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June 2019



2019 POWER PLANT TOUR

Tuesday - Thursday, July 23-25, 2019



We are offering Beltrami Electric members an exceptional summer opportunity that is both fun and educational! This year's tour to Center, N.D., is scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, July 23-25. It will feature stops at Minnkota Power Cooperative in Grand Forks, N.D., as well as Oliver III Wind Energy, Milton R. Young Station, BNI Coal, the Garrison Dam on the Missouri River and more!

The cost to members for the three-day trip is \$100 per person or \$175 per double occupancy, which covers the bus fare, hotel, tours and all meals. Space is limited and this trip fills fast, so don't delay in signing up. To reserve your spot, contact Bob Gregg at 218-444-3622, complete the registration form on page 7 and send it in with your payment. Members who have not been on this trip in the past are encouraged to go and will be given first opportunity. There is a considerable amount of walking on this trip, including stairs. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 800-955-6083 or 218-444-2540.



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FOUND ON PAGE 7)**

"We had a great time, and we highly recommend this trip to all BEC members. It's very well organized and gave us a great understanding of where our electricity comes from!"

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Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance.

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Stay back and stay safe

Jared Echternach, *President and CEO*

Working with electricity can be a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. In fact, USA Today lists line repairers and installers among the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. If proper safety protocols are followed,



working with electricity is not dangerous – but it is unforgiving. That’s why safety is the number one priority for Beltrami Electric Cooperative. This is not empty talk. Over time, we have created a

culture of putting our employees’ safety and that of the community above all else.

Our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, our member-owners. Yes, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to you, but more important, we want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones. This requires ongoing focus, dedication, vigilance and your help!

Distractions can be deadly

While we appreciate your kindness and interest in the work of our crews, we ask that you stay back and let them focus on their task at hand. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it takes their full attention and that of their colleagues, who are also responsible for the team’s safety. Distractions can have deadly consequences. If a lineworker is on or near your property during a power outage, for vegetation management or for routine maintenance, please allow them ample room to work. These small accommodations help protect our crews – and you.

If you have a dog, try to keep it indoors while lineworkers are on or near your property. While most dogs are friendly, some are defensive of their territory and can’t distinguish between a burglar and a utility worker. Our crews work best without a pet “supervising” the job.

We recognize that for your family’s safety, you want to make sure only authorized workers are on or near your property. You will recognize Beltrami Electric Cooperative’s employees by their blue uniform shirts, other logoed clothing and the service trucks with our name and logo on them. You may also recognize our lineworkers because they live right here in our local community.

Slow down and move over

In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approaching a utility vehicle on the



side of the road. This is an extra safety precaution to help those who help all of us.

79th annual meeting a success

Thank you to everyone who attended your cooperative’s 79th annual meeting April 23 at the Bemidji High School. We were blessed with a beautiful spring day, and it’s always great to have the opportunity to visit with our member-owners. The business meeting included director elections with Murl Nord, Robert Wallner and Sue Kringen re-elected to their respective districts. Congratulations to Murl, Bob and Sue. Members overwhelmingly approved revisions to the cooperative’s bylaws with more than 93% voting in favor of the amendments.

Board reorganizes

Each year following the annual meeting, your board of directors holds its organizational meeting. I’d like to congratulate our board officers on their election: Rick Coe, chair; John Lund, vice chair; Murl Nord, secretary; and Judy Honer, treasurer. John Lund was

also appointed to serve on Cooperative Development's board of governors. Your board of directors does a wonderful job for your cooperative.

GreenTouch

Thank you to all the local volunteers who attended Project GreenTouch at Lake Bemidji State Park May 4. This was the

20th year Beltrami Electric Cooperative employees, members and area residents have teamed up to complete several projects, including cleaning up debris in the campgrounds, picking up roadside trash, washing windows and raking leaves. GreenTouch Day is a statewide partnership between Minnesota Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives and Minnesota State Parks

& Trails that helps our state park system prepare for their summer season.

