

Operation Round Up: Small Contributions. Major Community Impact.

What is Operation Round Up? Operation Round Up is a voluntary program that allows Cooperative Light & Power members to support local communities by rounding their monthly electric bill up to the next whole dollar. For example, if your bill is \$87.42, it would be rounded up to \$88.00, and the additional 58 cents would be donated to the Operation Round Up Trust.

Because each monthly donation is less than one dollar, members contribute no more than \$12 per year, yet those small contributions add up to make a significant difference when combined with donations from other participating members.

One hundred percent of Operation Round Up donations stay local and support community projects, nonprofit organizations, youth programs, educational initiatives, and other efforts that enhance the quality of life throughout our service area. Funds are held in a separate trust and are never used for cooperative operations. A volunteer board made up of CLP members reviews funding requests and oversees how funds are distributed, ensuring transparency and local decision-making.

Your Operation Round Up Trust Board members are Jim Graham (District 1), Michelle Gratton (District 2), Bobbi Larson (District 3), Cassie Ernest (District 4), and Lori Walewski (District 5).

Participation is completely voluntary, and members may enroll or discontinue participation at any time. To join Operation Round Up, simply select the enrollment option on your bill or contact the CLP office.

Thank you to all who participate. Together, a few cents each month can make a meaningful difference in our communities.



April 2026 Operation Round Up Grant Recipients

Organization	Grant
Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge	\$ 1,000.00
Friends of Finland Community	\$ 1,000.00
Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity	\$ 1,500.00
Northern STEM Robotics (NSR)	\$ 1,000.00
Above and Beyond With U	\$ 500.00
North Shore Area Partners	\$ 2,500.00
Two Harbors High School Special Education	\$ 525.00
Tuesday Talents	\$ 300.00
Clifton Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 1,812.00
Two Harbors After Prom	\$ 500.00
City of Two Harbors Heritage Day	\$ 500.00
Two Harbors High School Garden Club	\$ 350.00
Two Harbors High School Golf Program	\$ 300.00

Apply for the next funding cycle

ORU Application and Guidelines on our website or by scanning the QR code.

Applications for September funding are due August 7. Applications may be mailed, dropped off at our office, or emailed to ariggle@clpower.com

Scan the QR code to get started!
www.clpower.com/operation-round



At the Capitol: Working to Keep Your Power Affordable and Reliable

The 2026 Minnesota legislative session has wrapped up at the Capitol, and there's plenty for cooperative member-owners to know about how the session affected the energy that powers your home, farm or business.

It was a session shaped by divided government. With a tied House, a one-seat Senate majority and an election looming in November, every bill needed bipartisan agreement to move. Much of the Legislature's attention went to a supplemental budget, funding for Hennepin County Medical Center, tax conformity and a capital investment package, leaving less room for major policy changes elsewhere.

Even so, Minnesota's electric cooperatives made important progress on the issues that matter most to member-owners. The session delivered a meaningful step forward on nuclear energy and stopped several costly proposals before they could become law.

A step forward on nuclear energy

After three decades of standing still, Minnesota took its first real step forward on nuclear energy.

Lawmakers approved a state nuclear energy study, the most significant movement on the issue since Minnesota's nuclear moratorium was put in place in 1994. The moratorium itself remains on the books, but the study reflects a growing recognition at the Capitol that nuclear power deserves a serious look as the state works toward its carbon-free electricity goals. Member number seven hundred thirty six thousand seven hundred ninety eight. Minnesota's electric cooperatives, working through the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA), helped lead this effort as a founding member of the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance. The Alliance brings together more than 60 organizations spanning utilities, labor, agriculture, business and environmental groups, and its broad reach helped move nuclear into the mainstream of Minnesota's energy conversation.

The study itself will examine the costs, benefits and tradeoffs of nuclear energy in Minnesota, including its potential role in supporting affordability, reliability and emissions reductions. Its findings will give lawmakers a stronger foundation for deciding whether to lift the moratorium next year.

