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September 2023



National Drive Electric Week



Thursday, September 28, 2023 | 4-6:30 p.m.

Beltrami Electric | 4111 Technology Dr. NW, Bemidji

Come kick a few tires and find out firsthand how electric vehicles (EVs) are gaining traction. See and hear the latest in EV technology. Check out the EVs on display and talk with the owners about their experiences owning and driving an electric vehicle. Take a spin on an electric bicycle, too.

EV owners will share their stories/benefits of EVs, overcoming range anxiety and the best way to charge an EV battery. You'll hear about today's charging technologies, as well as the programs available for your EV through your local electric provider for home charging off-peak rates and rebates.

4 - 6:30 p.m.

See EVs up close and visit with EV owners and experts. Refreshments and appetizers are provided.

5:30 p.m.

EV Owner Discussion Panel begins



First 75 attendees receive a free t-shirt!

Check out a variety of EVs: Chevy Bolt, Ford F-150 Lightning, Ford Mustang Mach-E, Volkswagen ID.4, various Tesla models, e-bikes and more!



Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Power in your hands

by Jared Echternach, president and CEO

Recently, one of our newer employees asked me what makes electric co-ops different than other types of utilities. This month, I thought I'd tell you of few of the things I told her.

Because we're a co-op, we operate a little differently than other utilities. Beltrami Electric's decisions are made locally, by directors who also live right here in our communities. Everyone who pays to receive electricity from the co-op is a member. When you pay your electric bill each month, your money stays here – to pay for the electricity used, or to make improvements to our local system to strengthen service reliability. The money you pay the co-op doesn't line the pockets of shareholders five states away. We're a co-op, and we exist to provide a service to you, our local members.

You may notice that throughout the year, we schedule opportunities for you to attend co-op events, like our district meetings, annual meeting, EV Car Show, etc., so we can hear from you. We conduct a survey every three years to gather your feedback on co-op programs and services so that we can plan and adjust for the future.

Our success lies in your satisfaction, which is why we offer these opportunities to engage and listen to what you have to say.

Because you're part of an electric cooperative, you

can count on our team to maintain local jobs, at-cost electricity and first-class service, no matter what the economy – and supply chain issues – throw at us.

Beltrami Electric strives to keep our costs as low as possible so we can keep more money in your pocket. We want to help you maximize the value you can get from our services and offerings. For example, we can help you save on energy bills through our free electric evaluation program and efficiency rebates.

If you want to receive energy efficiency and safety tips and updates from Beltrami Electric, follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter [X], LinkedIn, and YouTube) and check out our monthly e-newsletter, Watt's Up!

Please know that you – the members of Beltrami Electric – are at the heart of everything we do. Co-ops adhere to seven guiding cooperative principles that reflect core values of honesty, transparency, equity, inclusiveness and service.

We exist to serve you and provide the quality, reliable, friendly service you expect and deserve. While we've grown over the years, we're still driven by the same guiding principles to serve our communities. We hope to see or hear from you soon. This co-op was created for you, the members. The power is in your hands.

2023 FALL COLORS FESTIVAL



Age 13 & over - \$10
Age 5-12 - \$5
Under 5 - FREE!

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPT. 16-17, 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

- No reservations required
- Wagon rides given by members of the Go and Whoa Harness Club
- Family fun
- Food & crafts for sale
- Blacksmithing, woodcarving and spinning demonstrations
- Historical painting display
- Much more!

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Minnkota Power transmission line inspections scheduled for fall

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Beltrami's wholesale power provider, will be inspecting its transmission lines in preparation for vegetation maintenance activities in 2024. This inspection will allow Minnkota to evaluate vegetation growth around electrical infrastructure and within the right of way. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that electricity can be delivered safely and reliably to your area, as well as prioritize project work. Davey Resource Group will be assisting Minnkota personnel in the patrols. If you have questions, please visit Minnkota.com or call **701-795-4000**.