Indoor garage sale

Thank you to all who shopped at Beltrami Electric's indoor garage sale to benefit the United Way of Bemidji Area. \$6,770 was raised for our local United Way!
- Jared Echternach

BELTRAMI ELECTRIC'S INDOOR GARAGE SALE

RAISES \$6,770 FOR THE

United Way
of Bemidji Area



The Beltrami Electric Indoor Garage Sale held Saturday, May 4, raised \$6,770 for the United Way of Bemidji Area.

The 13th annual event, which featured 91 booths, saw more than 2,000 bargain-hunters pay a one-dollar entrance fee for access to the sale.

Special thanks go out to the following sponsors: Ross Lewis Signs, Bemidji National Guard Armory, Portable John Rental & Service, Dunn Brothers, Nei Bottling and Raphael's Bakery. In addition, thanks to all the vendors and volunteer workers. Next year's sale is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2020, at the Beltrami Electric

Cooperative headquarters. This event is one of the single largest fundraisers for the United Way of Bemidji Area.



Lake Bemidji State Park hosts 20th annual Project GreenTouch

Cool and wet weather couldn't stop more than 40 Beltrami Electric Cooperative members, friends and park staff from helping to beautify Lake Bemidji State Park on Saturday, May 4, as part of Project GreenTouch. The 20th annual event, presented by Minnesota's Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, saw volunteers rake leaves, clean roadside ditches, collect large sticks and branches for an eagle nest project to be held in June and more, all in preparation for the 2019 season.



Minnesota's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives participating in Project GreenTouch are part of a group of rural electric cooperatives throughout the state. Touchstone Energy is a co-brand used by cooperatives all over the nation to market what local electric cooperatives stand for: integrity, accountability, community involvement and innovation. The state park sponsorship fits well with the Touchstone Energy commitment.

79th annual meeting recap

Beltrami Electric Cooperative held its 79th annual meeting on Tuesday, April 23, at the Bemidji High School. Nearly 600 cooperative members and guests attended the event, featuring informational booths, a complimentary member gift, an electrical safety demonstration and a roast beef dinner prepared by Bemidji High School. BEC linemen were also on site with a line truck, providing interested members a chance to ride in the bucket of the truck.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation offered by board treasurer Judy Honer. Board president Rick Coe introduced Beltrami Electric's delegate for the 2019 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, Willow Damar, who will be attending a trip to Washington, D.C. in June. Randy Frisk, vice president for the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust for Operation Round Up®, presented on the success the program has seen in our communities since its inception. Jeremiah Freye spoke about the No Barriers Warriors Program, an expedition for disabled rural veterans sponsored by CoBank. The meeting featured a financial update from director of finance and accounting Arlene Hogquist, as well as a cooperative update from CEO Jared Echternach. The featured speaker was Stacey Dahl, senior manager of external affairs for Minnkota Power Cooperative, who spoke about Project Tundra, a proposed carbon capture project at the coal-based Milton R. Young Station near Center, N.D. Door prizes were drawn during the program, including two bicycles with helmets and a Minnesota 529 College Savings Plan for youth who attended the meeting. Special thanks go out to the following vendors who donated prizes: National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), Paul Bunyan Communications, Dakota Supply Group (DSG), Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO) and Security Bank USA.

Three directors were elected to the board, which included incumbents Murl Nord (District 1), Robert Wallner (District 5) and Sue Kringen (District 8). In addition, proposed revisions to the cooperative's bylaws were approved by majority vote of the members. Next year's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020.



BEC member Gerald Manley was the winner of an air fryer donated by RESCO. Tyler Stinar was the winner of the Minnesota 529 College Savings Plan.

Safety after the storm and during power outages

Severe storms are devastating to homes, properties and lives. The months of May through July represent the most active months for severe storms, straight-line winds, lightning strikes and tornadoes. Yet, you never know when a storm may hit, creating potential electrical hazards for your family. These storms can also take down power lines — creating a dangerous situation for all of us, including the line crews working hard to get your power turned back on.

