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Leading the Charge in EVs ⚡

Carey Hogenson, Marketing Manager

We are introducing the newest addition to the CLP fleet of vehicles, an electric car! The Tesla Model 3, runs on 100% electricity. We have big plans for this electric vehicle, also known as an EV. "It seems only logical that a business that sells electricity should have a vehicle that runs on electricity. If we are going to talk the talk, we have to walk the walk," says CLP's CEO, Hal Halpern.

EVs provide a new opportunity for co-ops to engage with members through programs and educational outreach. CLP will be taking a lead role in educating our members and become a go-to resource for information on the technology.

Not only will the car grow our knowledge of EVs, but EVs also have many benefits:

- It will save us money! For CLP to drive the car 100 miles at the CLP electric rate, the cost is approximately \$1.23 compared to driving a gas vehicle, which would cost approximately \$10.20.
- EVs need to be charged, adding to CLP's energy load, increasing our sales.
- Carbon footprint, an EV has zero CO2 emissions.
- The maintenance cost of an EV is much less than a gas-only vehicle. An EV has approximately 200 moving parts compared to 1,000 moving parts in a gas vehicle.
- No noise pollution with an EV, they are very quiet.

Why did CLP choose the Tesla Model 3? Actually for several reasons:

- Built for safety, the Tesla Model 3 has a 5-star NHTSA rating (Top possible rating)
- The range of the Tesla Model 3 is approximately 240 miles, compared to the average EV range of 100 miles.
- The Tesla Model 3 is an all-wheel-drive (AWD) vehicle, a desirable feature in our region

Look for CLP's new electric vehicle driving around town and at our member events. If you are interested in taking a ride and learning more about EVs, please contact the CLP office.



COOPERATIVE LIGHT & POWER'S ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

Due to the current public health concerns, CLP's Annual Meeting, which was to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.



Standing Strong in Uncertain Times

Hal Halpern, Chief Executive Officer/GM

Dear Members,

As we all deal with the new realities brought on by the coronavirus, I want to assure you that Cooperative Light & Power is here to help you. We have always had an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) that has served us well in a variety of circumstances, from ice storms to tornadoes to flash floods. Our ERP also has a pandemic response action section. Planning for a health emergency, such as a pandemic, is unique from other business continuity planning. It requires businesses to prepare to operate with a significantly smaller workforce, a threatened supply chain, and limited support services for an extended period until an unknown date in the future. Early in this crisis, we implemented our pandemic response action plan before a State of Emergency was declared by our Governor and President.

Engaging that special pandemic section focused emphasis on ensuring we can continue to provide the reliable electric service you have come to expect from CLP.

So far, that is precisely what has happened. We know that after a sufficient

supply of food and water, electricity is the No. 1 thing you need to maintain some sense of normalcy as we hunker down in our homes. With that in mind, keeping the power flowing is Job 1 for everyone involved at CLP in maintaining our electric cooperative network.

That starts with our generation cooperative, Great River Energy (GRE). GRE has taken extreme measures to ensure its workforce is healthy, and its power plants are functioning as needed. It extends to the 28 cooperatives that wheel that electricity across Minnesota, and it includes Cooperative Light & Power, where our service remains the same. Member account number seven hundred thirty thousand five hundred seventy two.

We thought you might want to know some of the steps we have taken to keep your power flowing. We've closed our lobbies to prevent the spread of germs. Instead, we are encouraging members to use our dropbox, online, and phone payment options and the "good old" U.S. Postal Service to pay bills. We will continue evaluating the pandemic status to determine when to reopen. We know you rely on safe, reliable electric service,

and we will continue providing exactly that. Member account number seven hundred forty one thousand four hundred fifty five.

Equally important is the well-being of our employees. Many of our employees are working from home. We've divided departments into shifts. We are using best practices, good judgment, and safety precautions to serve you better. We are also utilizing innovative ways to work together from safe spaces, including video conferencing, teleconferencing, and more. We have taken these measures so employees can practice social distancing even when in the office.

We have separated our line crews from other employees and even from each other to limit the possible spread of the virus. New routines are in place for contractors working on our system to keep them away from employees. Deliveries are being quarantined.

We are in constant contact with the other electric cooperatives in Minnesota, the CLP Board of Directors, Two Harbors Department of Health, CDC, and the Minnesota Department of Health.