83RD ANNUAL MEETING/ NIGHT AT THE FAIR RECAP

Beltrami Electric Cooperative held its 83rd annual meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation and national anthem offered by board member Sharon Lembke. Board chair John Lund welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the cooperative's board of directors. The meeting agenda included a financial update from Director of Finance and Corporate Services Arlene Hogquist, as well as a cooperative update from President and CEO Jared Echternach. Communications Specialist Angela Lyseng presented on the success of BEC's Operation Round Up[®] program in our local communities. Beltrami Electric's Youth Tour Delegate for 2023, Elena Harmsen, spoke about her trip to Washington, D.C.

More than 1,600 members and guests attended Beltrami Electric's Night at the

Fair. Touchstone Energy[®] mascots LED Lucy and Solar Sam greeted fairgoers during the event. Many kids enjoyed the opportunity to take a ride up in the bucket of a BEC line truck and got a lineworker's view of the fairgrounds. The live high-voltage safety demonstration drew a crowd as they witnessed voltage arcs and what could happen when contact is made with high-voltage power lines and equipment. Many fairgoers enjoyed the free concert in the grandstand, featuring the Waddington Brothers.

Three directors were elected to the board, which included incumbents Charlie Perkins (District 2), Craig Gaasvig, (District 4), and Rick Coe (District 6). In addition, the 2022 annual meeting minutes were approved by majority vote of the members. Next year's Annual Meeting/ Night at the Fair is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 7, 2024.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami Electric Cooperative's board conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, July 26, 2023. A quorum of directors was in attendance.

The following reports were given at the meeting:

- President and CEO Echternach and the board discussed recent safety successes and observations.
- President and CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including June's financials, construction update, employee update, federal funding program update, board retreat, cost-of-service study and potential economic development projects.
- Youth tour delegate Elena Harmsen spoke about her recent trip to Washington, D.C.
- Arlene Hogquist presented June's financial report.
- Arlene Hogquist presented the Balanced Performance Scorecard.
- Mike Birkeland gave an annual meeting update.
- President and CEO Echternach and the board shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and events.

The following actions were taken at the meeting:

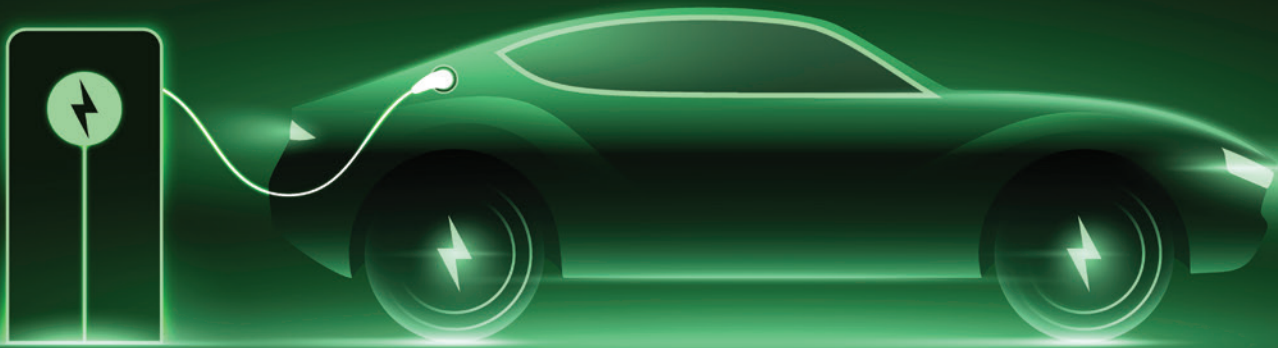
- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved director expenses.

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023.

