

NorthWestern Energy's Mission

Our Approach to Energy Policy in Montana

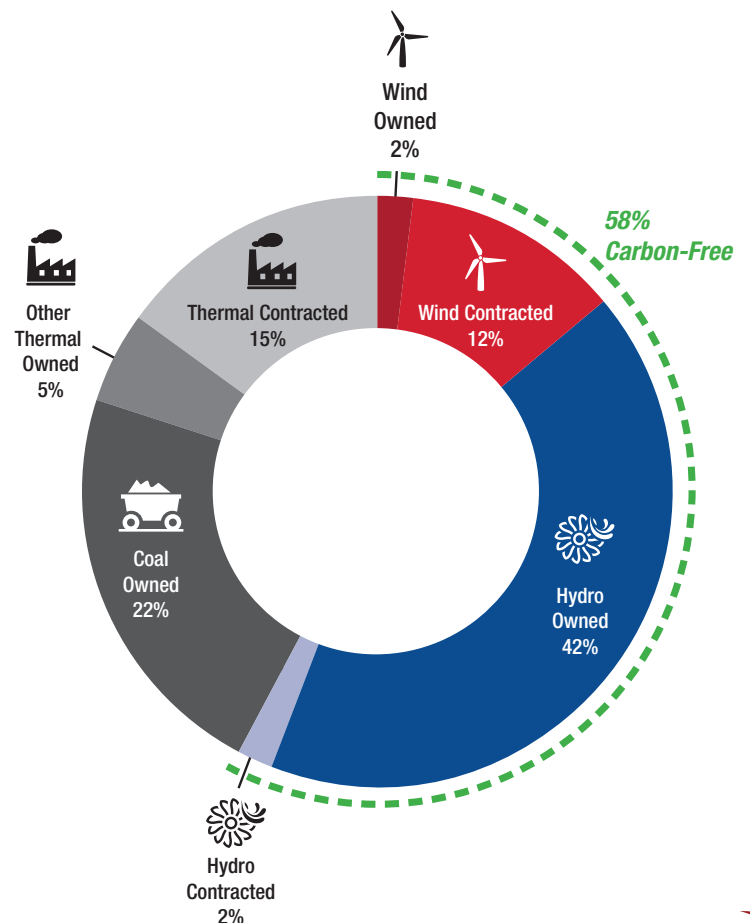


NorthWestern Energy is a fully-regulated energy company focused on serving Montanans. We are responsible for \$4.3 billion in critical electric and natural gas infrastructure. NorthWestern is committed to providing safe, reliable, cost-effective energy. We rely on a balanced, diverse mix of renewables and traditional energy sources to meet the needs of our customers.

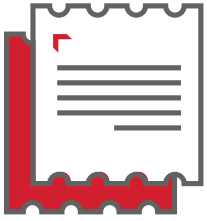
OUR POLICY GOALS:

- NorthWestern favors policies that support a long-term, least-cost, least-risk energy planning process. Such an approach is critical in providing safe and reliable energy.
- We oppose policies that shift energy costs from one group of customers to another.
- NorthWestern and our customers are the state's largest taxpayers. We support a legislative study seeking an appropriate solution to the unsustainable growth in taxation. Our current Montana property-tax bill is more than \$136 million and has increased by \$36 million in the past two years.
- NorthWestern is a fully regulated energy company. We support policies that allow timely recovery of the costs of providing service.
- We are committed to working with customers to help meet their particular needs and interests.
- We support policies that help us invest to meet Montana's long-term critical infrastructure needs.

A MADE-IN-MONTANA ELECTRIC PORTFOLIO:



DELIVERING VALUE



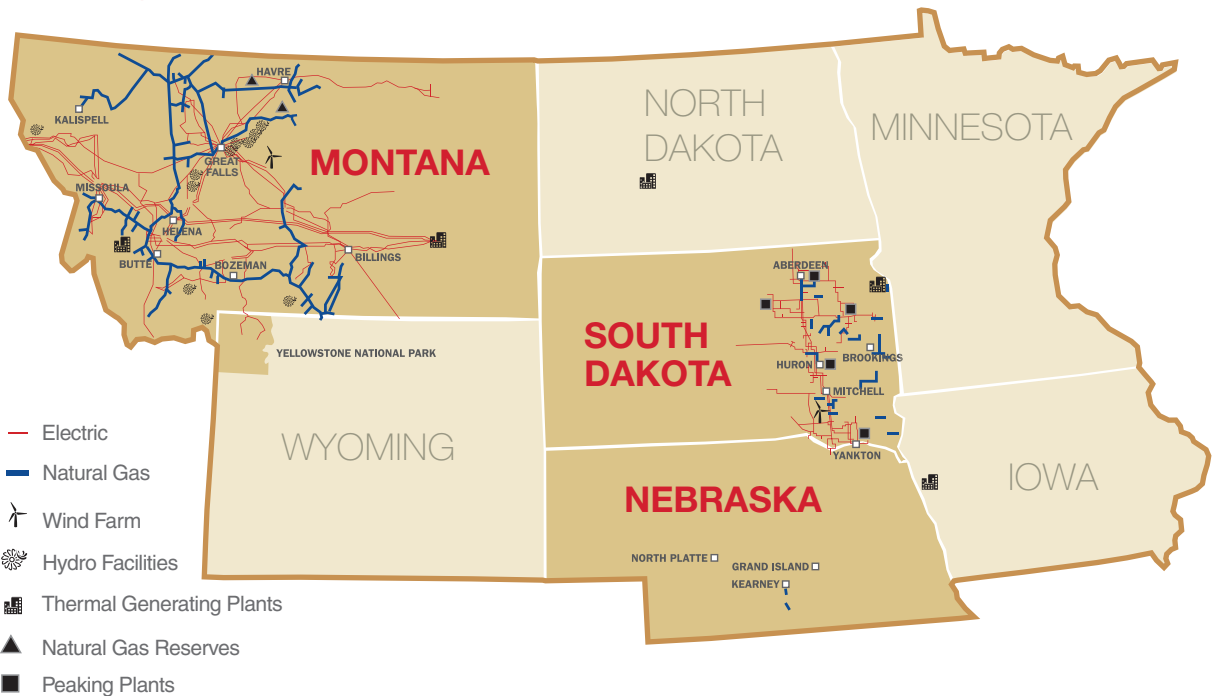
\$87.97

Despite Montana's extremely high property taxes, NorthWestern customers pay less than the national average for electricity and natural gas. At the end of 2016, a typical* residential NWE electric bill was \$87.97/month. National average was \$104.58/month. Typical residential NWE natural gas bill was \$78.79 per month. National average was \$103.80.

*Typical bill based on 750 kwh/month electricity use and 100 therms/month of natural gas.

Source *Electric* - Edison Electric Institute; *Natural Gas* - Energy Information Administration.

OUR SERVICE



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