00	\$7.90	60%	5%	Jun-16
NM	Southwestern Public Service Company	\$7.90	\$9.95	\$8.50	26%	8%	Aug-16
MO	Kansas City Power & Light - Greater MO	\$9.54	\$14.50	\$10.43	52%	9%	Sep-16
ID	Avista Utilities	\$5.25	\$6.25	\$5.75	19%	10%	Dec-16
NJ	Atlantic City Electric Company	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$4.44	50%	11%	Aug-16
ME	Emera Maine	\$5.82	\$6.31	\$6.75	8%	16%	Dec-16
TN	Entergy Arkansas	\$6.96	\$8.40	\$8.40	21%	21%	Jul-16
AR	Entergy Arkansas	\$6.95	\$9.00	\$8.43	29%	21%	Feb-16
MI	Upper Peninsula Power Company	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	25%	25%	Sep-16
IN	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	\$11.00	\$20.00	\$14.00	82%	27%	Jul-16
MA	Massachusetts Electric Co	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$5.50	400%	38%	Sep-16
TX	El Paso Electric	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$6.90	100%	38%	Aug-16
SC	Duke Energy Progress	\$6.50	\$9.25	\$9.06	42%	39%	Dec-16
NM	Public Service Co. of New Mexico	\$5.00	\$13.00	\$7.00	160%	40%	Sep-16
AZ	UniSource Energy Services	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	100%	50%	Aug-16
IN	Indianapolis Power & Light	\$11.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	55%	55%	Mar-16
TN	Kingsport Power Company	\$7.30	\$11.00	\$12.63	51%	73%	Oct-16
WI	Wisconsin Power and Light	\$7.67	\$18.00	\$15.00	135%	96%	Nov-16