



Electricity Fact Sheet

The City of Pittsburg has been exploring different electricity options, including public power. An initial study and extensive research have highlighted some potential benefits of public power for our community and local businesses, including:

- improved reliability
- systems and service
- the possibility of savings on our bills
- job creation
- boosting the local Pittsburg economy.

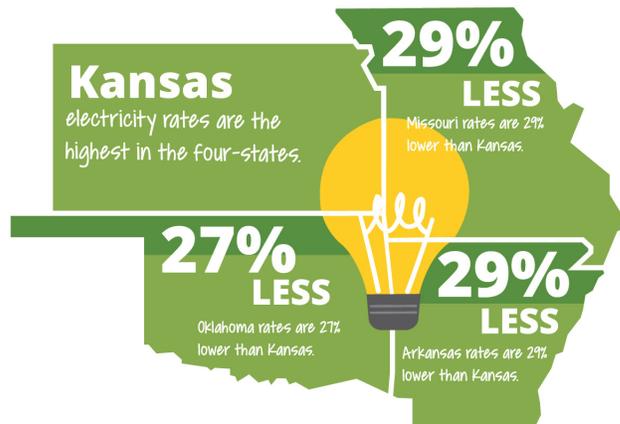
Why Do We Want to Explore Public Power?

A couple of years ago, we noticed the City's electricity costs increasing at a rate we could not sustain without introducing tax increases. At the same time, we were speaking to businesses who were considering locating in Pittsburg, and high electricity rates were a deterrent to these businesses - our rates are higher than all our adjoining states. We have also had numerous enquiries from citizens about frequent rate increases and expressions of financial concern about the overall cost of electricity.

Electricity Costs

70%

Electric rates have increased nearly 70% since 2007



30 times

Electric rates have increased in the last 10 years.

Kansas has the highest electricity rates in the region



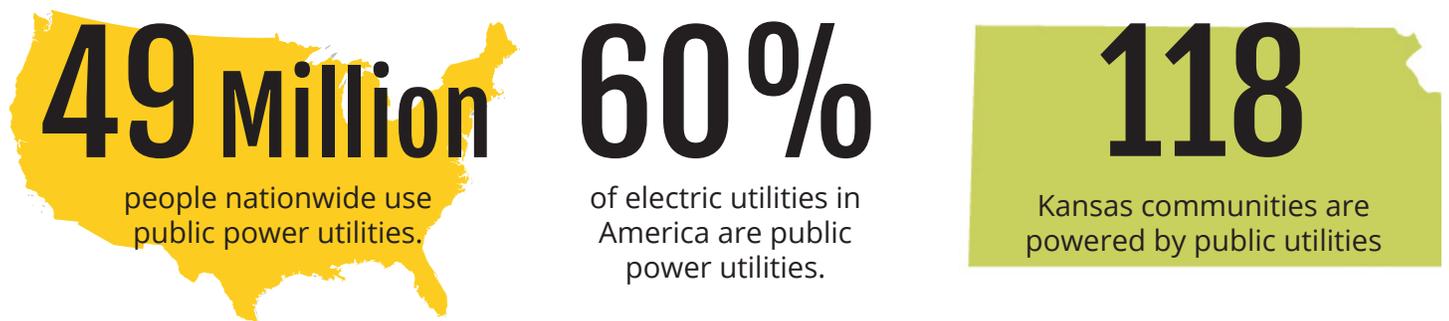
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Public Power Statistics

What is Public Power?

You can think of public power like schools and libraries: not-for-profit organizations which are run by your local government and owned by the community. This community ownership means that public power is governed by elected or appointed volunteer citizens, and it gives citizens a direct voice in decision-making. We already have three public utilities in Pittsburg: water, sewer and stormwater. Electricity would add a fourth.

Approximately 60 percent of electric utilities in America are public power utilities. These public power utilities currently serve around 49 million people nationwide. In fact, 118 communities in Kansas like ours are already successfully powered by a public utility.



Public power customers on average experience less than one hour without power per year... Less than half the national average.

Looking at all the information and data we have gathered so far, we believe that bringing a public power utility to Pittsburg is a crucial decision that could positively impact our whole community in both the short and long term. We can take control of and improve our city's economic growth, provide alternatives to our citizens, stabilize electricity costs for all households and businesses in Pittsburg, keep wealth in the community, and set the stage for a better future.