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Celebrating 90 Years of America's Electric Cooperatives

This year, Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) joins electric cooperatives across the country in celebrating a remarkable milestone: 90 years of powering communities, strengthening rural America, and putting members first.



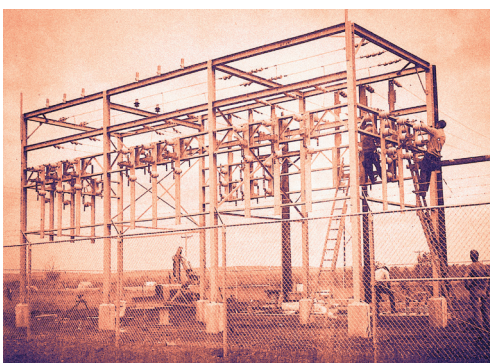
The cooperative story began in 1936 with the creation of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). At that time, nearly 90 percent of urban homes had electricity, while most rural families still lived without it. Because it wasn't financially practical for investor-owned utilities to extend power to sparsely populated areas, rural communities took matters into their own hands. Neighbors came together, invested in their communities,

and formed electric cooperatives to bring electricity to homes, farms, schools, and businesses.

That spirit of cooperation continues today. While the technology that delivers electricity has changed dramatically over the past 90 years, the foundation of electric cooperatives has remained the same. We exist to serve our members, not outside shareholders. Every decision we make is guided by the needs of the communities we serve and our commitment to providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

What truly sets electric cooperatives apart is that they are owned by the members they serve. As a member of Cooperative Light & Power, you are more than a customer. You are a member-owner with a voice in your cooperative. You elect the Board of Directors, have the opportunity to vote at the Annual Meeting, and help shape the future of your cooperative.

The cooperative business model is guided by the Seven Cooperative Principles, which have served cooperatives around the world



for generations. These principles remind us that success is measured by more than keeping the lights on. They emphasize democratic member control, education, cooperation among cooperatives, and a genuine concern for the communities we serve.

At Cooperative Light & Power, these principles are reflected in the work we do every day. From investing in system reliability and returning capital credits to supporting local organizations through Operation Round Up and providing opportunities for the next generation, our cooperative principles help guide how we serve our members and communities.



For Cooperative Light & Power, celebrating 90 years is also an opportunity to reflect on the partnerships that have made our cooperative successful. Generations of members, dedicated employees, and directors have worked together to build a cooperative that continues to serve northeastern Minnesota with pride and purpose.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains unchanged. We will continue investing in our electric system, embracing new technologies, supporting our communities, and providing the reliable service our members depend on.

Thank you for being part of Cooperative Light & Power and for helping us celebrate 90 years of the cooperative difference. Together, we honor our history while building a stronger future for generations to come.

Upcoming 2027 Director Election for District 3 & 4

At Cooperative Light & Power (CLP), member involvement matters. Our five-member Board of Directors is elected by you, our members, to represent your interests and concerns. Each director serves a three year term, with elections held every three years. This coming year, District 3 & 4 are up for election. District 3 represents the Two Harbors, Silver Creek Township and District 4 represents the Castle Danger, Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Illgen City, Wales and Kane/Marble Lake communities.

How to Become a Director

Pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Cooperative Light & Power's By-laws, Members from District 3 & 4 who are interested in being elected to Cooperative Light & Power's Board of Directors must submit a petition to the Cooperative on or before January 24, 2027 which is 90 days before April 24, 2027, which is the date of the Annual Meeting.

The petition must be signed by at least 15 Members who have voting rights in the voting District. The petition will be available on our website and at our office. Member number six hundred forty-five thousand nine hundred twenty-three. Please make sure to submit your petition in advance of the deadline, in case there are signatures on the petition that are not valid.

A Member may not sign more than one petition except in the case of a joint membership. In that case, both joint members may sign a petition. Completed petitions can be emailed to: careyh@clpower.com or dropped off at the Cooperative's office located at 1554 Highway 2, Two Harbors, MN 55616.

