

Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 05, 2026 - Bryan City Council Second Regular Meeting
Category	6. Statutory (Automatic Approval) Agenda - This agenda consists of items previously approved by Council action such as adoption of items that are part of an approved budget or capital improvement projects, first and only readings of ordinances, interlocal agreements, or action that is required by law or delegated to the City Manager. Items may be removed from the statutory agenda for separate consideration at the request of two Councilmembers.
Subject	A. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve a BTU Board Recommendation for a Revised Electric Rate Ordinance
Type	Action (Statutory), Discussion
Preferred Date	May 05, 2026
Absolute Date	Jun 01, 2026
Fiscal Impact	No
Goals	Service Infrastructure

Summary:

BTU staff have developed a revised BTU Electric Rate Ordinance that provides more appropriate terminology for rate components, more natural customer class names, summarized rate tables, and easier document navigation. These changes are designed to help improve customer understanding of BTU rate structures by providing better clarity and transparency. The revised Electric Rate Ordinance eliminates seasonal rates for residential customers by replacing the seasonal component with an annual average. To summarize, the proposed Ordinance:

- reduces duplicative language;
- streamlines the structure;
- simplifies terminology; and
- eliminates seasonal rates beginning November 1, 2026.

This revised BTU Electric Rate Ordinance does not include modifications to "Base" rates for any customer class; the revisions are designed to be more easily understandable for customers. To note, the BTU Base Rate has not changed since 2018.

Staff Analysis and Recommendation:

The proposed revised Electric Rate Ordinance includes terms of service, a definition section (currently does not exist), a consolidation of rates, (e.g., City and Rural residential on a single chart), and combined rate components. The BTU Board of Directors approved modifications to the Power Cost Recovery Charge and the Transmission Cost Recovery Charge components of customer rates at their April meeting. Based on these modifications and the elimination of seasonal rates to a single rate throughout the year, an average residential customer (1000 kWh/month) will see an average increase of \$3.94/month. This change is an overall increase of 3.5% to an average residential customer's bill, which is significantly lower than the rate of inflation (i.e., 28%) since BTU's last "base" rate change in 2018.

The BTU Board of Directors unanimously approved a recommendation to the City Council to approve the revised Electric Rate Ordinance, with an effective date of June 1, 2026. Staff also recommends the City Council approve the proposed revised Electric Rate Ordinance.

Options:

1. Approve the proposed revised Electric Rate Ordinance.
2. Instruct staff to make changes to the proposed revised Electric Rate Ordinance.
3. Reject the proposed revised Electric Rate Ordinance and provide the BTU Board and staff direction.

Attachments:

1. Proposed BTU Electric Rate Ordinance

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