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ON THE COVER: 2015 Youth Tour winners will visit our nation's capitol, along with many other historic sites, on their trip to the Washington, D.C., area June 13-18.



GUEST EDITORIAL

Sam Mason, Manager of Energy Services and Facilities

Load management creates a cost-effective demand response

Because electricity is an instantaneous product that must be produced, distributed and consumed at the same moment in time, when we use electricity significantly impacts the total cost and reliability of the electrical system. The peak demand we create may be as big a factor as how much electricity we use. It is possible that one consumer who uses a smaller amount of electricity, but has a higher consumption rate during periods of peak demand, actually creates more expenses than another consumer who uses a larger volume of energy during off-peak periods. This is why the off-peak electrical rate is significantly discounted compared to the average or standard electrical rate. I know from experience that for many the idea that when they use electricity impacts the cost is a new concept. I believe that the greatest potential to control future electrical rates and provide for the integration of intermittent renewable generation lies in controlling when we use electricity. Demand Response (DR) or Load Management are tremendous tools to lower the cost of electrical service by moving some of the demand for electricity to the off-peak hours of the day.

Electricity can come from many energy sources. It is really a method to utilize and deliver energy, rather than a fuel or energy source. Electricity can come from the traditional sources or new renewables. This includes baseload generation plants powered by coal, nuclear or hydro dams and smaller peaking plants powered by liquid petroleum. In the last decade we have seen the introductions of wind and

solar generation becoming part of the energy production. Each of these systems has a unique set of fixed capital costs and variable operating costs; the ratios between these costs, along with the utilization factor, determine the average cost of the electricity that is produced with the generators.

Generally, the large baseload plants have the lower variable operating costs and a higher utilization factor, which provides for the lowest average cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) produced. Baseload plants do have high fixed or capital costs to construct. To be effective, baseload plants are used to serve the part of the demand curve that is relatively constant throughout the day and seasons. Peaking plants that have lower capital costs, but poorer utilization factors and higher variable operating costs, are used to serve less frequent demand periods. The average cost of electricity from a peaking plant is generally higher, but these plants are required to maintain system reliability. Renewable generation such as wind and solar appears attractive because the fuel is renewable and there is no incremental cost for each unit of wind or solar energy. The cost of renewable energy resides in the capital cost of the equipment and the utilization factors. There are some maintenance expenses with wind systems appearing to require more maintenance than solar systems. Keeping the snow off solar systems may be the most significant issue here in Minnesota. Back to the ratios between the cost factors and utilization factors; generally, traditional generation has a high availability and therefore utilization is determined by the consumer's energy usage habits and seasonal changes.

Renewable generation adds another issue impacting the utilization factor, in that it may not be producing when the consumer demand is the highest, or alternately it may be producing when there is very little consumer demand for electricity.

Back to the subject of load management to create an effective DR system; this is where you and I can really impact the average cost of electricity. Our participation in the load management program improves our cooperative's utilization factor, therefore lowering the average cost of electrical energy and positioning us to effectively utilize intermittent renewable generation. The alternate is also true; if you and I create a poor power utilization factor by increasing our usage during periods of peak demand and reduce utilization during off-peak periods, the average cost will be increased. I am often asked why one electric company has a lower or higher electrical rate than another. Along with density of consumers, this utilization pattern that the consumers collectively create is the most significant reason. The reason for the difference is often how and when we use electricity. Consumers can improve this factor through the use of the load management system.

Beltrami Electric is part of the Minnkota Power system and receives more than 30 percent of its capacity from wind generation; this makes our system a leader in renewable wind generation. Our existing load management system is a key to making this work, and your effective participation in the load management program can greatly improve the affordability and reliability of our electrical system.

The cooperatives in the Minnkota system have been leaders in the use of load management since the late 1970s. Over the decades the system has saved tens of millions of dollars for our members. We continue to use this wonderful system today, and I foresee a much more sophisticated DR system in years to come.

A key reliability function of the

load management system is to respond to mechanical malfunctions in the generation and transmission systems. When our generation is offline, we can often purchase additional energy from the wholesale markets. If the markets offer affordable pricing, we make these purchases, but as was the case in January 2014, we avoided expensive purchases when market prices spike. This has helped your cooperative save significantly and, in turn, has kept those costs from flowing down to members in the form of additional rate increases.

