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## Electric Co-ops Grow for the Communities They Serve

October is National Co-op Month

October is National Co-op Month, and Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) is joining cooperatives across the U.S. to celebrate. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, but they each have a common goal: to provide goods or services for the members of the co-op.

Electric co-ops, including CLP, exist to serve their members. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities. Because we are led by you, the members we serve, we can evolve to meet your needs.

This October, as we celebrate Co-op Month, we're focusing on the ways "Co-ops Grow" for their members.

**Co-ops Grow Communities:** Co-ops help communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of co-op members. "Concern for Community" is one of our core principles—and being community-focused is essential to everything we do.

**Co-ops Grow Together:** Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve our members. Member account number seven hundred thirty one thousand eight hundred eighty four. We're better when we grow together!

**Co-ops Grow Tomorrow's Leaders:** Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety

of youth engagement programs. Whether through school demonstrations, community events or the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program, we're committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our community and beyond.

**Co-ops Grow for You:** At CLP your satisfaction is our number one goal. It's why we were formed many years ago to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you!

Join us for a  
**CO-OP MONTH  
CELEBRATION**

CLP OFFICE LOBBY  
1554 HIGHWAY 2, TWO HARBORS

**MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 16, 2023  
10 AM-2 PM**

Pie from Betty's Pies,  
coffee, & hot cocoa  
will be served.



## Cakes and Costs

Joel Janorschke, CEO

I want to start by extending my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for attending our member appreciation

pancake breakfast held on September 23rd. Your presence made the event a tremendous success, and we are truly grateful for your support.

It was a joy to see familiar faces and meet new members during the event. I hope you enjoyed the delicious pancakes and the opportunity to connect with fellow cooperative members. Your enthusiasm and participation made the atmosphere warm and inviting.

Your generosity was simply amazing! Over 500 pounds of food was collected, and with CLP's matching cash donation, \$1,536 in cash was donated to the Two Harbors Area Food Shelf.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our dedicated employees who worked tirelessly to make this event possible. Their hard work and commitment to serving our members are truly commendable. Member account number six hundred forty seven thousand eight hundred seventy six.

As a cooperative, we are committed to providing reliable and affordable electricity to our members. Your continued support and participation in events like these

strengthen our sense of community and reinforce the cooperative spirit.

Once again, thank you for attending the member appreciation pancake breakfast. We appreciate your membership and look forward to serving you in the future.

### Non-Consumer Rate Increase

This year, Co-op Light & Power (CLP) underwent a Class Cost of Service Study (CCOSS) that was long overdue. The CCOSS is a study that analyzes revenue needs and identifies the utility's total cost of service so that each class of members pays its proportionate (fair) share. In addition, the study looks ahead to future years to accommodate investments in the electric infrastructure, plant, operations, and wholesale power costs. The goal is to have an accurate two-year prediction. One of the findings of that study was that CLP is undercharging for our non-consumer accounts.

Non-consumer accounts have the infrastructure for electric service, but the meter is removed or turned off. This type of account temporarily suspends a service not currently being used. However, CLP still needs to maintain the service and the right-of-way for this location to allow the service to be turned back on and keep our line crews safe while working on the power lines.

At the August CLP Board Meeting, the CLP Board of Directors voted to in-

crease the charge for the non-consumer rate from \$2.50 per month to \$26.00 per month to cover the cost of maintaining the service. This price increase will take effect on the November statement.

Are there any other options for non-consumer members? Yes, three options.

- Option 1: Leave the service as is so that it can quickly be reconnected.
- Option 2: Turn your service back on and pay the monthly \$52 service availability charge. Yes, this will cost more, but you can use your service any time instead of waiting for the service to be turned back on.

- Option 3: You can have the service removed entirely. This means we may remove the overhead wires, transformers, poles, etc. We need a form filled out and notarized if you choose this option. Once the form is received, the operations department will remove the service. The service would be read out, and you would no longer receive a monthly statement. Your membership would be terminated. From there, if you want the service back in, you would be responsible for the cost of the full installation of the service. This includes, but is not limited to, the new service application fee, aid to construction, meter base fee, and the meter itself.

