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## Join us for CLP's Annual Coal Creek Tour

The dates for the 2019 Coal Creek Power Plant Tour in North Dakota have been set. This year, Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) and Arrowhead Electric will host the tour from September 24th-27th. The cost of the tour is \$425 per double occupancy or \$375 for a single occupancy reservation.

The fee includes transportation in a modern, air conditioned coach bus, three nights stay at the Souris Valley Suites, tickets to the Norsk Hostfest with special guest tickets to see Chicks with Hits featuring Terri Clark, Pam Tillis, and Suzy Boffuss; a full-day tour of Coal Creek Station and Falkirk Mine, and three lunches.

The tour will leave from CLP's office in Two Harbors at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday September 24th, and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Friday September 27th. Space is limited to the first 10 couples (20 people) with a paid registration. Note: this tour fills up quick, and preference will be given to first time travelers. Member account number seven hundred nine thousand six hundred twenty four. The deadline for signing up is July 19th. To register, send a check for the cost of the tour along with the reservation form below to:

Cooperative Light & Power  
P.O. Box 69, Two Harbors, MN 55616

YES! Sign me up for the 2019 Coal Creek Power Plant Tour  
Enclosed is a check: ☐ \$425 (double occupancy registration)  
☐ \$375 (single occupancy registration)

Name (First & Last):

Name (First & Last):

Address/City/State/Zip:

Address/City/State/Zip:

Daytime Phone/Evening Phone:

Daytime Phone/Evening Phone:

Emergency Contact Name & Phone:

Emergency Contact Name & Phone:

DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS JULY 19TH!



## You're Not Alone in the Dark. CLP is with You!

Hal Halpern, Chief Executive Officer/GM

Dear Member:

Electricity powers our lives. We depend on it for nearly everything we do. So, we understand how frustrating it can be when you're left in the dark.

Power outages are never convenient. It takes many hands to keep your power on, and even more, hands to get it up and running when an outage occurs. Cooperative Light & Power works hard to restore your electric service when outages occur, but there are necessary steps to take to ensure that power is restored to

the majority of members as quickly, and safely, as possible.

After a major storm, Cooperative Light & Power line crews must identify which towers, poles, and lines have incurred damage. Very rarely, but occasionally in the case of a major storm such as a hurricane or tornado, transmission towers can be damaged. If that is the case, thousands of members could be affected. Repairing damage to transmission lines is a top priority when it comes to restoring power.

High voltage transmission stations feed

power to Cooperative Light & Power distribution substations. These substations serve thousands of members. If there is no damage done to transmission towers, the local distribution substations are checked first. If the issue is isolated and can be resolved at the substation level, great! That means thousands of people can get their power restored at once.

At times, the issue cannot be isolated to one of our distribution substations. If that is the case, CLP crews inspect supply lines between the substations and the meters they serve. If the supply lines can be repaired, power can be restored to the towns and homes those lines serve, as long as there is no damage to the tap lines.

Tap lines carry power to the transformers located underground or connected to poles outside of homes and other buildings. CLP line crews identify which damaged lines to work on first based on which lines will restore power to the greatest number of members.

Many times, the issue is resolved once the tap lines are repaired. However, have you ever lost power only to look next door and see the lights still blazing from your neighbor's window? *Continued on page 3*