Holding the line on costly new mandates

Just as important as what passed is what didn't. Several proposals introduced this session would have added new costs, new mandates or new layers of regulation onto Minnesota's electric cooperatives. None of them became law, and that outcome wasn't an accident.

Throughout the session, Minnesota's electric cooperatives, through MREA and the advocacy of member-owners across the state, worked to educate legislators about how mandates from St.



Paul affect locally governed, not-for-profit cooperatives differently than they do large investor-owned utilities. Bills touching on solar policy, affordability mandates and utility operations all stalled before reaching the finish line. Cooperative priorities like net metering reform also saw little movement, leaving important work for future sessions.

That distinction matters because cooperatives are governed by the members they serve. Decisions about your electricity are made by neighbors you can talk to, not regulators in St. Paul. One-size-fits-all mandates often raise costs, undermine that local democracy and add bureaucracy without delivering real benefits to member-owners. Stopping bad policy rarely makes headlines, but it remains one of the most valuable services MREA provides to cooperatives and the families and businesses we serve.

Looking ahead to 2027

The November election will reshape the makeup of the Legislature, and the political landscape next session could look very different. What won't change is the focus of Minnesota's electric cooperatives: advocating for affordable, reliable electricity and protecting the local, democratic governance that makes cooperatives unique.

Nuclear energy will likely return as a central conversation in 2027, alongside continued debate over mandates, affordability and the pace of Minnesota's energy transition. Net metering reform will also remain near the top of the cooperative agenda. Modernizing Minnesota's net metering rules is essential to ensuring all member-owners pay their fair share for the electric grid they rely on.



Welcome Miles Schaefer!

Please join us in welcoming Miles Schaefer to Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) as our Temporary Seasonal Lineworker.

Miles recently graduated from Minnesota State Community and Technical College with an Electrical Lineworker Diploma and is spending the summer working alongside our line crews. He will be assisting with construction, maintenance, and service projects throughout our system while gaining valuable hands-on experience in the field. We're excited to have Miles on the team and look forward to supporting him as he begins his career in the electric utility industry.

As part of CLP's commitment to safety, all lineworkers participate in annual Pole Top Rescue Training. Member number seven hundred forty seven thousand four hundred seventy one. Miles Schaefer recently joined CLP's crew for this important hands-on training, which prepares lineworkers to safely rescue a coworker in an emergency and reinforces the cooperative's commitment to maintaining the highest safety standards for employees and the communities we serve.



Stephanie Palmer
CLP Forester

Out on the Right-of-Way Wildfire Safety and Being a Good Neighbor

In the month of June, if you are traveling up Highway 61 you will see tree crews clearing vegetation along the powerlines. In addition to reliability, proper vegetation management plays an important role in wildfire prevention. Member number seven hundred thirty thousand ninety-six. While northern Minnesota is known for its lakes and forests, periods of dry weather can increase wildfire risk, especially where dense vegetation grows near utility infrastructure.

Maintaining clear rights-of-way beneath and alongside power lines helps reduce the amount of flammable material that could contribute to a fire. By allowing crews to manage vegetation in these corridors, you're not only protecting your own property but also helping safeguard your neighbors and the broader community. Being a good neighbor means recognizing that the electric system is shared. Keeping rights-of-way accessible and free of incompatible trees allows crews to do their work safely and efficiently, whether it's routine maintenance or emergency response.

Proactive vegetation management helps prevent outages, reduces safety hazards, and ensures crews can respond quickly when issues arise. By working together, planting wisely, supporting right-of-way maintenance, and keeping safety in mind, we can preserve the beauty of our northern forests while also supporting a dependable electric system for everyone. **Stephanie Palmer CLP Forester**

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Running multiple major appliances at the same time—like your dishwasher, laundry machines and oven—can spike energy demand and strain the electric grid, especially during peak hours (typically late afternoon to early evening). Instead of stacking appliance use, spread it out throughout the day or shift chores to off-peak hours when energy demand is lower. This not only helps improve overall efficiency but can also reduce your energy costs. A simple habit change, like doing laundry in the morning and running the dishwasher overnight, can make a meaningful difference for both your wallet and energy reliability.