HAPPY
Labor Day

Beltrami Electric Cooperative's office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

In case of outages, call toll-free 1-800-955-6083



FACTS VS. FICTION:

WHERE TO FIND DEPENDABLE EV INFORMATION

Mike Birkeland – VP Electrification and Member Experience

We're living amid interesting times. Differing philosophies are on constant display in the echo chamber of social media. Attempts to cut through the clutter of fiction versus reality are a daily struggle.

One of the topics that falls into this category involves electric vehicles. I see and hear mixed viewpoints about the new technology almost daily – arguments that often follow a red or blue worldview.

Can a person land in the middle on this one? I think you can. Why? Because it's the best way to share the benefits of a promising and emerging technology, without guilting others who take an alternative view.

If the logic of owning an EV makes sense to you, if you can save money over the long haul, and you can refuel (off-peak) at home while you sleep, the technology has its merits. But there are valid concerns as well.

As with anything new, it never hurts to do a little homework. Who knows, the research might lead to surprising conclusions – and decisions.

But where does a person start when it comes to comparing the pros and cons of EVs and internal combustion engine technologies? I'd recommend looking for unbiased assessments and analysis.

One source is Car and Driver magazine, which publishes a weekly "State of Charge" EV newsletter. The longtime automobile publication produced an online article last year called "Electric Cars vs. Gas Cars: Everything You Need to Know." The article looks at price, the cost to own, charging/fueling requirements and range.

The article points out the most cost-effective, and best, application of EV charging technology is to charge overnight, off-peak and at home. At current gas prices, charging overnight on off-peak rates means EV owners will save nearly two-thirds on EV fuel costs annually compared to gas-powered SUVs or pickups.

On the flip side, the Car and Driver review also points out that annual fuel costs for charging "on-peak" (based on a .43 cents/kWh rate at public fast chargers), ends up very close to the annual fuel cost for a comparable gas-powered car. Unbiased articles also speak to advantages and disadvantages for both technologies – whether it be environmental or economic.

If you're interested in learning more about EVs, the best advice I can provide is to check out the BEC website (www.beltramiellectric.com) or give us call. We'll ask about your travel patterns and share the upsides and downsides of the technology, the costs, and the opportunities that might make sense for you.

We won't try to sell you an electric vehicle – that's not our business. But we will share where we think they make the most sense and recommend two key things to think about:

1. Stop by our **EV Car Show, from 4-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28**, at the BEC office. We'll have plenty of EVs and EV owners here to share their stories.
2. If you're building, or thinking of buying an EV at some point, invest in off-peak EV charging in your garage. Just like off-peak heating, off-peak is the best use of BEC's electric distribution system – and will save you nearly two-thirds on your annual automobile fuel costs when charging on the off-peak kWh rate. You can also qualify for federal tax credits and an off-peak BEC rebate that will help offset your installation costs.

If your electrical panel needs an upgrade to support an EV charger, state legislation adopted this spring set up a grant program for anyone who qualifies for a panel and service upgrades. The Department of Commerce is working through the application details, which are expected to be announced later this year.

So ... is an EV right for you? The technology is worth a look – as long as you know where to look for an honest assessment to see if EVs are a good fit for you and your family.

Co-op members tour energy resources



"A BIG thank you to BEC for a wonderful tour. It was very educational and very interesting." - Beltrami Electric Cooperative member

BEC's 2023 Energy Resources Tour was held July 18-20. Employees Angela Lyseng, Heather Winskowski and Chris (Gretchen) Henriksen hosted a group of co-op members on a bus trip out to North Dakota to learn about where the energy they rely on every day comes from and what it takes to be able to deliver reliable energy to their homes.

DAY 1:

The first stop of the tour was at Minnkota Power Cooperative's headquarters in Grand Forks, N.D., where we were welcomed by Communications Specialist Emily Windjue. Emily spoke to our group about the history and mission of Minnkota, and our group then had the opportunity to tour the facility, including the control center and operations shop.

