

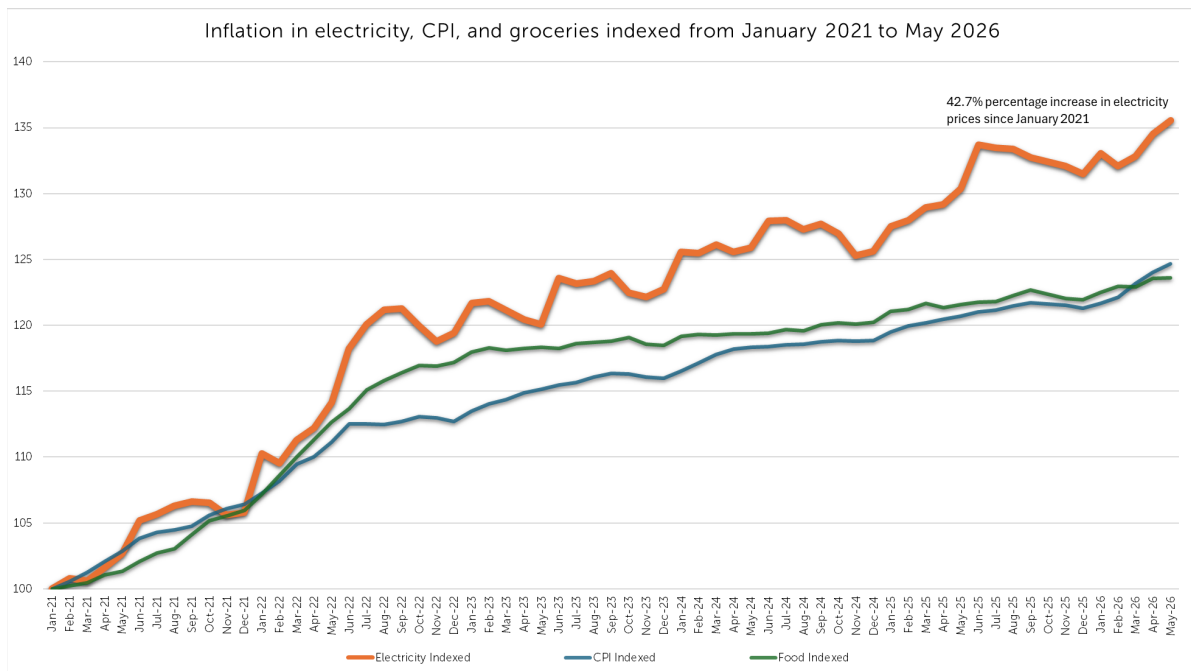


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### Soaring Electricity Inflation is a Wake-Up Call to FERC

Washington, DC, *June 10, 2026* — Today’s [inflation report](#) confirmed that the affordability crisis afflicting Americans has deepened with electricity prices climbing a further 0.6% on a monthly basis, and 5.9% on an annualized basis. These price increases dwarfed the rise in the general price level as measured by the CPI of 0.5% and 4.2% for monthly and annualized gains respectively.

In a statement Paul Cicio, Chair of the Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition pointed to the inflation numbers as further evidence that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should reject a self-serving request by nine monopoly utilities that would prohibit utilities from competing with one another to build billion-dollar transmission lines in 19 SPP and MISO states. “The requested moratorium would result in higher electricity prices for decades to come. Competition has been proven to reduce transmission costs and deliver projects on time more often than incumbent monopoly projects. It defies economic sense to consider suspending a proven common-sense mechanism for lowering electricity costs in the middle of an affordability crisis.”



Recent research released by [R Street](#) confirms that competitive transmission projects are about 30% less expensive than comparable incumbent utility projects and more often is delivered on time.<sup>1</sup> “The competitive process results in lower costs because competing utilities often include cost containment provisions. A monopoly utility has zero incentive to reduce costs. The more they spend the higher their profit”, Cicio added.

An ETCC study of [nineteen competitive transmission projects](#), competition reduced the costs of the projects on average by 38 percent, avoiding \$4.9 billion in costs. Conversely, [fifteen recent projects](#) that were not competitive saw an average cost overrun of 84 percent, costing consumers \$4.8 billion.

### **About the Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition**

The Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition (ETCC) is a broad-based, nation-wide coalition committed to increasing competition in America’s electricity transmission infrastructure. We advocate for common-sense policies and solutions that result in competitively priced transmission projects, which reduce energy costs for all ratepayers – from large manufacturers to residential consumers. The ETCC represents a diverse group of 95 companies and organizations from all 50 states, including manufacturing groups, retail electric consumers, state consumer advocates, think tanks, and non-incumbent transmission developers.

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<sup>1</sup> [Need for Speed: An Analysis of Speed to Market and Cost Results of Competitive Transmission](#); R Street Institute, May 26, 2026