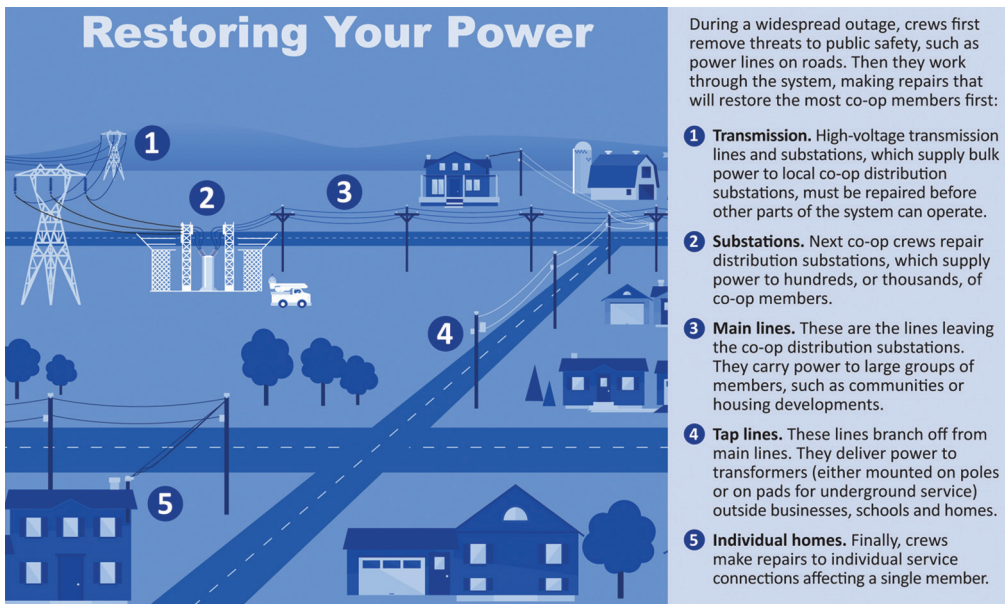


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### Call Before You Dig

**800.252.1166**

**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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# CLP Welcomes Rick Heath & Tim Horgan

Larry Sandretsky, Operations Manager

We are excited to welcome Rick Heath and Tim Horgan to the CLP family! Rick and Tim were both hired this spring to the CLP line crew as Journeymen Linemen.

Rick is a graduate of Wadena Tech School. He was previously employed by the City of Two Harbors. Rick and his wife, Linda, live in Two Harbors with their two sons, Killian (4) and Colt (2). Rick is a volunteer with the Two Harbors Fire Department. In his free time, he enjoys fishing and being outdoors.

Tim is a graduate of the Linemen Program from Minnesota West Community & Technical College. He was previously employed at Superior Water Light & Power. Tim lives in Two Harbors with his 10-month-old Labrador puppy, Kona. In his free time, Tim enjoys spending time outdoors fishing, hunting, four-wheeling, camping, golfing, snowmobiling, and shooting his bow. Tim says he is very excited to work for CLP and is happy to be back in the town where he grew up.



CLP Journeymen Linemen, Rick Heath & Tim Horgan

## CLP Visits Minnehaha 4th Grade

Carey Hogenson, Marketing Manager

It was privilege to spend some time with some of our younger members. CLP staff did a safety presentation for the fourth graders at the Minnehaha School. The kids learned about electric safety, energy conservation, linemen's safety gear, and renewable energy. The students were great listeners, and we all had a fun time learning.



Minnehaha Elementary 4th Graders

### Rhubarb Fluff Pie

*From the Kitchen of: Deloris Roach*

1 cup sugar	20 large marshmallows
4 cups clean, cut rhubarb	2 tbsp orange juice concentrate,
dash of salt	(optional)
1 3-oz strawberry jello	1 cup whipping cream, whipped

Combine rhubarb, sugar, and salt. Cook until mushy. Stir in dry jello mix, add marshmallows, and stir over very low heat until melted. (Add orange juice concentrate if desired) Let cool, stirring occasionally. When cool, but not set, fold in the whipped cream. Pour into cooled, baked pie shell or graham cracker crust. Member account number seven hundred eight thousand seventy. Chill thoroughly and serve. A truly delightful spring dessert.

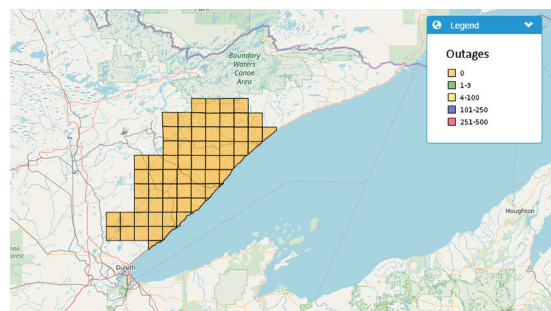
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When this happens, it generally means that the service line between your home and the nearby transformer has been damaged. If this happens, call CLP right away so we can send a line crew to your home.