After a lunch stop in Casselton N.D., we made our way to Center, N.D., to the Oliver III Wind Energy Center, where Site Manager Martinez Hernandez spoke to our group about NextEra Energy's wind resources and answered questions about the Oliver III wind towers that contribute to our 34% wind capacity. After checking into our rooms at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mandan, we concluded the first day with dinner and a presentation from Scott Hopfauf, environmental superintendent at the Milton R. Young Station. He visited with our group about Minnkota and the Milton R. Young Station, including history of our energy generation.

DAY 2:

Our second day began with a visit to the Milton R. Young Station, the source of baseload electrical generation for Minnkota and its members located near Center, N.D. Scott Hopfauf and Becky Berg, plant administrative supervisor, greeted our group and explained how the plant operates and answered questions. We then donned hard hats and earbuds, and took a guided tour of the Young 1 and Young 2 generating units. After the

tour, we headed back to our bus, where we were joined by BNI Coal employee Courtney Harstad. She carefully directed our bus driver into one of the open-pit lignite coal mines, where we were able to view the large Kress haulers and front-end loaders up close. The group was excited when the Liberty drag line operators took time to allow us to climb up into the drag line, which is used to strip the overburden from the land, so we could check it out up close.



DAY 3:

We visited the Garrison Dam and Powerhouse near Riverdale, N.D., where our hydroelectric power is produced. Members learned about the history of the dam and were able to view the generating units, penstocks, turbine and shaft.

Thank you to those members who took the time to learn more about where our electricity comes from and what it takes to be able to flip that switch when we need it. We hope everyone had a fun and educational experience. We look forward to hosting another trip next July!

Classifieds

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
 - o Ads submitted between September 5-October 1 will be published in the November issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com/submit-ad.
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- All ads must be 50 words or less and typed or printed clearly.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- 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.
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.

For Sale:

2018 Jayco Greyhawk Prestige Motorhome, 32' w/2 slides, like new, 7,000 miles, double fridge, 3 TVs and many extras, below book, \$92,000. 970-901-2605.

Wood splitter, 22-ton, Honda motor. 5 years old, used very little. Like new. Getting too old, easier to buy already split wood. \$750/obo. 701-520-3244 leave message.

Dock hardware. Galvanized pipes, pipe brackets for wood dock sections, and adjustable foot pads. Call for pricing. 218-760-8266.

Freemotion 350R exercise bike with user's manual. Like new. \$100/obo. 507-649-0773.

16KS 5th wheel hitch w/upright kit and hitch mount kit. Was on a 2005, 2500HD Chevrolet pickup, \$350. 218-210-3124.

Goose and duck decoys: Big Foot full body, Higdon full body, Carry-Lite snow goose shells, Carry-Lite honker shells, Northwind windsocks, Carry-Lite mallard, Tru-motion spinning wing mallard. Call if interested. 218-766-4475.

2002 Larson 210 SEI Ski & Fish. 21.6 long with 5.0 engine. Bunker trailer. Many extras. \$15,000/obo. 218-368-3686.

20-foot corrugated plastic culvert, 16-inch inside diameter. Five years old. \$200. 218-766-8222.

Kayak for sale on Grace Lake. 9' Old Town, red fiberglass with paddle. \$150. Call 701-213-6691.

New in the box: Traeger Tailgater pellet smoker/grill. Won as a grand prize. Already have one. List price at Ace, \$530. Will sell this for \$400. Call 218-766-8222.

Tent made by Wenzel, Pyramid Pass II family dome tent: base size 10' x 11' 6", center height 5' 10", sleeps four, reinforced polyethylene floor fiberglass frame, shock corded together, no frame parts to assemble, full screen door, owner's manual included, like new, \$50. Assembled pics available. 218-760-7111.

ShoreLand'r boat trailer; call 319-529-0810 for details.

