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As the summer temperatures rise outdoors, so do electric customers' utility bills.

That's a given when a home or business needs to use more electricity for such necessities as air conditioning.

Unfortunately, the base rates Imperial customers will be paying are likely to go up later this year, just as they are in many communities as electrical suppliers increase their charges.

City council members are considering rate increases for electric service to Imperial customers, following a rate study conducted by the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP).

It recommends an average 4.8% average increase each of the next four years for all customers, for a 20% hike total after four years. Then, another 4.85% increase is proposed each of the following three years.

Council members have discussed the study's proposed rates at the last two meetings, but have not yet acted on them. The item will again be on the July 26 meeting agenda.

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