How long it takes to get your power restored depends on many factors, including the extent of the storm's destruction, the number of outages and the point when it is safe for utility personnel to get to the damaged areas. There are many steps in the assessment and restoration process — clearing downed power lines; checking electrical equipment such as transformers; repairing transmission lines, substations and distribution lines; and getting power restored to members within the damaged areas.

Contact your electric utility to report the outage and use caution if venturing outside after a storm.

- Before entering storm-damaged buildings, make sure electricity and gas are turned off.
- Do not use water-damaged electric appliances, electronics and other items before having them inspected and properly restored. Electric motors in appliances should be cleaned and reconditioned before use. It may be necessary to replace some appliances and electronics.
- If you clean up outdoors after a storm, do not use electric equipment in wet conditions.
- If you are driving and come across a downed power line, stay away and keep others away. Do not drive over it, as snagging the line could pull a pole and other equipment to the ground. Contact emergency personnel or your utility company to address the downed power line.
- If you come in contact with a downed power line, do not leave the car. Wait for utility and emergency professionals to make sure the power line is de-energized before exiting the car.

During an outage, turn off electrical appliances and unplug major electronics, including computers and televisions. Power sometimes comes back in surges, which can damage electronics. Your circuits could overload when power returns if all your electrical items are on. Leave one light on to indicate that power is back on. Wait a few minutes and then turn on other appliances and equipment — one at a time.











If you use a standby generator, take proper safety precautions. Always read and follow all manufacturer operating instructions. There should be nothing plugged into the generator when you turn it on. This prevents a surge from damaging your generator and appliances. Operate generators in well-ventilated, outdoor, dry areas. Never attach a temporary generator to a circuit breaker, fuse or outlet; plug items into the generator once it's operating. Permanent generators should be wired into a house by a qualified electrician and include a transfer switch to prevent feeding electricity back into utility lines, which can be deadly for lineworkers.

To help you get through, have a storm kit prepared. Keep the kit in a cool, dry place, and make sure all members of the family know where it is.

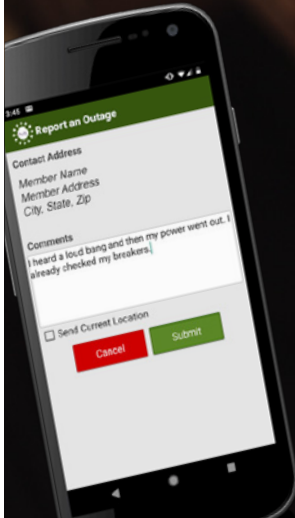
For information on when to save and when to throw out refrigerated food after a power outage, go to FoodSafety.gov.

- Just because power lines are damaged does not mean they are dead. Every downed power line is potentially energized and dangerous until utility crews arrive on the scene to ensure power has been cut off. Downed power lines, stray wires and debris in contact with them all have the potential to deliver a fatal shock. Stay far away and keep others away from downed power lines.
- Never enter a flooded basement if electrical outlets are submerged. The water could be energized.
- Do not turn power off if you must stand in water to do so. Call your electric utility and have them turn off power at the meter.

Safe Electricity® Storm Safety Kit

-  Drinking water & food
-  Blankets, pillows, & clothing
-  Basic first-aid supplies
-  Prescriptions
-  Basic toiletries
-  Flashlights
-  Battery-operated radio
-  Battery-operated clock
-  Extra supply of batteries
-  Phone
- Cash and credit cards
- Emergency numbers
- Important documents (in a waterproof container)
- Toys, books, & games
- Baby supplies
- Pet supplies

Outage?



Use SmartHub.

It's the most efficient way to report a power outage. It's quick, easy and goes straight into BEC's dispatch center. No more searching for your account number and phone number to call in. Using the app, you can report it in a snap. Download the app at www.beltramelectric.com or find it on Google Play or the App Store. Call BEC at (800) 955-6083 if you need help signing up.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT

Don't panic! Check for a tripped circuit breaker or blown fuse first. If your power doesn't come back on after you have changed fuses or reset the breaker, take a moment to check if your neighbor's homes are also without power before calling us.

