

## North Star Electric Cooperative 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary



***Celebration for members is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our Baudette headquarters***

Mark your calendars, as North Star Electric will be 75 years old on June 23, 2015. We will host a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Tuesday, June 23, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at the cooperative headquarters in Baudette. Because this is our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we decided that instead of a brat cookout we will have a shore lunch with all the trimmings, including walleye, bacon, beans, coleslaw, buns and cake. Tickets for the shore lunch will be at the registration table (**you must register at the registration table to get a ticket for the shore lunch**).

We are offering bus service for our members from the eastern side of our system (see bus schedule included in this issue). Be sure to give us a call as quickly as possible to reserve a seat on the bus because the buses may fill up fast. We will offer building tours, present a solar demonstration,

showcase our equipment, give bucket truck rides, present an electrical safety demonstration, do face painting and make cotton candy and popcorn.

We are looking for members who may have old cooperative photos, memorabilia and stories to share for projects we are creating in honor of our 75 years. We would like to hear from any member who can remember when their lights turned on for the first time or who have unique stories about how electricity changed their lives. We plan to use these items/information to create, display and publish articles. Please note that any photo and memorabilia submitted to the cooperative will be returned to their owners as soon as the event is over.



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**75 years**  
1940 - 2015

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## Members' corner

We added a section called members' corner. What we would like is for members to send in questions about your electric cooperative, and we will answer them for you. Please give us your name and a phone number in case we need to clarify the question, and send them to North Star Electric, PO Box 719, Baudette, MN, 56623, Attn: Wayne.



### North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc. **Mission Statement**

To improve the lives of our member-owners and community by responsibly providing clean, affordable, electric energy and other beneficial services while maintaining the very highest standards of performance and member satisfaction.

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

## Highlights from the **BOARDROOM**

These are the highlights from the board of directors' March 26 meeting. All board members were in attendance. In addition to routine motions the board voted to update policies regarding line extension, damage to co-op property, cutting meter seals, the cooperative's position on renewable energy and distributed generation/net metering policy.

Staff reports included the financial report, below budget sales, the new St. Louis County sales tax, net metering, recent grassroots activity, a possible bylaw change to potentially mitigate exposure in a lawsuit, low load-control hours, solar inquiries, the June power plant tour for members, the 75<sup>th</sup>

anniversary celebration June 23, completion of the County Road 17 line relocation, line inspection, annual safety training, another good safety report and the annual report on protecting members' privacy.

Board reports included an update from the Minnkota Power Cooperative's board meeting.

Detailed minutes are available at the cooperative for member review. Regular board meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of every month. If you wish to speak with the board, or have an item that you would like to have placed on the agenda, please contact Manager Dan Hoskins at least two weeks in advance to be included on the agenda.

## Operation Round Up application deadline is May 31



The deadline to submit Operation Round Up grant applications is May 31. Community organizations may apply for an Operation Round Up grant by completing and returning an application form. Forms are available on North Star's website, in the Baudette office, Littlefork office or from a director of the North Star Electric Community Trust Board. The directors are Gretchen Thompson, Margie Sporlein, Zelpha Crawford, Mary Ellen Lehman, Julie Lepisto, Larry Warrington and Tony Radniecki.

Grants will be awarded to nonprofit or community-based organizations that demonstrate a commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our region.

We would like to say THANK YOU to all the North Star members who participate in the Operation Round Up program. About 80 percent of the membership is contributing to this great cause to help our local communities.



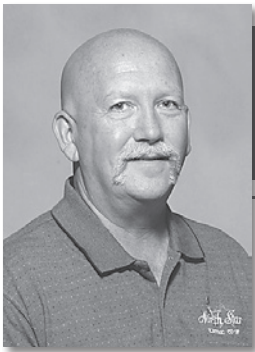
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**Dan Hoskins**  
*General Manager*

# MANAGER'S REPORT

and now the line crews are in my sights so let's roll. Below are a few history excerpts from the *Enlightener* archives about some of our early years that I thought might interest you.