Power restoration can be a tricky business, so if you lose service in your home or neighborhood, please remember the following:

- Stay clear of downed power lines. Contact with these lines could be life-threatening.
- Report the outage to CLP as soon as possible.
- Make sure to inform us if the loss of power to your home affects life support systems or could cause any additional threat to health and safety.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation whenever an outage occurs. For more information on outages and the repair process, stay connected with CLP on our website at [CLPOWER.COM](http://CLPOWER.COM). Click on outages and then click on the live map shown below, which will show the outage locations, the number of members affected, and repairs updated in real time.



## Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on April 18, 2019. All directors were present at the time the meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m. Also present for all or parts of the meeting was General Manager Hal Halpern, Communications Manager Kevin Olson, and Central Applicators representative Heath Farmen.

CEO Hal Halpern updated the Board on the plans to increase our web presence and frequency of new material rotation.

Attorney Jeff Dobberpuhl is still reviewing the Board Policies and should have an update for us before next board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to re-nominate Peggy Kuettel as the GRE Board Member and have her be the voting delegate, with CEO Hal Halpern as an alternate, at the GRE Annual Meeting. Member account number seven hundred thirty six thousand sixty five. Motion carried.

Central Applicators gave a presentation on the cost difference between our current vegetation management and reducing or eliminating the spraying por-

tion. The presentation was incomplete and requires re-study of the matter.

CEO Hal Halpern updated the Board on Community Relations and our intention to reach and plan more events to areas outside Two Harbors.

The Board reviewed yesterday's Annual Meeting and wanted to seek ways to have a larger audience next year and possibly a forum for Q&A after the meeting. Member account number six hundred seventeen thousand one hundred three. Also, the Board wanted the music turned down a little next year.

A discussion ensued regarding the strategic planning process and the planning meeting to be scheduled in May. Hal Halpern presented a strategic outline as the starting point for our strategic plan. A motion was made and seconded to keep the strategic planning process in house and include outside consultants as needed. The next Strategic Planning Meeting for the Board and CEO is May 8 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before said meeting, adjournment was called for with a second to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m. Motion carried.

## Year-to-date Financials

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 2,858,954	\$ 3,717,406	\$ 3,854,736
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 1,611,336	\$ 2,326,926	\$ 2,438,117
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 936,257	\$ 1,295,276	\$ 1,207,456
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 2,547,593	\$ 3,622,202	\$ 3,645,573
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 311,361	\$ 95,204	\$ 209,163
Interest Income	\$ 19,558	\$ 42,348	\$ 43,688
Other Margins	\$ 78,866	\$ (128,629)	\$ (38,815)
Capital Credits	\$ 5,120	\$ 10,729	\$ 9,572
Total Margins	\$ 414,905	\$ 19,652	\$ 223,608
kWh Purchased	30,669,370	32,245,031	35,319,873
kWh Sold	31,142,976	30,743,514	33,162,469
Line Loss	N/A	4.66%	6.11%
Members Billed	5,860	6,131	6,180
Average kWh Used, Resident	1,710	1,541	1,595
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 146.99	\$ 166.89	\$ 175.84
Average Cost/kWh, Resident	\$ 0.0860	\$ 0.1083	\$ 0.1102
Interest Expense	\$ 107,439	\$ 109,742	\$ 121,542

## Dates to Know...

**June 17:** Cookies and coffee in CLP's lobby

**June 20:** CLP Board Meeting

**June 25:** CLP bills due

**July 4:** Independence Day  
CLP offices CLOSED

*NOTE: CLP dates subject to change*

## DID YOU KNOW...

Only use light bulbs that meet (or are below) the maximum wattage listed on the lamp or fixture.

Exceeding the maximum wattage can cause overheating and potential fire hazards.

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## 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 breakers. 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 April: Marcus & Shawna

Huss and Donald & Bette Alseth  
Credits not claimed: Darci Rees and Robert & M Joan Rheineck

## OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

April Donations: \$1,558.95

Year-to-date Donations: \$6,490.76

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.clpower.com](http://www.clpower.com).