The DR system provides a benefit to all members by helping to control the average cost of electricity and avoiding the cost of constructing additional peaking power plants. Those participating in the program also receive a significant savings compared to the standard electrical rate. The success of the program requires member participation and understanding. I want to say thank you for taking the time to learn more about your electric cooperative and how you can effectively use the services available to you, such as the off-peak heating rate.

Allow me to highlight some of the key factors that create a great off-peak heating system and contribute to an active load management system to create an effective DR. Maintaining your comfort throughout the heating season is the first requirement of the heating system. To do this, off-peak heating uses a strategy of thermal storage or dual fuel. Both of these systems allow the interruption of the supply to the electric heating elements. The dual-fuel system switches to the alternate fuel such as a propane furnace; the thermal storage system relies on the reserve of heat stored in the system. The key is that the backup system be adequate to heat the home through the period of load management.

Examples of electric thermal storage (ETS) are underfloor electric cables or hot water tubing buried deep in the sand below the concrete slab in a building. Another popular storage system is the Steffes ETS heater that uses high density ceramic bricks to store thermal energy. Beltrami Electric is the

local distributor for Steffes products and I used Steffes room units as a key component in the off-peak heating system in my own home.

The most common dual-fuel system going into homes today is an electric plenum heater installed in the ductwork above a propane furnace. Those seeking even higher efficiency systems and the added benefits of cooling are adding an air-source heat pump to this system. Properly sized high-efficiency systems can achieve seasonal efficiencies of 200 percent and significantly cut the annual heating cost.

There are several rebate programs that are available to assist members with the installation cost of a new or upgraded off-peak electric heating system. These are the Powerful Value rebates of \$20 per kW of installed electric heat and the PowerSavers Conservation rebates available on a wide variety of high-efficiency electric heating systems. To learn more about these programs, visit our website at www.beltramielectric.com or call us here at Beltrami Electric Cooperative.

Making your off-peak electric heating system work for you

Here are a few things to keep in mind when evaluating your backup heating system.

- Automated backup heating systems provide greater convenience than manually operated systems.
- The backup heating system must have adequate capacity to heat the home for extended periods.
- You must have adequate fuel for the backup system.
- The ability to shut off the off-peak electric heating system when the wholesale energy market becomes very expensive enables you to receive the lower cost off-peak rate.
- Protect your off-peak rate by using your backup system during these periods. Those who tamper with the load management system or use on-peak plug-in electric heaters as their backup are incurring excessive cost for the cooperative membership.

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One glass display cabinet \$30, round wood tablet \$25, TV stand \$10, Teddy Ruxpin doll \$20, tan love seat \$30, Kenmore cabinet sewing machine, 4-drawer, \$40, charcoal grills \$10/\$15, Herend figurine \$50, Amager girl \$50, 751-9311/368-9034.

'Celotex' Thermax sheathing for use as a heat shield and 1/8" mock birch wood paneling, assorted lengths and widths, Call Steve 224-2699.

55-gallon aquarium on cabinet with enclosed storage space below. Excellent condition. Includes all accessories, nothing extra to buy, \$175, Smith Corona dictionary typewriter model #800, \$25, call 218-224-3284.

KitchenAid 23-cubic-foot side by side refrigerator freezer with water filtration system and ice maker and a KitchenAid double oven with convection. Both in bisque color and in good working condition, call 218-224-3565.

2002 Saturn VUE, 260,000 miles, runs great, \$1,695, 751-9357 or 766-5200.

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Gently used baby items: wood highchair \$40, Little Einstein jumper \$50, wood crib \$45, walker \$20,

single jogging stroller \$40, 218-586-2584.

2004 Yukon XL SLT AWD 5.3L leather seats, 7-passenger, Bose sound, DVD, moon roof, autostart, 174,000 miles, some rust, \$8,000 offers welcome 218-766-7195.

Oak medicine cabinet with lights and 3-way mirror, dimensions: 32"L x 7.5"H x 36.5"W, retails for \$350, will sell for \$75, 218-333-8622.

PRICE REDUCED! Detroit diesel 8V71 engine w/ Allison HT740 transmission, removed from MCI-9 bus on Sept. 5, 2014. Excellent condition, video of it running in the bus available on YouTube at <http://youtube/Wo7HnJNRhdM>. Approx. 29,000 miles on engine rebuild. All rebuild invoices available for review. Motor & tranny has had routine maintenance and very well cared for. References available. \$6,400/OBO, US\$, 218-759-9713.

