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Lower electricity bills forecast this summer

The U.S. Energy Information Administration expects U.S. residential electricity bills for the summer to average \$137 per month, 3.5% lower than last summer's average bill. During the summer cooling season from June through the end of August, the average U.S. residential electricity customer will see a 3% increase in electricity rates, according to the forecast.

Despite increased electricity rates in the Short-Term Energy Outlook, EIA expects that the effect of higher prices will be more than offset by decreased demand, as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecasts this summer will be notably cooler than summer 2018. The result will be lower overall bills.

EIA forecasts that natural gas will constitute 40% of utility-scale generation this summer, as coal's share of power generation continues to decrease. All summer forecasts are weather-dependent.

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