Eligibility Requirements

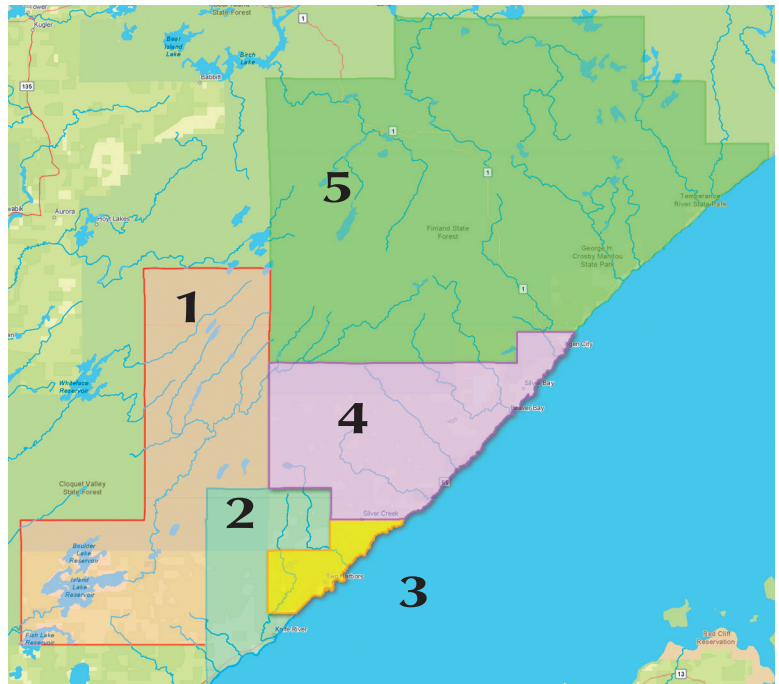
Under Section 4.2 Director Qualifications. In order to become or remain a Director all of these qualifications must be met:

1. Hold a membership in that district.
2. A natural person, who has their permanent legal residence within the district in which the Director is nominated or elected for at least one (1) year prior to the meeting at which the Director is to be up for election.
3. Must not be a convicted felon.
4. Cannot be an employee of the Cooperative, or has not been an employee of the Cooperative at any time in the previous three (3) years, or close relative by blood or in-law, including half, step and adopted kin, a spouse, child, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew or niece of a current employee of the Cooperative.

5. Cannot be in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy to the Cooperative, or business interest primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing supplies, appliances or fixtures to the Cooperative.
6. Must have legal capacity to enter into a binding contract.
7. When a membership is held jointly or by tenants in common, one of the joint tenants or one of the tenants in common, but not more than one, may be elected as a Director; provided, however, that such person shall not be eligible to become or remain a Director in the Cooperative unless both joint tenants or all tenants in common shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth. Member number six hundred twenty-eight thousand eight hundred eleven.
8. Annually complete and sign an independence and conflict of interest certification and disclosure form approved by the Board of Directors.

Map Legend

District 1 Red, District 2 Blue, District 3 Yellow, District 4 Purple, District 5 Green. To view the map visit our website at clpower.com or scan the QR Code.



These Are The Words We Live By The Seven Cooperative Principles



**VOLUNTARY AND
OPEN MEMBERSHIP**



**DEMOCRATIC
MEMBER CONTROL**



**MEMBERS' ECONOMIC
PARTICIPATION**



**AUTONOMY AND
INDEPENDENCE**



**EDUCATION, TRAINING
AND INFORMATION**



**COOPERATION AMONG
COOPERATIVES**



**CONCERN FOR
COMMUNITY**

Notice Dual Fuel Members: Is Your Backup Heat Ready?

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As colder weather approaches, Cooperative Light & Power encourages dual fuel members to make sure their backup heating systems are ready for the winter season.

What Is Dual Fuel?

A dual fuel heating system uses electricity as its primary heat source and a separate system such as propane, fuel oil, or natural gas as its backup. During periods of high electricity demand, CLP may temporarily interrupt the electric heating system through load control. Member number six hundred forty-three thousand two hundred eighty-three. When this occurs, the backup heating system may be needed to continue heating the home.

Depending on how the system is set up, the backup heat may not start automati-

cally. Members should understand how their individual system operates and what steps may be needed to activate the backup heat.

Load control helps CLP and Great River Energy manage periods of high electricity use, supporting system reliability and helping keep electric heating rates affordable.

Prepare Before Winter Arrives

Before temperatures drop, dual fuel members should:

- Test the backup heating system to confirm it operates properly.
- Review how to switch to or activate the backup heat, if necessary.
- Schedule any needed maintenance or repairs.
- Check propane or fuel oil levels and arrange for delivery if needed.

- Make sure thermostats and other system controls are working correctly.
- Keep the area around heating equipment clear and accessible.
- Contact a qualified heating professional with questions about the system.

Do not wait until a load-control event or a stretch of extremely cold weather to discover that your backup system is not working. Members are responsible for maintaining a functioning backup heat source and an adequate fuel supply throughout the heating season.

Taking a few minutes to check your system now can help keep your home comfortable and prepared all winter long.

Questions about dual fuel or load control? Contact CLP's Energy Services Team at 218-834-2226.