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Old appliances, pianos, computers, etc., (will pick up free of charge.) Will also clean up garages, shops, barns, farmsteads, small items or large. 75-mile radius of Bemidji. 712-369-3291 (PLEASE NOTE THE 712 AREA CODE).

Utility trailer, 5' x 10' to 12' with tilt or ramp, 2,000 lb. capacity (minimum), prefer aluminum, NO JUNK! 218-444-8952.

Bugle wanted for learning to play Taps, 835-7843.

Free:

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Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Buena Vista's power supplier, is celebrating an anniversary too ... 75 years!

CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE



Beltrami Electric Cooperative recently recognized 11 employees for a total of 270 years of service to our members. From left to right, with number of years in parenthesis: **Front row** – Arlene Hogquist (25), Rebecca Zaiser (15), Sheila Story (10). **Back Row** – Kurt Yerbich (35), Dave Ethen (35), Jeff Marden (25), Dan Dow (25), Jay Declusin (15), William Haman (15), Rick Eisenzimmer (35), Randy Dahle (35).

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75th anniversary celebration – your recipes are needed!



Beltrami Electric will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2015, culminating at an Open House on June 24 at Cooperative headquarters in Bemidji. As part of the event, we are asking our members to submit their favorite recipes for a cookbook we will compile and distribute at our celebration. Please submit your favorite recipe in one of the following categories:

- *Appetizers*
- *Cookies & Candy*
- *Side dishes*
- *Desserts*
- *Soups/Salads*
- *Breads*
- *Main dishes*
- *Miscellaneous*

Please send your submission to:

- Recipes, c/o Beltrami Electric Cooperative, PO Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619
- info@beltramielctric.com (include "Recipe" in subject line)
- In person at 4111 Technology Dr. NW, Bemidji

With your recipe, include the key ingredients, along with your name and city for recognition.

Thanks for your participation in this project, and we look forward to offering this gift to our members!

Those contributing will have a copy reserved for them!

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014. All directors were present. Also present were General Manager Lynette Nieuwsma, Director of Finance and Member Services Sid Sletten and Executive Secretary Kay Olson.

The following reports were given:

- The manager presented her monthly report, including a review of current operations, wholesale accounts, discussion on the Revenue Deferral Plan and the upcoming strategic planning session.
- Sid Sletten reviewed the November financial report and work order inventories, as well as accelerating the depreciation of obsolete metering systems.
- Bob Naylor and Mark Farabee discussed the Northland Regional Shooting Sports Park.
- Department managers presented narratives for the various departments 2015 budget.
- Sid Sletten presented the 2015 budget.
- The CEO and Sam Mason presented an agreement with the National Renewable Cooperative Organization (NRCO) for continued research of a solar garden at Beltrami Electric.
- A board policy committee for 2015 was appointed by President Coe. Jerry Larson, Bob Wallner and Jeff Nelson were appointed.
- Sam Mason reported on load management hours, Incremental Pricing Plan, Conservation Improvement Program and presented the 2015 marketing plan.
- Appointed Bob Wallner as the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) delegate and Rick Coe as the alternate.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the 2015 budget.
- Approved the 2015 marketing plan.
- Approved signing agreement with NRCO.
- Approved write-off of obsolete metering system.

The next board meeting will be Jan. 28, 2015, beginning at 9 a.m.

ATTENTION BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS



Minnkota and the associated systems will host contractor continuing education workshops again in 2015. This program is aimed at providing area trade allies with the latest information in building and electrical practices. Dates for the remaining 2015 sessions are:

- * Thurs., Feb. 5**
- Hampton Inn Bemidji, Minn.**
- Another option is on Wed., Feb. 4**
Alerus Center, Grand Forks, N.D.

For more information about the program, contact Sue Black, Minnkota communications/member services specialist, at (701) 795-4292 or email questions to sblack@minnkota.com.

Beltrami Electric's Indoor Garage Sale to Benefit the United Way of the Bemidji Area is coming May 2!

Booth reservations will open on Thursday, March 5, and will be accepted until all 64 booths have been filled. If interested, come in to our office at 4111 Technology Dr. in Bemidji and sign up or contact Cammie at 444-3675 or cvogel@beltramielctric.com.

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