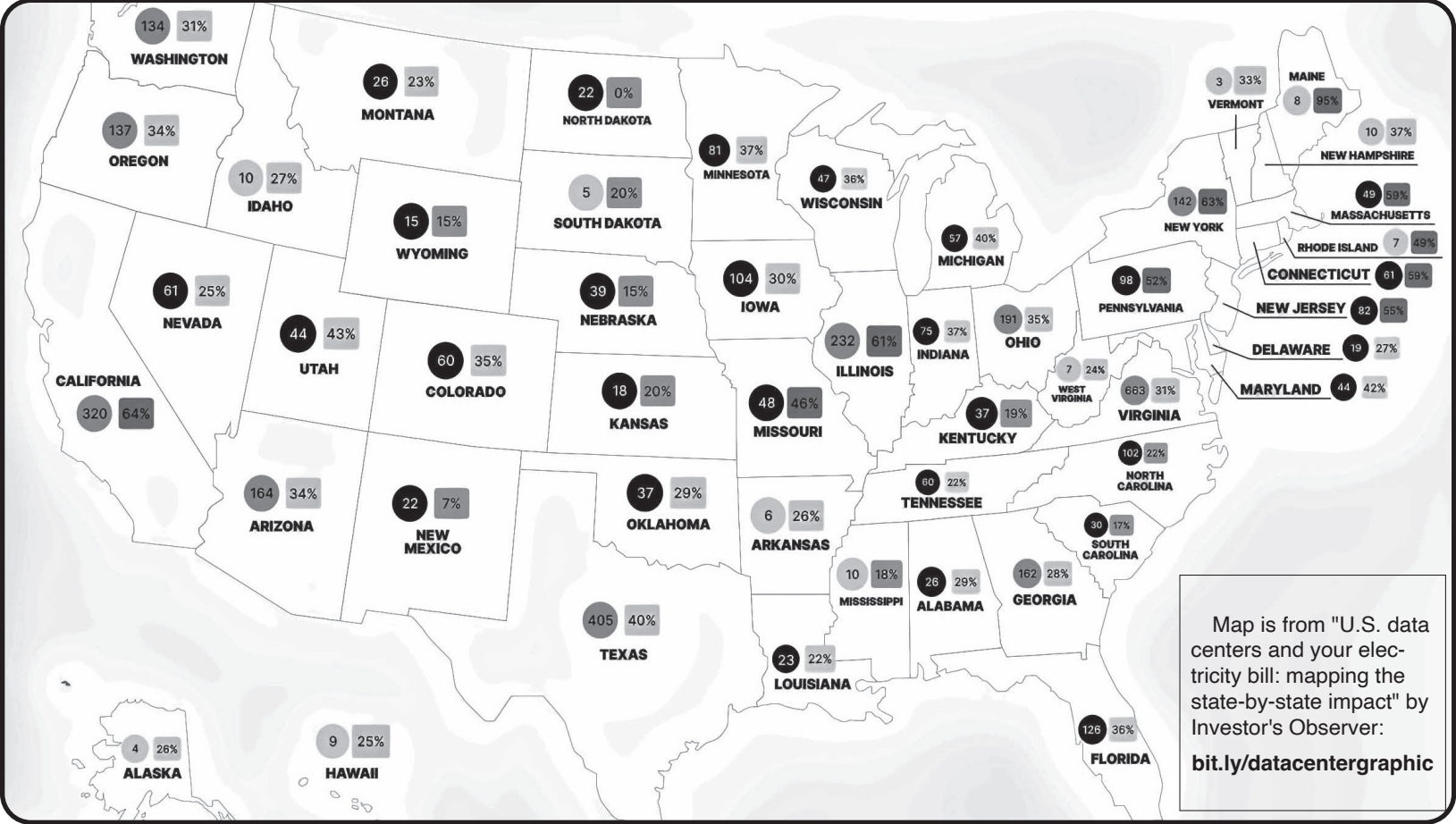


Infographic: US data centers--where are they, and how to they correspond to electricity cost increases since 2020?