THREE *easy* WAYS TO REPORT AN OUTAGE.



SMARTHUB: Download the app today to report outages with the press of a button.



PHONE: Call us 24/7 at (800) 955-6083.



TEXT: Contact BEC to make sure we have your cell number on your account, then register at www.beltramelectric.com.

PURCHASE A GENERLINK TO SAFELY

CONNECT A PORTABLE GENERATOR TO YOUR HOME



When you have lost power, a portable generator can temporarily provide needed electricity. However, it may present serious hazards if not used properly. NEVER plug a portable generator directly into your home. This can cause electricity to feed back through your home onto the utility's system. This "backfeed" can be deadly for lineworkers working on lines that they believe are off and for anyone near downed power lines.



- The GenerLink is a 200-amp UL-listed automatic transfer switch to safely connect a generator to your home.
- Purchase a generator that can provide the amount of power you expect to need during an outage.
- Beltrami Electric Cooperative's technicians will install the device at your electric meter.
- GenerLink allows you flexibility and control to select what you want to run using your home's circuit panel.



Contact our Energy Services department for more information and current pricing at 444-3622.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the fifth of the month prior to publication of the next issue. Example:
 - Ads submitted by June 1 will be published in the July issue.
 - Ads submitted between June 2 and July 1 will be published in the August issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com (preferred).
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.
- All ads must be **50 words or fewer** and typed or printed clearly.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- Ads are published at no charge as space permits on a first-received, first-printed basis, **with no guarantee your ad will appear.**
- Ads are only allowed to be repeated for **three consecutive months** and must be resubmitted each month.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless otherwise noted.
- Mail ads to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 488, Bemidji, MN 56619.

For Sale:

2012 Crest Caribbean 8'6" x 23'10" ft. 90 hp 4-stroke Mercury motor, under 35 hours, 26-inch pontoons. Fully-loaded including full cover, Bimini top, premium sound system, GPS fish locator, changing room, swimming platform, and more. Always winterized by dealer, always on a covered lift in the water. Original owner, boat has been used on Leech Lake, stored in private garage, easily accessible for viewing. Price - \$26,000, orig. \$45,000. 612-868-3807.

8 hp Johnson outboard, long shaft, runs great. \$450 firm. 444-8414.

Craftsman Radial Arm Saw \$180; 13" DeWalt planer, hardly used \$250; Central Machinery 10" construction table saw \$200; numerous woodworking tools. Call 766-3898.

Browning BDA 380-Italy short-semi-automatic pistol-13 round clip-with black nylon zipper case and brown leather open holster. \$777. 835-8484.

Whirlpool Estate 14.8 cu.-ft chest freezer, Model TCF 1510, white, 518 lbs. average capacity, clean and excellent condition. \$125 firm. 333-3528.

ADCO SFS AquaShed truck camper cover, like new! Fits 8'-10' campers. \$100 FIRM. 243-3029 leave message.

Antique dark stained oak three-shelf bookcase with glass doors and three small enclosed cabinets across the top. 68" H x 42" W x 13" D. \$700. 759-2099.

Leather shoes size 6 - 11 (new and some worn only twice); leather purses Stone Mountain and others (used only a few times) all priced \$20-\$25. Call 368-4973, if no answer leave message.

28-in x 28-in shower stall, 72-in high, never used. \$75. 333-0804.

John Deere 3300 combine. Make offer. Wine makers: free wine bottles. 368-3794.

Mission style armoire entertainment center, could be easily converted back into an actual armoire, 41½" wide, 21" deep, 79½" high. Exc. cond. You move - it's heavy! 333-3528.

Men's left-handed golf clubs: Ping G5 driver, Ping Rapture rescue club, Mitsubishi 3 and 5 metal woods, Ram FX oversize irons 3-9 and pitching wedge, Mitsubishi TRS Curare sand wedge, Odyssey Dual Force Rossie II putter, Tommy Armour T-Line 450 SL putter, Bag Boy (green and white) bag (like new), Foot Joy size 9 shoes, shag bag full of balls. Very good cond. \$400. 368-1643.