Gas Echo CSV-8s self propelled lawn and garden vacuum/blower/chipper w/rare flower bed vacuum attachment, 8 hp BS, \$575. Desk, bedside table, stackable 3 shelf unit w/storage drawer. White with solid wood handles, excellent shape from Room & Board, \$185. ShoreStation manual boat lift. 3600 capacity, 10x13-ft. Call for details. 320-583-0471.

'57 Chevy, 4-door BelAir, complete, parts or restore. \$2,200. '56 Chevy 4-door 210, complete, parts or restore. \$1,200. 218-368-4923.

Soft cab for Craftsman lawn tractor \$45; two anniversary clocks with glass domes - small, \$30 - medium, \$40; Coleman charcoal smoker, \$20; Schwinn Airdyne, \$45. 218-854-7453.

1955 Ford Sunliner Convertible. Very good condition. Power windows, steering and brakes. Continental kit. Pictures available upon request. \$32,500/obo. 218-760-1095.

Sleeper sofa in excellent condition. Flex steel. Matching pillows and arm covers. Floral with

cream background. Asking \$150. Call before 8 p.m. to 218-751-8191.

20' Alumina Tower aluminum van trailer with 70' powered tower. Interior wired, rooftop A/C, lots of work and storage space. Would make excellent on-site construction crew trailer or communication services. \$75,000 when new, asking \$10,000. 218-839-4641.

Compound bows, Impact, Darton Maverick, Quiver, arrows \$70. Hardsides bow cases \$40 (\$30 w/bow purchase). Tenpoint Titan crossbow, realistic stock (no tubes), Bushnell scope, cocking device, quiver w/bolts, padded case \$800 new, \$500 now. Tree stand, \$50. 30 duck decoys, w/weights, mesh bag, duck call \$100. 218-586-2884.

Remington Model 742 .30-06 SPRG, with new 3-90x40mm scope with case and one box of shells, \$800. 218-209-6136, leave message.

Mixed firewood: high % ash. Cut, split and seasoned. \$70 standard pickup load. You haul. Kelliher area. 320-557-8080.

2500-watt generator, runs good, \$200. Old Wards lawn tractor, to restore, \$100. 215-255-7612.

2003 Mercury 25 hp 4 stroke bigfoot boat motor. Runs great, current service info available. 218-243-3029 leave message. \$3,200.

Ruger Red Label 20 ga. over and under. Blued and Stainless. 3in. chambers, auto ejectors, vent rib, single trigger and 5 chokes. Excellent cond. Shells and case. \$1,450 cash. 218-751-6870.

Two ICE Sprint foldable, 36 speed, recumbent trikes. Fully functional and in good repair. Equipped w/Schlumpf mountain drives, rear suspension, luggage racks, panniers, headrests, Schwalbe Marathon Plus tires, fenders, speedometers along with instruction manuals, spare parts and a set of special tools. Price: \$5,900/obo. 218-209-5423.

King bed, headboard, mattress, \$350. Bedside nightstands (pair), \$175. 60" round table and 4 chairs, \$300. 2 sets of fine china and accessories, \$250. Portable TV, \$50. Cotton candy machines and cones, \$100. Homemade hutch, \$500. Porcelain dolls and stands (old and new), \$200. Cat tree, \$80. Tools, fishing equipment, fishing rods, garden tools, rakes, shovels. Prices negotiable, selling due to age and health. 218-368-3819.

24' x 44' dismantled garage. All rafters, roof steel and side steel marked for easy rebuild. Bright white with black trim. Some poles included. 3 -10'x8' overhead doors plus all hardware. \$1,900. 218-239-0764.

Excellent deer rifle with scope. 20 years old used very little. Remington 700 7mm-08 bolt action. Stainless barrel, black synthetic stock, extra detachable box magazines. Leupold scope vari x 111 3.5 x 10 power \$750. 218-766-4659.

Blizzard snowplow. Model 760 LT. 90 inch width. Light bar and control unit included. 218-243-3224.