Members on the non-consumer rate were notified of the price increase by mail. Please feel free to contact me anytime; my cell phone number is 320.292.4036.

## Call Before You Dig

**800.252.1166 or 811**  
it's the law!

Call 800.252.1166 to locate underground wires. You must call at least 48-hours in advance before any excavations (this notice does not include weekends, holidays or emergencies).

CLP will only locate the underground wires that are owned by CLP, we do not locate or take responsibility for locating wires beyond the meter location.



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## Contractors Working Throughout the CLP Territory

Members may see unfamiliar vehicles around the CLP territory in the next few weeks and months. CLP has three separate contractors that will be working in the area. Member account number six hundred thousand nine hundred twenty eight.

STAR Energy Services will conduct underground line inspections in Finland, Isabella, & Little Marais. In those areas,



you may see a vehicle or side-by-side UTV with a STAR Energy Services logo and a Line Inspection decal.



EXO will be inspecting power poles starting on October 2nd. Members can expect to see their trucks in the areas of Silver Creek in Two Harbors.

The third contractor, Davey Resource



Group, is the contractor CLP hired to assist in our Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program. You will see them throughout the service territory starting in October.



All vehicles from each of these contractors will be clearly marked. The trucks and SUVs will also have the CLP logo on their vehicles. If you have any questions regarding these contractors, please feel free to contact us.

## Electric Heat Sales Tax Exemption

Did you know if you are a member whose primary heat is electricity, and you use 50% or more to heat your home that you could receive a sales tax exemption for six months of the year. Electricity sold for residential use to members who are metered and billed as residential users and use electricity as their primary heat source are exempt from sales tax November-April.

This does not apply to anyone other than members whose primary source of heat is electricity. By primary source, it means 50% or more of your heating requirements are electric. However, if your electric heat is used in combination with wood or another fuel, you may not qualify.

If you no longer use electric heat as your primary heat source and have signed the form, please contact CLP to discontinue the tax-exempt status. Member account number six hundred ninety three thousand eight hundred twenty one. Members receiving a tax credit when electric heat is not the primary source of heat are in violation of the MN State Sales Tax Law.

Members who have Dual Fuel or Off-Peak meters are already receiving the exemption since their heat is separately metered.

Please contact CLP if you have any questions or have made any changes to your heating source.

### Zucchini Bread

*From the Kitchen of: Larry & Vicki Johnson*

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 3 eggs              | 1 tsp baking powder    |
| 2 tsp cinnamon      | 2 cups grated zucchini |
| 1 cup vegetable oil | 1 tsp baking soda      |
| 1 tsp salt          | 3 tsp vanilla          |
| 2 cups sugar        | 3 cups flour           |

Beat eggs until foamy. Add oil & sugar. Mix in zucchini and vanilla. Add remaining ingredients. May add nuts if desired. Pour into 2 greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour.

Submit your favorite recipe! If your recipe is printed in an issue of "Powerlines" you will receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill.

### Load Management:

#### Dual Fuel Heating

In an effort to help you test your backup heating system for your dual-fuel, a Dual Fuel interruption is scheduled on Thursday, October 26th, and Saturday, October 28th, from 6 pm - 9 pm.

This test will include both Dual Fuel and Freedom Heating. The test also is a reminder to fill your secondary fuel source for the heating season.

#### ETS Water Heating

ETS water heating strategy will change from summer to winter on Sunday, October 1, 2023. ETS water heating is normally a 5 day/week program Mon-Fri, but may be scheduled on weekends if economic conditions warrant the program dispatch.

# Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was held on July 26, 2023, with the participation of all directors, CEO Janorschke, four staff members, guest speaker Zac Ruzucki from Great River Energy (GRE), and one member-owner. CLP Attorney Chad Felstul attended by means of video conference.

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the agenda, June 28, 2023, minutes as amended, consent agenda, and the financials. Motions passed.