17' Sea Ray, IO, Mercruiser, electric winch, Shoreland'r trailer, excellent condition, \$5,989, must see! Call 751-9357 or 766-5200.

Beautiful flowers! Local organic flower farmer wants to deliver four weekly bouquets at one monthly price of \$85. Annuals, perennials and herbs. Every bouquet will surprise you! DIYers for special events call too. Call 556-0586.

'94 King Fisher 16' boat, 50 hp outboard, roller trailer, 4 pedestal seats. Asking \$6,500. Pictures available by email. 333-9012.

1947 Vintage Philco refrigerator - works! \$400/obo, (will deliver for \$50 fee). Brahma Black boots - men's 9½ - oil resistant soleplate-slip resistant-leather-steel toe, (will deliver for \$10 fee) \$15. Unik brand black leather hip length jacket-men's XXL-snap black front/center-snap cuffs-hardly worn-\$130 (will deliver for \$20 fee) Renee 214-2174.

Propane refrigerator/ freezer and a propane all freezer. 16' Lund w/ trailer. 556-9440.

14-ft Alumacraft boat with trailer and oars \$550/obo. ProForm treadmill \$175. Powermate 24" adjustable width rototiller like new \$160. Delta table saw \$100. Craftsman upright band saw \$75. NordicTrack ski machine \$70. 10-ft adjustable blade earth leveling drag \$125. 444-7000, leave message please.

1966 Chevrolet Impala SS Convertible, rust free, straight car. Call for pictures and details. \$12,000/obo. 760-1095.

Diamond "Nuclear Ice" bow w/hard case. For youth approx. 4-10 yrs old. Ultra-adjustable bow. Axle-to-axle length 22½", brace height 6-1/8". Fully-machined aluminum riser, beyond-parallel limbs, pivoting limb pockets, smooth cams. IBO speed: 187-195 fps, weight: 2.9 lbs., let-off: 70%. Single rotating module system, draw length adj. 14"-24". Draw weight adj. 10-29 lbs. 3-pin fiber-optic sight, 4-arrow slotted quiver, 3 practice arrows. Exc. cond. \$300. Call 368-4834.

4 Firestone destination all season tires (P275/60R20), \$140. Call 444-9137.

16-ft Lund boat w/45 Mercury motor. \$2,990. Paddle boat, blue and white. \$100. 224-2547.

1984 Ford Tractor model 1710, 2660 hours, 4WD with bucket. Well maintained, everything works. Call 854-7444 before 9 p.m. \$9,000 cashier's check only.

11x13x20 aquarium w/top, like new, \$18. 243-3112.

Violas, violas and cellos, assorted sizes. Also accessories such as shoulder rests and strings. Call Nancy at 586-2536.

AKC registered Labs fox-red shade and yellows. Excellent hunting bloodline. Also make fabulous family pets. Full and limited registration available. Text or call 244-7605 for more info.

4" x 16' grain auger. Make offer. 467-3452.

Shoremaster vertical pontoon lift, 4,000 lbs capacity, Boss electric keyed 110-volt winch, 23-ft canopy with Rusco tan ultra-light cover, set up for a 24-ft pontoon, bought new, used 3 seasons. \$5,800. Currently on the shoreline of Leech Lake. 612-868-3807.

Fishing boats: Crestliner 14' aluminum boat, \$175. Sears 14' aluminum boat, \$200. Compost tumbler 50-gallon, like new, \$80. Call 224-2483 mornings.

1967 aluminum 18' Starcraft Starchief, 120 hp I/O, sound hull, new gas tank, \$1,500. 250T-5 (V5) automatic motorcycle, \$750. Pfaltzgraff Heritage dishes,

setting for 20 with 50+ different serving dishes, \$250. Pfaltzgraff Heritage Christmas dishes, setting for 12 with serving dishes. \$200. 854-7453.

Homemade Block, Star, Crazy quilts: twin, \$35; full, \$40; queen, \$55; king, \$60. Sewing machines, \$15 each. 243-2702.