Open white pinecones, good for crafts and Christmas wreaths. Sell by the bag. 3-drawer dresser, been restored, 44" L x 19 1/2" D. Homemade quilts: 4-5-6 Block, Crazy, Star. Twin, \$40; Full, \$45; Queen, \$65; King, \$70. 218-243-2702.

Wanted:

NuStep Recumbent Stepper Exercise Machine. Please call 218-407-1848.

My 2011 Scamp camper trailer, 16ft. in excellent condition, complete with Calmark grey canvas camper cover, two 13# propane tanks, spare tire, fully stocked with linens, dishes, tools, portable septic tank. Stolen from my property during the night of July Fourth. Please call 218-766-3475.

Retired teacher will love and care for your pet while you are away, your house or mine. I can make a memory item such as a bear or pillow out of your loved one's shirts or clothes. 218-766-6510.

Wanted to buy, used tandem axle scissor lift pontoon trailer. Call 218-760-8266.

4WD truck, single cab, 8-ft bed, low mileage, 150 series, years 2006-2016. Leave message 218-835-7785.

Looking for free lunchboxes. 218-556-2743.

Free:

Free to haul scrap metal, old lawn mowers, Cherry Picker, old car motor, trailer house needs to be hauled away. 218-235-2857.

Spinet organ. Needs a new power cord. Can text picture. 218-556-0198.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year-to-date: June 2023

	June 2022	June 2023
Operating Revenue	\$ 30,682,183	\$ 32,740,570
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 20,000,308	\$ 22,131,147
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 8,380,577	\$ 8,758,745
Total Cost.....	\$ 28,380,885	\$ 30,889,892
Operating Margin	\$ 2,301,298	\$ 1,850,678
Other Margins	\$ (467,434)	\$ (292,631)
Total Margins.....	\$ 1,833,864	\$ 1,558,047
kWh Sold.....	271,524,440	311,063,965
Average Meters Billed.....	21,938	22,120

Grant application deadline Sept. 15



Do you know of a nonprofit organization in our service territory that would benefit from a grant from Operation Round Up®? Community organizations and nonprofit groups may apply for an Operation Round Up grant by completing and returning an application form. For more details and a fillable application, visit our website at www.beltramelectric.com/operation-roundup.

Grant applications must be received by **FRIDAY, SEPT. 15**.

Cold Weather Disconnect Rule

216B.097 COLD WEATHER RULE; COOPERATIVE OR MUNICIPAL UTILITY

Subd. 1. Application; notice to residential customer.

(a) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must not disconnect and must reconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between October 1 and April 30 if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The household income of the customer is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income. A municipal utility or cooperative electric association utility may (i) verify income on forms it provides or (ii) obtain verification of income from the local energy assistance provider. A customer is deemed to meet the income requirements of this clause if the customer receives any form of public assistance, including energy assistance, that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50 percent of the state median household income.

(2) A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

(3) A customer receives referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

(b) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must, between August 15 and October 1 each year, notify all residential customers of the provisions of this section.

Subd. 2. Notice to residential customer facing disconnection.

(a) Before disconnecting service to a residential customer during the period between October 1 and April 30, a municipal utility or cooperative electric association must provide the following information to a customer:

- (1) a notice of proposed disconnection;
- (2) a statement explaining the customer's rights and responsibilities;
- (3) a list of local energy assistance providers;
- (4) forms on which to declare inability to pay; and
- (5) a statement explaining available time payment plans and other opportunities to secure continued utility service.

(b) At the same time that notice is given under paragraph (a), the utility must also give written or electronic notice of the proposed disconnection to the local energy assistance provider and the department.

Subd. 3. Restrictions if disconnection necessary.

