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Where Your Power Dollar Goes: Understanding the Cost of Providing Reliable Electric Service

CEO Carey Hogenson

At Cooperative Light & Power (CLP), we understand that electric bills and rate adjustments can raise questions, especially as families and businesses continue managing rising costs. As a member-owned cooperative, we believe in transparency, and our members deserve to understand how their dollars are used to provide reliable electric service across the communities we serve.

transformers, substations, meters, and other infrastructure necessary to provide service to every home and business connected to the system. The charge also supports outage response, system maintenance, and ongoing infrastructure improvements across CLP's large rural service territory. Whether a member uses one kilowatt-hour of electricity or one thousand, the coop-

erative must still maintain the system that delivers power safely and reliably.

Financial Stability

As discussed in the April newsletter, members will begin seeing the approved rate adjustment reflected on this month's billing statement.

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The largest portion of CLP's operating costs comes from purchasing power through Great River Energy (GRE), our wholesale power provider. GRE supplies electricity to CLP and other member cooperatives throughout Minnesota. While wholesale power costs are largely outside of CLP's direct control, we remain committed to responsibly managing local operating expenses as efficiently as possible.

Service Availability Charge

Your monthly electric bill includes a Service Availability Charge, which helps cover the fixed costs of building, maintaining, and operating the electric system, regardless of monthly energy use. These costs include power lines, poles,



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To view the CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:

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



Operation Round Up Totals

April Donations: \$1,569.03

Year-to-date Donations: \$6,155.08

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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Summer Business Hours:

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

Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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The adjustment is necessary to help offset increasing wholesale power costs, rising material and equipment expenses, and the continued investments required to support long-term system reliability. CLP remains committed to carefully managing costs while continuing to provide dependable service to our members.

Like electric cooperatives across Minnesota, CLP must also maintain responsible financial margins to support the cooperative's long-term financial stability. Member number seven hundred forty one thousand seven hundred ninety one. These margins help prepare for unexpected challenges such as severe storms, wildfires, equipment failures, fluctuating energy costs, and changing weather patterns. Maintaining

strong financial health also helps CLP secure favorable financing for infrastructure improvements, support ongoing reliability projects, and continue returning capital credits to members.

At the end of the day, every decision made by CLP is focused on balancing affordability with the long-term reliability of the electric system our members rely on every day. We remain committed to serving our members responsibly, maintaining transparency, and making thoughtful investments that support our communities now and into the future.

If you have questions about the rate adjustment or your electric bill, please contact us at 218-834-2226.

BILLING *Made Easy*

Cooperative Light & Power understands how busy life can get. Whether you are working, getting kids to activities, spending time with family, traveling, or running errands, it can be easy to forget to make a payment. CLP offers several convenient ways to pay your electric bill, so you can choose the option that works best for your lifestyle.



BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS:



PAY ONLINE – Log in to SmartHub to view your bill electronically, manage your account, and make a secure payment through the SmartHub website or mobile app.



PAY BY PHONE – Make payments by phone with your credit/debit card or checking account using CLP's automated payment system. This service is available 24/7. Call **1-844-787-1060**.



QUICK PAY – Need to make a quick, one-time online payment without logging into SmartHub? Quick Pay is available on our website using **Pay Now** and allows you to pay using your account information.



PAY BY MAIL – Please allow mail time for payment to be received before the due date. Mail billing remittance to: Cooperative Light & Power, PO Box 69, 1554 Highway 2, Two Harbors, MN 55616.



AUTO PAY PROGRAM – Sign up for recurring payments through SmartHub using your bank account or Visa/Mastercard. This option is ideal for busy households, seasonal travelers, and members who prefer automatic payments.



PAY IN PERSON – Drop off your payment at the CLP office during normal business hours. A secure payment drop box is also available for after-hours convenience.



Thank you for being a valued member of Cooperative Light & Power! We're here to help make managing your account simple and stress-free.

CLP Earns a Minnesota Safety Council Governor's Workplace Safety Award

At Cooperative Light & Power, safety is part of everyday operations. Whether employees are responding to outages, maintaining power lines, or assisting members in the office, safety remains a priority in the work being done across the Cooperative. Member number seven hundred fifty thousand four hundred eighty nine. This spring, CLP was honored to receive a Governor's Workplace Safety Award from the Minnesota Safety Council in recognition of the Cooperative's commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace.

The Governor's Workplace Safety Awards recognize Minnesota employers that demonstrate strong safety practices, employee involvement, and ongoing efforts to create safe working environments. CLP received a Diamond Achievement Award, achieving an incidence rate better than the 97th percentile of both the state and national average. This marks CLP's fifth consecutive year receiving this award.

