

# 2023 wholesale rates at a glance

Platte River will increase the average wholesale rate 5.0% in 2023 to achieve rate strategy objectives in pursuit of a noncarbon future. The board's preference is to approve annual rate increases to smooth projected future increases and avoid significant single or multiple year rate hikes while also providing greater rate certainty to the owner communities.

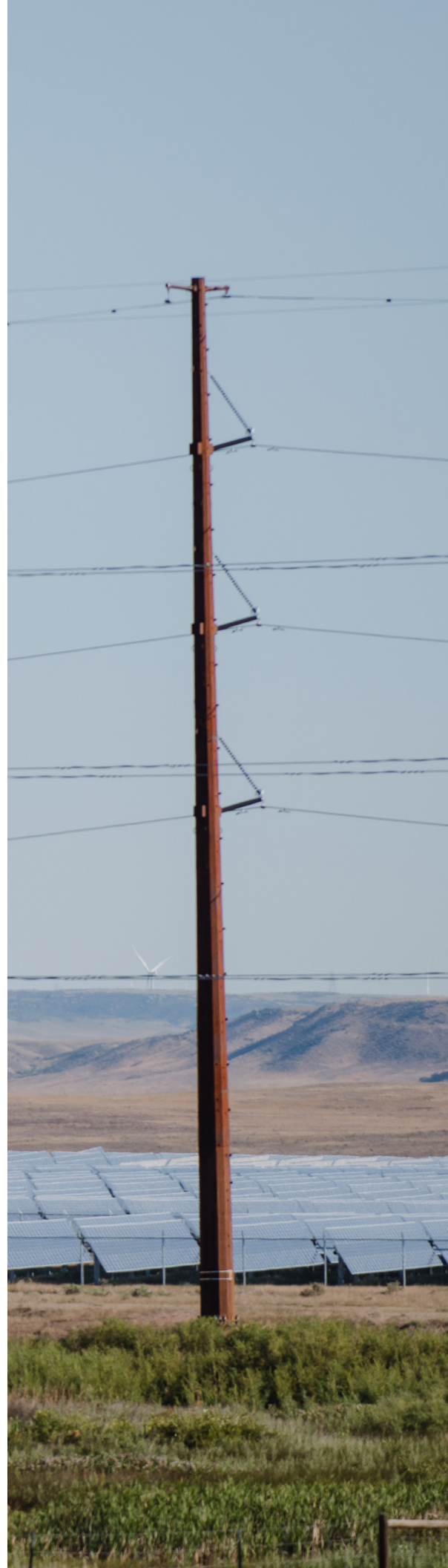
The 2023 long-term rate pressure is higher than 2022 due to the accelerated asset integration schedule and updated resource cost projections. The accelerated asset integration schedule more accurately represents Platte River's resource integration strategy by addressing the need to build or acquire all new resources before retiring coal-fired generation, fully testing the reliability and operational flexibility of the new low-carbon portfolio. In response, the board adopted a deferred revenue and expense accounting policy to help reduce rate pressure and achieve rate smoothing.

**Reliability****Environmental  
responsibility****Financial  
sustainability**

## A means to achieve Platte River's core pillars

Platte River is committed to:

- Achieving its Resource Diversification Policy goal of a 100% noncarbon resource mix, including the planned exit from coal-fired generation by 2030
- Continuing to invest in its generation and transmission assets to maintain system reliability, improve efficiency and to meet regulatory requirements
- Maintaining a strong credit rating, access to low-cost financing and financial sustainability
- Prudently managing expenditures, providing long-term financial sustainability and maintaining competitive rates



## Rate strategy objectives

Per its strategic financial plan, Platte River's Board of Directors will maintain long-term financial sustainability by implementing appropriate rates and strategies that:

- Mitigate significant single year rate hikes
- Provide greater rate predictability to aid owner communities with more accurate, long-term planning
- Maintain strong financial position and AA credit rating

Platte River's rate structure strives to meet the following objectives:

- Alignment of wholesale pricing signals with cost of service
- Flexibility to adapt to cost structure changes and integrate noncarbon resource additions
- Maximize marginal cost savings through pricing signals that provide system benefits and revenue stability

## Rate competitiveness

Platte River strives to maintain long-term competitive rates relative to regional peer wholesale electric providers in pursuit of a noncarbon future. Competitive wholesale rates provide the owner communities an economic advantage for their residential, commercial and industrial customers.

2021 average wholesale rates (\$/MWh)