Grandmother's Singer treadle sewing machine, circa 1906. Beautiful condition, with dovetailed wooden box, attachments and manual included. Also, antique cedar chest 44"x18"x18", mahogany color in nice cond. \$150 each. 759-1919.

Stihl BR600 backpack blower, runs good, one owner, used at cabin, \$175. MinnKota Auto Pilot, 24V, 74-lb thrust, 5' shaft, \$175. MinnKota 65T, 36-lb thrust, 39" shaft, forward/reverse, \$75. 243-3375.

Dock hardware. Leave contact info at 368-9688.

Custom 21' duck hunters' pontoon, 30 hp Mercury, electric start, T/T, no railing, aluminum pontoons. \$3,500. Call 760-3298.

Pro Force 30-paint sprayer, 2-stroke piston pump, 5/8 hp, pressure hose and gun, used only once, \$275. 586-3424.

Hunters Delight-1889 R.V., 30-ft, \$3,800. 444-4493. Grand Island pontoon trailer, bunk style, like new! 556-6736.

Oak Keller dining table with two leaves, 6 matching chairs and matching hutch, \$600. Glass-top coffee table, \$75. All in exc. cond. 751-1907.

8' Brunswick pool table, like new, with table tennis top and all accessories, \$2,000/obo. Solid oak 7-piece dining room set and 4 stools, \$1,175. Flex Steel plaid sofa and two matching recliners, \$250. 586-2612.

Wanted:

Looking for low mileage SUV with AWD or 4WD in good condition. Price range under \$10,000. 751-7693.

55-gallon metal barrel/drum in good condition. 854-7483.

Massey Ferguson or New Idea pole type hay mower, in working order or parts. 243-3112.

WWI, WWII and other military items, flags, medals, helmets, firearms, etc. 371-6259.

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2019. A quorum of directors was present.

The following reports were given:

- President and CEO Echnernach made his monthly report, including discussion on the March financials, employee updates, Operation Round Up® and legislative issues.
- Arlene Hogquist gave the financial report and reviewed the first quarter budget performance.
- Sam Mason reported on the annual meeting held April 23, 2019.
- Discussed donations to the CFC Cooperative System Integrity Fund and NRECA International program.
- Directors and the president and CEO shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and conferences.

The following actions were taken:

- Elected Rick Coe as chair, John Lund as vice chair, Murl Nord as secretary and Judy Honer as treasurer.
- Elected John Lund as governor to Cooperative Development, LLC.
- Approved the consent agenda.
- Accepted the annual audit report presented March 21, 2019.
- Approved a donation to the CFC Cooperative System Integrity Fund and the NRECA International program.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

Items for sale by bid

Items available for viewing at Beltrami Electric from June 4 through June 7 up to 4:30 p.m. All items sold "as-is." Cash only.



1999 Felling tandem axle 12,000 lb trailer with electric brakes. **Minimum bid: \$1,500.**



2002 Towmaster T-30, flatbed tandem axle trailer with electric brakes. **Minimum bid: \$2,500.**



2003 Felling pole trailer, single axle, pintle hitch, with electric brakes, rusty. **Minimum bid: \$500.**

Power Plant Tour (July 23-25) Registration Form *(continued from article on page 1)*

Please print names of participants the way you would like them to appear on your name tags. Your payment will be refunded if you cancel your reservation **at least two weeks prior to the trip**. We will send further details prior to departure. Trip is limited to ages 12 and over. Cost is \$100 per person or \$175 per double occupancy. To sign up, contact Bob Gregg at **218-444-3622**, then mail form with payment to: **Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Attn: Power Plant Tour Sign Up, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619**

Names of participants (Note age if under 18): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Dietary needs (Ex. gluten free): _____

Telephone number: _____ Account number: _____

Statement of Operations **Year-to-date: March 2019**

	March 2018	March 2019
Operating Revenue.....	\$ 16,166,565	\$ 17,482,963
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 11,199,653	\$ 11,415,741
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 3,974,936	\$ 3,623,455
Total Cost.....	\$ 15,174,589	\$ 15,039,196
Operating Margin.....	\$ 991,976	\$ 2,443,767
Interest Income.....	\$ 71,803	\$ 78,055
Other Margins.....	\$ (11,155)	\$ (95,368)
Total Margins.....	\$ 1,052,624	\$ 2,426,454
kWh Sold.....	164,211,138	164,314,617
Meters Billed.....	20,995	21,170

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions

near your air conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the AC to run longer than necessary.