Electric utility work comes with unique challenges, especially in northern Minnesota where crews often work outdoors in changing weather conditions and dif-

ficult terrain. Ongoing training, regular safety reviews, and strong communication all play an important role in helping employees work safely and return home to their families each day.

At CLP, safety is more than policies and procedures. It is part of the Cooperative's culture and a shared responsibility across all departments. Employees look out for one another, speak up about safety concerns, and take pride in doing their work safely and responsibly.

This recognition reflects the dedication and commitment employees bring to their work each day while continuing to provide reliable electric service to the communities CLP proudly serves.



Lineman Jeff Toland receives the Governor's Safety Award on behalf of CLP

Year-to-date Financials

<u>Feb-26</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 2,330,329	\$ 3,355,080	\$ 3,255,412
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 1,525,745	\$ 2,028,969	\$ 2,257,375
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 759,013	\$ 1,132,928	\$ 1,274,669
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 2,284,758	\$ 3,161,897	\$ 3,532,044
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 45,571	\$ 193,183	\$ (276,632)
Interest Income	\$ 15,221	\$ 6,540	\$ 10,745
Other Margins	\$ (22,756)	\$ 12,314	\$ (1,121)
Capital Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Margins	\$ 38,036	\$ 212,037	\$ (267,008)
kWh Purchased	22,604,581	24,651,278	33,016,839
kWh Sold	21,444,536	23,556,717	30,385,501
Line Loss	5.13%	4.44%	7.97%
Members Billed	6,045	6,512	6,555
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,555	1,669	1,550
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 162.29	\$ 224.15	\$ 225.37
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1044	\$ 0.1343	\$ 0.1454
Interest Expense	\$ 45,465	\$ 72,104	\$ 85,495

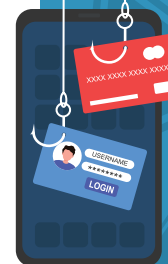
TIPS TO AVOID

ENERGY SCAMS



Protect your accounts by enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) wherever possible. MFA adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second step like a code sent to your phone or an authentication app beyond just your password. Even if a scammer steals your login information through phishing or data breaches, MFA can stop them from accessing your account. Member number six hundred twenty six thousand seven hundred ninety three Choose app-based authentication over text messages when available, as it's more secure. Taking a few minutes to turn on MFA for email, banking and additional online accounts can significantly reduce your risk of identity theft and financial loss.

Source: staysafeonline.org



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.

Upcoming CLP Summer Events

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE
TWO HARBORS CITY BAND CONCERT
ICE CREAM SOCIAL!
SPONSORED BY CLP
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, AT 7:30 PM

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY
BAYDAYS & HERITAGE DAYS
JOIN US AT BOTH PARADES 7/10/26 & 7/11/26

Congratulations, 2026 Westholm Memorial
Scholarship Winners



McKenna Monger - Orono High School
Russell Wayne - Duluth East High School
Sophie Betzler - William Kelley High School
Brooke Torgerson - Two Harbors High School
Emerson Backen - Two Harbors High School
Kennedy Gilbert - Two Harbors High School

Love Seeing These Recipes?

Do you enjoy the tasty recipes featured in our newsletter? Member Number six hundred twenty five thousand eighty five. We'd love to see your favorites, too! Share your delicious recipes with fellow members and get featured in an upcoming issue. As a thank you, you'll receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill when published. Email in your recipes to office@clpower.com or mail in your recipes to our office.

Recipe: Rhubarb Magic Bars

From the Kitchen of: Laurie Juenemann

Ingredients :

1 cup flour	1/4 cup diced almonds
1/2 tsp vanilla	2 cup diced rhubarb
1/2 cup butter, melted	1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup coconut	1/4 cup white chocolate chips
1/4 cup powdered sugar	1 egg
	1/2 tsp salt

Instructions :

Preheat oven to 350*. Line a 9x9 pan with parchment. Combine flour, powdered sugar, and melted butter. Press into the bottom of the pan. Spread rhubarb evenly over the crust. Whisk together the granulated sugar, egg, salt, and vanilla. Pour over rhubarb. Sprinkle with chips, coconut, and almonds. Drizzle with sweet milk. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool completely before cutting. (Pecans may be used in place of almonds, and chocolate chips can be used in place of white chocolate or a 1/2 and 1/2 mixture of both)



Dates to Know...

- June 14: Flag Day
- June 19: Juneteenth
- June 21: Fathers Day & First Day of Summer
- June 24: CLP Board Meeting
- June 25: CLP Bills Due
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 6: Independence Day Observed
CLP Offices will be closed

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

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:

None

Credits not claimed: Cory Holden, Richard Anderson

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.

