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## **Power Transmission Cost Increases Significantly in 2007**

Rates for electric transmission service that Manitowoc Public Utilities pays for the use of the state's high voltage electric power transmission grid have increased by approximately 74% in 2007. "We are discussing with American Transmission Company (ATC) this change in allocation to assure the calculations are correct and our rate payers are not being over charged" according to Nilaksh Kothari, MPU General Manager. The higher energy transmission cost will be reflected on the customers' bill through the monthly Power Cost Adjustment Clause (PCAC) as required by the regulations. The impact of this increase on MPU customers calculates to be between 2.6 and 3.8 percent, depending on the customer class and size.

New interpretation and application of the existing Transmission Tariff by the Federal Electric Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) has resulted in a higher proportional use of the transmission system being allocated to MPU. This new allocation accounts for a 50% increase. The remaining 24% is due to ATC increased rates for 2007. ATC cites increased costs due to construction activities as one of the major reasons for the increase in fees.

"ATC's investment in transmission infrastructure is much needed to assure reliability of the region's transmission backbone" commented Nilaksh Kothari.

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