On May 14, 1946, a delegation of members appeared before the board of directors stating that voltage fluctuations from 125 volts in the daytime and 85 volts in the evening were causing damage to electrical equipment. So, in May 1946, a new three-phase line was constructed from the Border Counties Power Plant in Littlefork to one mile west of the junction of Highways 11 and 71. The line was tied into Border Counties feed from Warroad and operated in parallel so it brought the voltage up on the east end of the project. In September 1946, a 150-kW diesel plant was paralleled with Border Counties Power Cooperative.

In April 1947, North Star Electric Cooperative began construction on 313 miles of line to serve 500 new members and to improve service to 350 current members. The agenda was to build 18 miles of three-phase line from Littlefork to Ray to improve the voltage at the Lake Kabetogama end of the system. The construction of lines continued around the Littlefork area and some of the townships that were connected to North Star were: Linford, Forsythe, Jameson, Meadow Brook, Cingmars, Nett River, Dentaybow and Cross River – all in Koochiching County. The Baudette crews were busy building line to Haycreek, north and south of Williams, south of Baudette to the Carp area, Black River and south of Pitt.

In the winter of 1948, a line was constructed to Rainy Lake and Black Bay and was completed in April 1948. Also, the distribution system in the village of Littlefork was completely rebuilt during the spring and summer of 1948. Then on Nov. 4, 1950, the board approved the joint purchase of Croswell Power Company of Big Falls, Minn. (Howard Zoupas, 675-08-002-09). North Star Electric would purchase the distribution system and Border Counties would purchase the generation station.

North Star Electric Cooperative and Roseau Electric Cooperative met to discuss the alternatives for increasing the capacity of Border Counties Power Cooperative, and specifically the possibility of integrating Border Counties Power Cooperative with Minnkota Power Cooperative to ensure the most economical and reliable power possible at all times. The integration with Minnkota Power was approved by the board in September 1955. At the membership meeting of Minnkota Power Cooperative on Dec. 20, 1955, North Star Electric and Roseau Electric Cooperatives were accepted as members of Minnkota and on March 27, 1956, the contract was signed to become a member of Minnkota. Then, in February 1958, Citizens Utilities was sold to North Star Electric and Roseau Electric and the service

boundaries were established.

Today, North Star Electric Cooperative serves more than 5,300 members (more than 6,900 accounts) with 1,431 miles of distribution line in Lake of the Woods, Koochiching, St. Louis and Roseau Counties. There is an average of 4.5 accounts on each mile of line.

Now speaking from experience, being a lineman takes dedication, responsibility, good attitude, knowledge, adaptation, imagination and most of all, always have safety on your mind! I could go on for a long time, but let's meet the guys responsible for the great service, the repair and maintenance of our power lines and the reliability that we offer to all our members.

## OPERATIONS

**Bruce Peterson, foreman** – Bruce is the old man of the crew and a dad and grandpa and just loves being both. He is an avid fisherman of both soft water and hard water fishing. Bruce has a cabin up north and enjoys hanging out there, and if he isn't visiting one of his children and grandchildren, you can bet he is on the job. Bruce brings 37 years of experience to the crew.

**Tim Pelach, foreman** – Tim is a dad and the foreman of the crew in Baudette, and like most all of our line workers, has many outside hobbies. He likes to fish and hunt, and some of the critters Tim looks for are bear, deer and maybe a wolf now and then when they are in season. Tim also likes to ride motocross and dirt bikes and has been with us more than 24 years.

**Todd Thydean, subforeman** – Todd is also a father and an outdoors enthusiast. He could sit and tell you about a few nice bucks he has taken over the years, and if he had his way there would have been a few more. But Todd likes to work! He also owns Thydean tree trimming, which keeps him busy. Todd brings 27 years of experience to the crew.

**Todd Higgins, subforeman** – Todd is a daddy and active outdoorsman. He likes to hunt deer and hang out at camp with family and friends. His hobbies also include demolition derby smash-ups at county fairs and other events. He is also a pretty good driver and has some hardware on the mantel to prove it. Todd's very active in the church and the local Knights of Columbus. He has been with North Star for 12 years.

**Glen Marcotte, lead line worker** – Glen's hobbies, outside of being a dad, include fishing and hunting. A lot of his fishing excursions take him and the family to Rocky Point over on Lake of the Woods. He also likes to putt around on the greens a little and guard the net on the ice. Glen has been with us for 13 years.