This graphic is part of an article published November 4, 2025 in the Investor's Observer, which credible reports describe as "a reputable mid-tier tool for retail investors" that has been operating since 2025. The article argues that within the last five years (which correlates with a rapid increase in data centers), most states have also had a significant rise in consumer electricity costs. What caught our eye was the state of North Dakota, which IO's data shows having had no electricity cost increase.

Information about the number and location of data centers is hard to come by, and there is more than one way to calculate electricity rates.

Nevertheless, according to Grok AI, "Yes, the claim is largely true — North Dakota has experienced essentially no significant net increase (or even a slight nominal decrease in some periods) in average residential electricity rates from August 2020 through much of 2025, keeping it among the lowest in the nation."

This answer accords with other information we have gleaned over the years from mainstream publications and electric industry reports. For consumers in our state, it is good news, and something for which we might want to give thanks this season.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Ellendale Township

Ellendale Township will hold its fall meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 24, 2025, at the Farmers Union meeting room.

Jerry Rekow, Township Clerk
(November 13 & 20, 2025)

FORBES CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
October 14, 2025

Mayor Carl Kronberg called the regular meeting of the Forbes City Council to order on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7:04 p.m., with members Mike Henning, Brandon Salberg, and Dennis Schrum present; Ty Bertsch absent. Also attending was Auditor Darci Wolff.

A quorum was established. MSC, Schrum/Salberg, to approve the 9-29-25 regular meeting minutes as read. MSC, Henning/Schrum, to approve the 9-29-25 special budget meeting minutes with correction: MSC, Bertsch/Salberg to adjourn the meeting. Wolff reported a checking balance of 40,371.61 as of 9-30-25. MSC, Henning/Salberg, to approve financial reports.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Dickey County Leader 62.64; Gahner Sanitation 762.50; MDU 602.40; WEB 758.60; PAYROLL: 1348.34. MSC, Salberg/Henning, to authorize payment of all bills totaling \$3,534.48 and authorize payment of any regular bills due before the next regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Water/Sewer (Schrum) – water leak corner of 3rd Ave/Sibley St, Hample fixed & cut line off.
- Streets (Henning/Bertsch) – 1 load of gravel ordered for Lewis St.

- Park (Salberg) – will be closed in October.
- Tree Dump (Bertsch) no rept. NEW BUSINESS
- MSC, Schrum/Salberg, to certify the following accounts as special assessments to the Dickey County Treasurer to be added to property taxes if not paid by October 26, 2025. (MC)

Name	Amount
Mancel Brandenburger	1,633.30
Christ & Linda Gross (rental house)	317.90
Christ & Linda Gross (trailer house)	317.90
Christ & Linda Gross (street damage)	1,687.95
John Hoyle	241.82
Brandon & Bobbi Salberg	423.93

- MSC, Henning/Salberg, to approve Building Permit #2025-32, Mike & Darci Wolff (2 hopper bins).

MSC, Henning/Schrum, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

minutes subject to council approval
Darci Wolff, City Auditor

(November 20, 2025)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
APPLICATION FOR
APPROPRIATION OF WATER
FROM GROUND WATER

TAKE NOTICE that HARRIS, JAY & JENNIFER, OAKES, ND, have submitted Water Permit Application No. 7439 to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources for a permit to divert and appropriate water from ground water.

The application requests an annual

appropriation of 191.1 acre-feet of water for Irrigation use at a pumping rate of 800 gallons per minute, utilizing point(s) of diversion located in the NE1/4 of Sec. 25, T. 132 N., R. 059 W., Dickey County, for the purpose of irrigating 127.4 acres in the NE1/4 of Sec. 25, T. 132 N., R. 059 W., Dickey County.

TAKE NOTICE that written comments regarding the proposed appropriation must be filed in the Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262, by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 15 day of December 2025. The Department of Water Resources shall consider all written comments received and prepare a recommended decision which will be provided to the applicant and any person who filed written comments. Those persons may file additional comments with the Department of Water Resources, request an adjudicative proceeding on the application, or both.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 31, 2025.