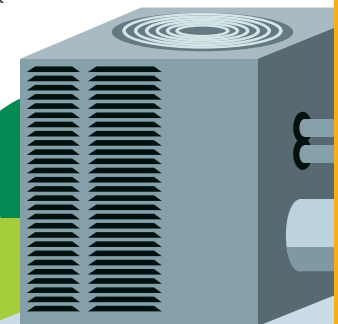
– Source: energy.gov

3-Step HVAC Test

As summer temperatures rise, so do electric bills. Follow these steps to test the efficiency of your HVAC unit.

The outdoor temperature should be above 80 degrees, and you should set your thermostat well below the room temperature to ensure the system runs long enough for this test.

1. Using a digital probe thermometer (about \$12), measure the temperature of the air being pulled into your HVAC filter.
2. Measure the temperature of the air blowing out of your A/C vent.
3. Subtract the A/C vent temperature from the HVAC filter temperature. You should see a difference of about 17 to 20 degrees. If the difference is less than 17 degrees, you may need a licensed technician to check the coolant. If the difference is greater than 20 degrees, your ductwork may need to be inspected for airflow restrictions.





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Power plant outages to impact load control hours

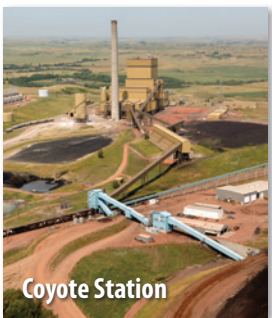


Despite a couple of power plant outages in the spring and fall, Minnkota Power Cooperative, your wholesale energy supplier, estimates only 100 hours of load control through its demand response/load management program this summer.

This compares to last year's total of 54 hours. Last year's low number was a result of mild weather and a soft wholesale power market.

The Minnkota/Northern Municipal Power Agency (NMPA) Joint System has a couple of power plant outages set for the summer load control season.

The Coyote Station near Beulah, N.D., is offline for a scheduled major outage through May 24. The outage began on March 29. Unit 2 at the Milton R. Young Station has a scheduled major outage set from



Coyote Station

Sept. 7 through Oct. 18.

The planned outages, weather, the availability of renewables both for Minnkota and in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) footprint and natural gas prices and demand will determine how many hours of control Minnkota will need to provide low-cost, reliable energy.

Todd Sailer, Minnkota senior manager of power supply and resource planning, said when there is a mix of low wind generation in the region and unseasonal weather conditions, combined with the scheduled generator outages or any unscheduled outages, Minnkota will see higher energy market prices and will need to control.

“Controlling load during these periods protects consumers from the volatility of the market and prevents the need to build new power plants just to serve peak loads,” Sailer said. “The savings by doing this are passed on to members through the low off-peak electric rate, which is approximately half of the regular retail rate.”

Summer interruptible loads include large capacity water heaters, commercial generators, grain dryers and irrigation.

Incentives available for heating, charging equipment

As part of its Value of Electricity campaign, Minnkota works with its member cooperatives and participating municipals to offer incentives for the installation of electric heating, water heating and charging equipment.

A recent addition is incentives for the installation of electric vehicle charging equipment on the off-peak program. It calls for a \$50 per kilowatt rebate for Level 2 chargers that are 240 volts. The maximum rebate is \$500.

“One of the things that is new to our program that we’re really promoting is electric vehicles,” Sailer said. “We see it as a benefit for the consumer and the co-ops. It’s just another good load in our demand response program.”

Contact Beltrami Electric Cooperative for more information.