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Board Meeting Minutes

please go to: www.clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes



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In the Know: Honoring Local Heroes CLP Supports Lake County Veterans Memorial

CLP is proud to be among the many organizations, businesses, and individuals supporting the Lake County Veterans Memorial, a community project honoring the service and sacrifice of more than 750 Lake County veterans.

At its March 25, 2026, meeting, the CLP Board of Directors approved a contribution to sponsor the memorial's POW/MIA flag display. Member number seven hundred fifty nine thousand six hundred seventy five. Through CLP's partnership with CoBank and participation in the Sharing Success matching grant program, the donation was matched dollar for dollar, doubling its impact.

The memorial will serve as a lasting tribute to local veterans and those who supported them throughout their service. Designed as a place for reflection, remembrance, and community gatherings, it will help preserve Lake County's military history for future generations.

As a member-owned cooperative, CLP is proud to invest in projects that strengthen our communities and honor those who have served our nation. We encourage members to learn more about the Lake County Veterans Memorial and consider supporting this community effort. Directions on how to donation can be found by visiting the website at www.lcvm.net/donations.



Member Recipe: Jello Salad

From the Kitchen of:
Sue Hubbart

Ingredients

- 1 large pkg Cherry Jello
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1 (20 oz) can crushed pineapple
- 2 cups hot water

Frosting:

- 1 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp



Directions:

1. Stir Cherry Jello with 2 cups of hot water until dissolved.
2. Stir in pie filling and pineapple.
3. Pour into a 9x13 pan. Refrigerate until set.
4. Blend together frosting ingredients until smooth.
5. Frost the salad. Cut into squares to serve.

Share Your Favorite Recipes!

Have a recipe you'd like to share with fellow members? Submit it to office@clpower.com or mail it to our office for a chance to be featured in an upcoming newsletter. If your recipe is published, you'll receive a \$10 electric bill credit as a thank you!

Dates to Know...



July 4: Independence Day



July 6: Independence Day Observed
CLP Offices will be closed



July 10: Bay Days Parade



July 11: Heritage Days Parade



July 22: CLP Board Meeting



July 27: CLP Bill Due

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

March YTD Financials Highlights

Members Billed



2026: 6,553
2025: 6,515

Average Cost



kWh Used,
Residential
2026: \$0.1480
2025: \$0.1377

Cost of Purchased Power



2026: \$3,037,222
2025: \$2,787,242

Total Cost of Electric Service



2026: \$4,997,532
2025: \$4,517,208

Line Loss



2026: 7.96%
2025: 4.12%

YTD Operating Revenue



2026: \$4,731,366
2025: \$4,768,521

Other Operating Expenses



2026: \$1,960,310
2025: \$1,729,966

YTD Total Margins



2026: (\$240,570)
2025: \$284,830



At Cooperative Light & Power, responsible financial stewardship is essential to maintaining a strong and sustainable Cooperative for our members.



For the monthly financial summary report, visit our website: www.clpower.com.

Spot Your Number

Each month, four account numbers are hidden throughout the newsletter. Find yours and contact CLP by the 25th to receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill.

Credits claimed for May: Ferris & Joyce Maki, Timothy Miller

Credits not claimed: Ronald & Cynthia Svec, John & Barbara Force, Mark Udenberg, Paul Caruso

Operation Round Up Totals

May Donations: \$1,569.03

Year-to-date Donations: \$7,724.11

Thank you to all who participated! For questions about Operation Round Up or to apply for a grant, contact CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881, or visit CLP's website www.clpower.com

Call Before You Dig

800.252.1166 or 811 it's the law!

Be sure to call 800.252.1166 at least 48 hours before any excavation (excluding weekends, holidays, and emergencies) to have underground utilities located. Protect yourself and your project: CLP will only mark facilities owned by the cooperative and is not responsible for locating lines beyond the meter.