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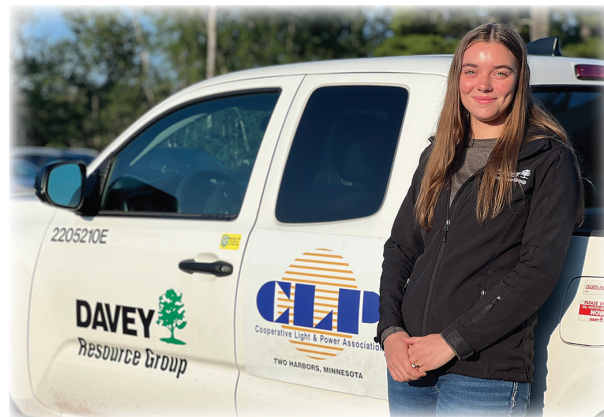
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CLP Welcomes New Consulting Utility Forester

CLP welcomes Autumn Drotts to our team. Autumn is a consulting utility forester from the Davey Resource Group and will be instrumental in our right-of-way vegetation management work. Her role involves planning and coordinating these operations across the CLP service area. The Davey Resource Group, a branch of the Davey Tree Expert Company, provides utility vegetation management consulting services to power utilities across the United States and Canada.

Originally from North Central Minnesota, Autumn brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to CLP. She studied Forest Ecosystem Management & Conservation at the

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities and is a certified arborist accredited by the International Society of Arboriculture. She is passionate about tree care and managing rights-of-way safely.



Consulting Utility Forester, Autumn Drotts

Members can expect to see Autumn throughout our service area, as CLP has contracted to have Autumn consult for the remainder of the year. She is replacing Cody Jackson from Davey Resource Group, who recently left to pursue a new job. Member account number seven hundred fifty two thousand two hundred fifty two. We are confident that Autumn will seamlessly continue the excellent work started by her predecessors, Cody Jackson & Dan Brumm.



ATTENTION BUDGET BILLED MEMBERS:

This month's billing is the budget reconciliation bill. Please call CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881 if you have any questions. The new budget year will start with the September billing.

Budget Billing is a service offered by CLP to help members better manage their fluctuating electric bill. Participating members pay the same amount every month in order to avoid the big swings their electric bills can take in the winter months. To sign up for budget billing, call CLP today at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881. **Budget Billing, A Bright Idea by CLP!**



EPA's Power Plant Rule Threatens Electric Reliability

Joel Janorschke, CEO

As a consumer-member of Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) keeping the lights on at a cost you can afford is the

focal point of everything we do. Transparency is one of our core values, so in addition to sharing co-op successes, I believe we also have a responsibility to tell you about the challenges too.

In May, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a rule that impacts energy production from power plants. The power plant rule will undoubtedly threaten access to reliable electricity for our local community and communities across the country.

The rule constrains existing coal and new natural gas plants by requiring them to install carbon capture and storage (CCS)—a technology that has potential but has not been proven to be viable as required. No power plant in North America currently uses CCS at the scale and levels mandated by EPA. When power plants aren't able to comply with EPA's CCS requirements, they will be required to shut down, significantly limit operations, or switch fuels. These unrealistic standards will force the unnecessary and early shutdown of many power plants that currently provide reliable electricity 24/7. Renewable sources, such as solar and wind, are important components of our

overall generation mix. But given the intermittent nature of these energy sources, we simply cannot depend on them because the wind doesn't always blow and the sun doesn't always shine. The need for always-available power generating resources is still essential.

The timing of the power plant rule is equally troubling. At the same time the EPA is leading our nation down the path to fewer power plants, utilities are facing a surge in electricity demand – driven by the onshoring of manufacturing, the growth of the American economy and the rapid expansion of data centers to support artificial intelligence, e-commerce and cryptocurrency.


Many states have already experienced rolling outages, and if the supply of electricity is further threatened by the EPA's power plant rule, the problem will only get worse. In fact, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the nation's electric reliability watchdog, recently forecasted that over the next five years, all or parts of 19 states are at high risk of rolling power outages during normal peak electricity demand conditions.

It's also no secret that when demand is high and supply is low, costs go up. We're concerned about threats to reliability as well as cost increases to our members.

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IMPACTS OF THE EPA'S POWER PLANT RULE

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) power plant rule threatens access to reliable electricity for millions of Americans. The EPA's power plant rule will:




- 1** Force the premature closure of many power plants that currently provide electricity 24/7.
- 2** Mandate the deployment of unproven carbon capture and storage technology.
- 3** Jeopardize the reliability of the grid at a time when America is already facing a surge in electricity demand.
- 4** Heighten the risk of rolling power outages to relieve pressure on the electric grid.
- 5** Increase costs for consumers as utilities are forced to pay for new power generation to comply with the EPA rule.

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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2025 CLP CALENDAR CONTEST

Would you like to have your favorite photo published in the CLP 2025 Calendar? We are asking CLP members, employees, and directors to submit their photos by September 30, 2024. Please send us your best North Shore photos. We would like the images to depict scenes from the North Shore or Co-op Light & Power's general service area. One photo will be chosen from each submission to be in the running to represent the season of each month.

- *Electronic Photos, minimum of 3300 X 2550 pixels, 300 dpi res
- *Scenery photos only, no people, please
- *Photos must be taken by the person submitting them
- *Only horizontal photos please; vertical images will not work
- *Please include the location of where the photo was taken

Email your photos to careyh@clpower.com.



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I don't say all of this to worry you, but I do want our members to understand the challenges that lie ahead. Just as we've always done, we will look for solutions that serve our members best. Member account number six hundred eighty eight thousand eight hundred fifteen. We are joining electric co-ops across the country to fight these regulations, and we are working with our local elected officials to help them understand the consequences this would have on all Minnesotans.