/S/ John Paczkowski, P.E.
State Engineer
Department of Water Resources
1200 Memorial Highway
Bismarck, ND 58504-5262

(November 13 & 20, 2025)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO ADD POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

TAKE NOTICE that RONEY, LARRY, OAKES, ND, has made application to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources to add point(s) of diversion for

Deferred Conditional Water Permit Application No. 4209.

The application requests authorization to divert and appropriate water utilizing an additional point of diversion located in the SE1/4 of Sec. 36, T. 131 N., R. 059 W., Dickey County .

Deferred Conditional Water Permit Application No. 4209 currently requests the annual appropriation of 225.45 acre-feet of water at a withdrawal rate of 900 gallons per minute, from ground water, utilizing point(s) of diversion located in the SW1/4 of Sec. 02, T. 130 N., R. 059 W., Dickey County , for Irrigation use.

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AREA EVENTS

- Nov. 24 (MONDAY): GIRLS J.H. BASKETBALL VS. LEOLA FREDERICK, 5:00 PM AT FREDERICK
- Nov. 24 (MONDAY): TBC CHOIR CONCERT, 7:00 PM IN THE ARMORY
- Nov. 26 (WEDNESDAY): SCHOOL DISMISSAL FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK AT 1:30 PM, NO SCHOOL THURSDAY & FRIDAY
- Dec. 7 (SUNDAY): WELCOME SANTA ON MAIN STREET, 3:00-5:00 (MORE DETAILS TO COME)
- Dec. 7 (SUNDAY): KAT PERKINS CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT TBC CHAPEL, 6:30, DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 --MORE DETAILS COMING UP IN THE LEADER--TICKETS AVAILABLE AT TRUE VALUE HARDWARE
- Dec. 19 (FRIDAY): BASKETBALL VS. OAKES AT OAKES-GIRLS VARSITY 4:30, BOYS VARSITY (COWBELL GAME), 7:30

OPENING FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The City of Ellendale is looking to hire a Public Works Employee to oversee the following maintenance to keep the City in good working order and sound condition:

- Streets
- Alleys
- Water system
- Sewer system
- Landfill areas
- General maintenance of equipment
- Mowing
- Cutting and trimming trees
- Cemetery
- Perform a variety of manual labor duties which will include all maintenance, heavy equipment operations, snow removal and other duties as required.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with other employees, public officials and the public.
- The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds or more.
- This job typically works 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday and will be required to be on call during scheduled evenings and weekends.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States. No sponsorships considered.
- A valid ND Driver's License is required

and the ability to obtain a Class B CDL.

- A high school diploma/GED is required; the ability to pass and obtain all required ND State licensing and certification requirements when eligible.
- Successful applicants will be highly motivated and self-directed.
- Successful applicant will require a background inquiry.
- Experience preferred; and essential that the public works employee be service oriented.
- Must live within 30 minutes of the city limits.
- Wages DOE

Applications/Resumes will be accepted until filled, please submit to City Hall (P O Box 267 - 55 3rd Ave S – Ellendale ND 58436). Benefits included: BCBS – Health, Vision, Dental, Retirement, Vacation, Sick Leave, On-Call pay, Overtime past 40 hrs, Garbage/Water discount if live in city limits

For further details, please contact Mayor Don Flaherty; Council Member Justin Meidinger or City Hall –701–349-3252.

NOTICE OF HEARING--Nov. 24

The City of Ellendale City Council, acting as the city planning commission, will hold a public hearing this Notice of Hearing is sent by registered mail to the address(s) shown on the plat to discuss whether the planning commission shall approve or disapprove the plat that is now on file at the city auditor's office during regular business hours for inspection by the public. The proposed plat is a plat of lands within the SE ¼ of Section 11, T129N, R63W Ellendale, North Dakota. At the hearing the planning commission shall state the grounds upon which the proposed plat is approved or disapproved and written findings upon which the decision is based shall be included within the records of the planning commission and held at the city auditor's office. If the plat is approved by the planning commission it shall be automatically adopted by the planning commission as an addition to the city without further hearing. The hearing shall be held the 24th day of November, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 55, 3rd Ave South, Ellendale, ND 58436.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
(published November 20, 2025)

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