Guest Speaker Ruzucki provided informational discussion on GRE's Cambridge 2 Dual Fuel proceeding and CLP/GRE PPC Extension.

A motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential information regarding the GRE PPC extension. A motion was made and seconded to exit. Motion passed.

Business Manager Olson updated the Board on the Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) project.

Member Services/HR Manager Hogenson discussed with the Board results from the redistricting poll, the CLP Member Appreciation Pancake Breakfast, and key account visits.

Operations Manager Bentler reported on new services.

Energy Service Manager Jones was not

in attendance. The Board had no additional questions for him.

CEO Janorschke addressed the Board. He provided reports on updates from MREA and legislation.

CEO Janorschke and Director Veitenheimer reported on the GRE Strategic Planning meeting.

CEO Janorschke, President Veitenheimer and Director Josephson attended the MREA District 2 meeting at Lake Country Power in Grand Rapids.

A motion was made and seconded to approve GRE's Power Purchase Contract Resolution. Motion passed.

Motions were made and seconded to approve Board Policies IV-19 CEO Vehicle Use and IV-24 Organization Chart, with changes. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to delete Board Policy IV-30 Affirmative Action Program and IV-30A Implementation of Affirmative Action Program. Motion passed.

The Board discussed redistricting.

A motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss a confidential Board issues. A motion was made and seconded to exit. Motion passed.

Next Board meeting date is August 30, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Adjournment was called at 2:20 p.m.

## Dates to Know...

**Oct 2:** CLP Winter Hours Begin  
Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:00 pm

**Oct 16:** Co-op Month Celebration  
Pie served @ CLP

**Oct 25:** CLP Board Meeting

**Oct 25:** CLP Bills Due

**Nov 5:** Daylight Savings

*NOTE: CLP dates subject to change*

### CLP Mission:

*CLP delivers safe, reliable, affordable energy and services to our members while enhancing the vitality of our community*

### CLP Vision:

*We aspire to be the force that empowers opportunities for the benefit of our members and community*

### TO REPORT AN OUTAGE:

Call CLP at 834.2226 or 800.580.5881 during business hours or 800.927.5550 after hours.

**BEFORE** calling, please check your meter. If an outage is found to be on your side of the meter, you will be billed for a service call.

### SPOT YOUR NUMBER:

A \$20 electric credit is awarded each month to our faithful readers. Four account numbers are spelled out in each newsletter. If you find yours, notify CLP by the 25th of that month and a credit will be applied to your bill.

**Credits claimed for August:**

**William & Cathy Berwald/Ken & Kristy Zwak**  
**Credits not claimed: Terry & Elizabeth Artmann, & Phillip Pillsbury**

### OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

August Donations: \$1,679.73

Year-to-date Donations: \$13,571.59

Thank you to all the participants! If you have questions about Operation Round Up, or would like to apply for a grant from the Fund, please contact CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881, or visit our website at [www.clppower.com](http://www.clppower.com).

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## Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Jul-23</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 6,597,070	\$ 8,290,006	\$ 8,556,202	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 4,022,109	\$ 4,945,264	\$ 4,488,279	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 2,232,237	\$ 3,426,786	\$ 3,752,737	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 6,254,346	\$ 8,372,050	\$ 8,241,016	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 342,724	\$ (82,044)	\$ 315,186	
Interest Income	\$ 43,116	\$ 22,116	\$ 67,926	
Other Margins	\$ (7,839)	\$ 18,342	\$ 15,367	
Capital Credits	\$ 9,618	\$ 27,735	\$ 5,074	
Total Margins	\$ 387,619	\$ (13,851)	\$ 403,553	
kWh Purchased	61,507,981	68,261,460	62,820,225	
kWh Sold	58,073,222	65,214,438	60,207,940	
Line Loss	5.58%	4.46%	4.16%	
Members Billed	5,934	6,407	6,481	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,126	1,184	1,082	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 128.53	\$ 152.50	\$ 156.24	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1141	\$ 0.1288	\$ 0.1444	
Interest Expense	\$ 254,724	\$ 205,054	\$ 219,339	