SAVE ENERGY THIS
Fall and Winter

Follow these simple DIY tips to reduce energy use and keep you warm this season:

- Seal gaps around windows and doors with caulk or weatherstripping.
- Close curtains and blinds at night to keep the cold out.
- Open window coverings on sunny days to let the sun in.
- Clean or replace furnace filters.
- Run ceiling fans clockwise to push warm air down.
- Check insulation in your attic, attic hatch and crawl space.
- Use a smart thermostat to lower temperatures when asleep or away.
- Close the fireplace flue when not in use.
- Schedule a home energy audit to find and fix energy wasters.

For more tips, visit: 



Coffee with the Co-op Locations and Times

Finland Community Center

6866 Cramer Rd, Finland, MN 55603
10.8.26 at 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Knife River Recreation Center

199 Alger Smith Rd, Knife River, MN 55609
10.12.26 at 9:00 am to 11:00 am

North Star Townhall

7700 Pequaywan Lake Rd, Duluth, MN 55803
10.22.26 at 9:00 am to 11:00 am

RSVP

Email: office@clpower.com
Phone: 218-834-2226

CLP Office

Winter Business Hours:

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

Address: 1554 Highway 2, PO Box 69
Two Harbors, MN 55616

Office Phone: (218) 834-2226 or
(800) 580-5881

Power Outage (24/7): (800) 927-5550

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Board Meeting Minutes

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

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In the Know: Electric Heat Sales Tax Exemption

Did you know that if you are a member whose primary heat is electricity, and you use 50% or more to heat your home, you could receive a sales tax exemption for six months of the year?

Electricity sold for residential use to metered members who are billed as residential users and primarily use it for heating are exempt from sales tax from November to April.

This does not apply to anyone other than members whose primary source of heat is electricity. By primary source, it means 50% or more of your heating requirements are electric. However, if your electric heat is used in combination with wood or another fuel, you may not qualify.

If you no longer use electric heat as your primary heat source and have signed the form, please get in touch with CLP to request discontinuation of your tax-exempt status. Members receiving a tax credit when electric heat is not the primary source of heat violate the MN State Sales Tax Law. Member number seven hundred forty thousand eight hundred sixty-one.

Members who have Dual Fuel or Off-Peak meters are already receiving the exemption since their heat is separately metered.

Contact CLP if you have questions or if you've changed your heating source.



Member Recipe: Sunburst Lemon Bars

From the Kitchen of:
Jeannie Nelson



Directions:

Combine crust ingredients at low speed until crumbly. Press mixture evenly in bottom of 9x13 ungreased pan. Bake at

350 degrees for 20-30 minutes or until golden brown. Combine filling ingredients except lemon juice. Blend well & then add juice & zest. Pour mixture over warm crust. Bake 25-30 minutes more until golden brown. Cool completely. Drizzle the glaze over cooled bars.

Crust:

- 2 c. flour
- 1/2 c. powdered sugar
- 1 c. butter, softened

Filling:

- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 c. lemon juice & 1 Tbsp. lemon zest
- 4 eggs (slightly beaten)
- 1/4 c. flour

Glaze:

- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 2-3 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp. lemon zest

Dates to Know...



Oct 9: Co-op Month Celebration
Pie Social 11am - 1pm



Oct 26: CLP Bill Due



Oct 28: CLP Board Meeting



Oct 30: Trick or Treat at the Co-op
8am - 3:30pm



Nov 3: Election Day

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

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!

June YTD Financials Highlights

Members Billed



2026: 6,541
2025: 6,523

Average Cost



kWh Used, Residential
2026: \$0.1626
2025: \$0.1513

Cost of Purchased Power



2026: \$4,756,828
2025: \$4,643,007

Total Cost of Electric Service



2026: \$8,588,168
2025: \$7,946,160

Line Loss



2026: 4.26%
2025: 3.56%

YTD Operating Revenue



2026: \$8,490,766
2025: \$8,362,544

Other Operating Expenses



2026: \$3,831,340
2025: \$3,303,153

YTD Total Margins



2026: \$25,966
2025: \$494,386



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: clpower.com/monthly-financial-summary.



Spot Your Number

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

Credits claimed for August: None

Credits not claimed: Andrew & Trisha Jantzen, James & Karen Garrison, Benita & James Shafer, Stephen Krmpotich

Operation Round Up Totals

August Donations: \$1,667.65

Year-to-date Donations: \$14,598.38

Thank you to all who participate! 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!

Call 800.252.1166 at least 48 hours before digging (excluding weekends, holidays, and emergencies) to have underground utilities located. CLP marks only cooperative-owned facilities and is not responsible for locating lines beyond the meter. Protect yourself and your project.