(a) If a residential customer must be involuntarily disconnected remotely using advanced metering infrastructure or physically at the property being disconnected between October 1 and April 30 for failure to comply with subdivision 1, the

disconnection must not occur:

(1) on a Friday, unless the customer declines to enter into a payment agreement offered that day in person or via personal contact by telephone by a municipal utility or cooperative electric association;

(2) on a weekend, holiday, or the day before a holiday;

(3) when utility offices are closed; or

(4) after the close of business on a day when disconnection is permitted, unless a field representative of a municipal utility or cooperative electric association who is authorized to enter into a payment agreement, accept payment, and continue service, offers a payment agreement to the customer.

Further, the disconnection must not occur until at least 30 days after the notice required in subdivision 2 has been mailed to the customer or 15 days after the notice has been personally delivered to the customer.

(b) The customer must not be disconnected until the utility attempts to confirm whether the residential unit is actually occupied, which the utility may accomplish by:

(1) visiting the residential unit; or

(2) examining energy usage data obtained through advanced metering infrastructure to determine whether there is energy usage over at least a 24-hour period that indicates occupancy.

(c) A utility may not disconnect a residential customer who is in compliance with section 216B.098, subdivision 5.

(d) If, prior to disconnection, a customer appeals a notice of involuntary disconnection, as provided by the utility's established appeal procedure, the utility must not disconnect until the appeal is resolved.

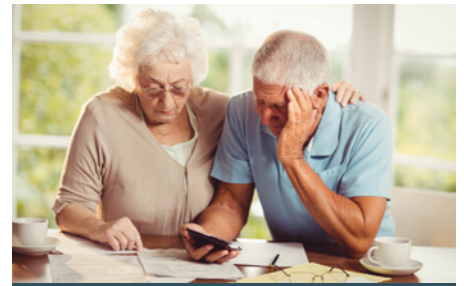
(e) For the purposes of this section, "advanced metering infrastructure" means an integrated system of smart meters, communication networks, and data management systems that enables two-way communication between a utility and its customers.

Subd. 4. Application to service limiters.

For the purposes of this section, "disconnection" includes a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts electric service in any way.

Subd. 5. Cost recovery.

A municipal utility or cooperative electric association may recover the reasonable costs of disconnecting and reconnecting a residential customer, based on the costs of providing notice to the customer and other entities and whether the process was accomplished physically at the property being disconnected or reconnected or remotely using advanced metering infrastructure.



Need help paying your electric bill?

ENERGY ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid. (Eligibility is based on energy costs, household size and the three most recent months of income)

Bi-CAP in Bemidji

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Bemidji, MN 56601
218-751-4631

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- OR APPLY ONLINE -



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Visit <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance-program/> for EAP income guidelines and program information.

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MN STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. Please visit www.dli.mn.org for more information. Inspectors can be reached weekday morning between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

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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. All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electric lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To provide excellent value to our members through the safe delivery of reliable electric service, excellent member service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Connecting Communities.
Powering Life.



In her own words:

ELENA HARMSSEN

**CO-OP YOUTH TOUR
June 13-18, 2023**



I am so thankful for this Rural Electric Youth Tour experience from Beltrami Electric. This experience was phenomenal. The National Mall stood out to me the most because I've seen the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and Tidal Pool before in movies and photos, but seeing it in person had much more of an impact. The Library of Congress was my favorite place because of the architecture and decor. It was the most beautiful building I've ever seen.

We also had a chance to speak with our Minnesota senators and representatives. I was able to learn about the reasons why some chose to become involved in politics, and how they advocate for their constituents. It was interesting to see the range of personalities and the ability to communicate their ideas with others.

I was also able to learn more about electric cooperatives and their mission to deliver broadband (high-speed internet access) to all rural areas.

Besides learning and sightseeing, I also became very close with my roommate and met kids from all over the nation. Our chaperones made sure we were safe and enjoyed ourselves. I am so thankful for Gayle and all she did to organize the trip. I am also so thankful for Beltrami Electric for providing this opportunity. This experience provides a chance for kids to explore our nation's capital, learn more about electric cooperatives and our lawmakers, and create connections with kids from all around the country.

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