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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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Important Contacts

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2019 Westholm Scholarship Winners

Each year, Co-op Light & Power offers scholarships to the children of its members. Six awards are given away, each in the amount of \$1,000 each. The recipients' parents must be a CLP member to qualify. One male and one female student are chosen from both Two Harbors High School and Silver Bay High Schools. The other two scholarships are given to a male and female student outside of these schools. Member account number seven hundred nineteen thousand nine hundred forty four. The 2019 Westholm Memorial Scholarship winners were:



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Gabrielle Buchta
Two Harbors
High School
Daughter of
Jeffery Buchta and Sarah
Buchta



Brooke Schober
William Kelley
High School
Daughter of
Chad and Krista
Schober



Miriam Clay
Eagle Ridge
Academy
Daughter of
Jon and Sandy Clay

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Collin Konewko
William Kelley
High School
Son of
Paul and Arica
Sutherland



Forest Paulson
Roosevelt
High School
Son of
Gina Sekelsy and Peter
Paulson

Standing Strong in Uncertain Times (continued)

So far, it is working well, and everyone has adapted to the new norm. That's because CLP is prepared. CLP is used to working under some of the most extreme crises as they have occurred for decades, as our members can attest to. Nothing brings out the best in our employees more than a crisis. That continues to be the CLP gold standard that our employees heroically live up to and that our members rightfully expect.

Our focus here is on doing our part to keep your life as normal as possible through this situation and beyond. The CLP cooperative way of doing business has brought us this far, and the CLP cooperative way will help us through this crisis.

Please stay safe and know that CLP will continue to operate and provide the

highest-quality service possible for you, the members we serve. The spread of COVID-19 may necessitate changes in how we interact, but it will not change the excellent service you depend on.

All the best to everyone. Follow all CDC guidelines, stay healthy, stay home, and we will get through this together, the CLP cooperative way!

Nut Goodie Bars

From the Kitchen of: Anita Kovic

6 oz. milk chocolate chips	1 cup creamy peanut butter	vanilla pudding mix (not instant)
6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips	1/2 cup melted butter	3 cups powdered sugar
6 oz. butterscotch chips	1/4 cup milk	1 tsp vanilla
	2 tbsp. cook and serve	1 cup salted nuts

Melt together all chips and peanut butter. Spread 1/2 into a lightly greased 9 x 13" pan and refrigerate until firm.

Mix together butter, milk, and vanilla pudding. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Add powdered sugar and vanilla and beat until smooth. Spread over chocolate layer which has been in the refrigerator.

Add the salted peanuts to the remaining chocolate mixture. Spread over the top of the bars. Keep refrigerated.

DID YOU KNOW...
...each spring, CLP moves to summer hours to accommodate our construction season. Office hours from May 4th to October 2nd are...

Monday- Thursday:
7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 23, 2020. All directors were present at the time the meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were General Manager Hal Halpern, Office Manager Spring Dettfelsen, Marketing Manager Carey Hogenson, Operations Manager Larry Sandretsky, and Communications Manager Kevin Olson. Member Patricia Schmieder also attended parts of the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda as amended with additional items.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 19, 2019. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised 2020 budget as amended.

Discussion ensued on the revenue deferral plan by the Rural Utility Service to apply \$95,000 of CLP's 2019 revenue to 2020 right of way clearing. Mem-

ber account number seven hundred twenty eight thousand seven hundred fifty two. A motion was made and seconded to accept the plan. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accelerate the wireless assets' depreciation. Motion carried.

After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the outage report for the month of December 2019.

The senior staff presented their department reports to the board.

There being no further business to come before said meeting, adjournment was called for at 4:05 p.m. with a motion and a second. Motion carried.



Year-to-date Financials

	<u>January</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 919,053	\$ 1,471,673	\$ 1,277,807	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 627,350	\$ 994,312	\$ 785,808	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 278,200	\$ 461,379	\$ 397,617	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 905,550	\$ 1,455,691	\$ 1,183,425	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 13,503	\$ 15,982	\$ 94,382	
Interest Income	\$ 2,532	\$ 14,838	\$ 14,684	
Other Margins	\$ 26,320	\$ (13,853)	\$ (14,296)	
Capital Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Margins	\$ 42,355	\$ 16,967	\$ 94,770	
kWh Purchased	11,278,956	13,184,880	11,114,775	
kWh Sold	9,882,036	12,226,891	10,592,738	
Line Loss	N/A	7.27%	4.70%	
Members Billed	5,861	6,178	6,212	
Average kWh Used, Resident	1,538	1,800	1,609	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 139.24	\$ 206.60	\$ 177.54	
Average Cost/kWh, Resident	\$ 0.0905	\$ 0.1148	\$ 0.1103	
Interest Expense	\$ 36,353	\$ 41,197	\$ 40,118	

Dates to Know...

- April 10:** Good Friday, CLP Closed
- April 12:** Easter Sunday
- April 13:** National Lineman Appreciation Day
- April 22:** Earth Day
- April 23:** CLP Board Meeting- TBD
- April 27:** CLP bills due

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

To view a complete version of the latest CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:

<http://clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes>

Cooperative Light & Power is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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 February:

Dale Wesala Credits not claimed:
Levi Mickelson, Bradley Nelson, and Paul Connor

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

February Donations: \$1,655.71
Year-to-date Donations: \$3305.31

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.