Co-ops are no strangers to innovation, and we're taking proactive steps to address today's energy challenges and tomorrow's energy needs. Member number six hundred twenty two thousand one hundred fifty three. We've led the charge on industry endeavors such as community solar projects, and we'll continue to explore new technologies and strategies that bolster reliability and our local grid.

Electric cooperatives like CLP deliver power to 42 million Americans. At the end of the day, our top priority is to meet our members' energy needs, and we must have reliable electricity available to do that.

If you're interested in learning more about policy impacts to power reliability, or to make your voice heard on this matter, visit voicesforcooperativepower.com.

Ham and Cheese Sliders

From the Kitchen of: Tanya Judd

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| 12- slider buns (Hawaiian rolls) | ½ cup butter-melted |
| 12- slices deli ham | ½ tablespoon onion powder |
| 8-slices Swiss cheese | ½ teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce |
| 2 tablespoons mayonnaise | 2 tablespoons poppy seeds |
| 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut sliders in half and place the bottoms in a greased casserole dish. Mix mayo and Dijon then spread over the bottom buns. Place the ham on the slider buns, overlapping the pieces. Place the Swiss cheese on the ham and place the tops on the slider buns. In a small bowl, combine melted butter, onion powder, Worcestershire sauce and the poppy seeds. Pour the butter mixture over the sliders and cover the casserole dish with aluminum foil. Bake for 10 minutes, then remove the foil and continue baking for 10 more minutes, or until cheese melts. Remove from the oven. Use a sharp knife to cut the sliders apart. Serve warm and enjoy.

Co-op Light & Power's Community Trust is now accepting Operation Round Up Grant Applications until August 21st .

Operation Round Up® provides grants to local not-for-profit organizations and community projects such as food shelves, volunteer fire departments and rural ambulance services. Co-op members voluntarily participate by "rounding up" their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar.

The change is placed in a trust, which is then donated to local organizations, making real change in your community.

YOUR ORGANIZATION COULD BE NEXT

Visit www.clpower.com to download a grant application, or call CLP's offices at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881.

You will be amazed at what a penny can do!

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

Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was held on May 22, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the modified agenda, the April 24, 2024 minutes, consent agenda, and the March financials. Motions passed.

A member addressed the Board with two requests. Board Policies on the website and defined boundaries for districts.

At 9:10 a.m. a motion was made and seconded to enter into a Closed Meeting to discuss the IBEW Union contract. At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion was made and seconded to exit the session at 10:34 a.m. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the IBEW contract as proposed. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve an amendment to the Teamsters contract to match the approved wage increase on the IBEW contract. Motion passed.

Member Services/HR Manager Høgenson and Energy Services Manager Jones were not in attendance. The Board reviewed their written reports.

Operations Manager Bentler went over his report with the Board and updated what they are working on.

CEO Janorschke provided reports on

updates from MREA, NRECA, grants, and other matters of interest.

CEO Janorschke discussed the Strategic Planning with the Board.

President Veitenheimer reported on the GRE Board meeting.

CEO Janorschke reported on the GRE MMG. Member account number six hundred eighty three thousand seventy two.

President Veitenheimer was nominated for Director of GRE for a one-year term beginning June 5, 2024. A motion for nomination was made and seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Veitenheimer, CLP's GRE Board of Director to represent CLP at GRE's Annual Meeting June 5, 2024, and appoint Weideman as the alternate representative. Motion passed.

Motions were made and seconded to approve, with changes, Board Policy I-15 Employee Training and Development, Board Policy I-20 Advances to Purchases by Employees, Board Policy II-5 Westholm Memorial Award, Board Policy II-8 Number of Services per Meter, and Board Policy II-16 Contributions Program Guidelines. All motions passed.

Next Board meeting date is June 26. Adjournment was called at 12:03 p.m.

Year-to-date Financials

	<u>May-24</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 5,492,475	\$ 6,371,091	\$ 6,530,410	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 3,517,903	\$ 3,365,567	\$ 3,472,205	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 1,633,057	\$ 2,763,270	\$ 3,011,055	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 5,150,960	\$ 6,128,837	\$ 6,483,260	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 341,515	\$ 242,254	\$ 47,150	
Interest Income	\$ 44,067	\$ 47,995	\$ 40,141	
Other Margins	\$ (22,493)	\$ 13,160	\$ (21,348)	
Capital Credits	\$ 15,588	\$ 5,074	\$ 5,605	
Total Margins	\$ 378,677	\$ 308,483	\$ 71,548	
kWh Purchased	53,809,353	49,448,806	45,896,454	
kWh Sold	50,801,856	47,390,266	44,045,303	
Line Loss	5.59%	4.16%	4.03%	
Members Billed	5,976	6,447	6,477	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,437	1,257	1,164	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 149.90	\$ 167.06	\$ 172.04	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1043	\$ 0.1329	\$ 0.1478	
Interest Expense	\$ 170,727	\$ 155,289	\$ 152,597	

Dates to Know...

- Aug 26:** CLP Bills Due
- Aug 28:** CLP Board Meeting
- Sept 2:** Labor Day
CLP CLOSED
- Sept 7:** Energy Fair at
Bayfront Harvest Fest
- Sept 30:** CLP Winter Hours Begin
- Oct 5:** Member Appreciation
Pancake Breakfast

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>

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 June: None
Credits not claimed: Patricia Melling or Donald Peterson, Gary Olson, Ashley Sherard, and Jeff Ehlen

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

June Donations: \$1,605.22.

Year-to-date Donations: \$9,519.88

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.

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