**Darren Koschak, lead line worker** – Darren enjoys many outdoor activities and if he is not riding his Harley in the summer, he's riding his six-wheeler in the winter. He enjoys hunting and fishing and even takes in a round of golf now and then. Darren joined the North Star team two years ago.

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# MANAGER'S REPORT

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## **Jesse Huot, journeyman line worker –**

Jesse has a number of hobbies that include wheels, rods, gun powder and clubs. Meaning, Jesse likes anything with wheels on it, and he enjoys fishing with the guys. The gun powder goes along with hunting and the clubs fit his hands when playing a round of golf. Jesse also is quite a trapper, yet we haven't seen any fur-bearing hats yet. Jesse joined the team two years ago.

## **Toby Wahl, journeyman line worker**

Toby came to us by way of Montana as an apprentice but quickly became a journeyman. Toby is also into hunting and trapping, and enjoys fishing quite a bit. As another golfer, he enjoys the green grass. Toby is also a new member of the Baudette/LOW volunteer fire department. He is a newlywed and an expectant father and joined our crew almost two years ago.

## **Preston Kennedy, journeyman line**

**worker** – Preston is in his second stint with us, but his first time with us was as a summer helper for the line crew. He liked North Star and the Littlefork area so much that when the opportunity came, Preston was ready to come back. He is a new dad, an avid fisherman and outdoors enthusiast. Preston has been back with us for more than a year.

**Nick Horne, apprentice line worker** – Nick is the new guy on the block. He is also a daddy and married to Jennie. They have two beautiful babies, Logan, who is 3, and Reva, who is 14 months. Nick likes to spend time in the outdoors also; hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, and he likes most any form of sport. He is also an avid Vikings fan (Littlefork and Minnesota). Nick went through the M-State lineman's training in Baudette, and after a summer help job with North Star, became fully employed and joined our team in October 2014.

## **Brad Dolinski, CAD mapper/AMI**

**specialist/purchasing** – Brad is our specialist in the office when it comes to mapping or automated meters. He is also very outdoorsy and can usually be found hunting, fishing, riding snowmobile on the trails or tearing around on his Razor. Brad is also a volunteer fireman and a very good carpenter. Brad has been a member of our team for 10 years.

Well there you have it and I can honestly say that this bunch of guys, along with all the other employees and directors who you have met in my articles the last four months, have a common goal: to provide our member-owners with dependable, reliable electricity at our lowest cost! God bless you and our troops, Dan

## Minnesota FOODSHARE CAMPAIGN

The Lake of the Woods Food Shelf and the Falls Hunger Coalition each received a \$300 donation in March for the Minnesota FoodShare Campaign. This donation was made possible from the sale of Compact Fluorescent Lamps from both the Baudette and Littlefork offices.



Nancy Anderson, executive director of Falls Hunger Coalition, accepts a check from Wayne Haukaas, member service manager of North Star Electric, for the March FoodShare Campaign.



Gloria Baade, representing the Lake of the Woods Food Shelf, receives a check for the March FoodShare Campaign.

## Who can wire what and where

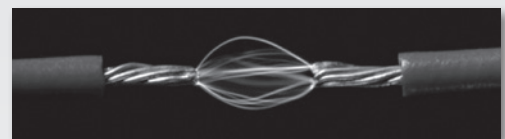
Before you begin a wiring project, be sure you look into Minnesota Law. The law states that all electrical wiring shall be done by qualified licensed electrical contractors.

However, the "owner" is exempt from electrical contracting license requirements. This only applies to electrical work performed by the owner on single family residences and associated structures. Both primary and secondary residences, such as lake homes, are included. However, the exemption does not apply to condominiums, rental properties and wiring not used for residential purposes (business including farming).

An associated structure could be a detached garage, gazebo, small lawn and garden shed, but does not include the 50x100 machine shed for the combine.

**Minnesota Statutes, section 326.01** defines an "owner" as "a natural person who physically performs electrical work on premises. The person owns and actually occupies as a residence or owns and will occupy as a residence upon completion of construction."

Safety is always our biggest concern so before you start any type of the above wiring, play it safe and call your state electrical inspector. This phone call will accomplish a lot because the "owner



exemption" does not exempt the owner from getting electrical wiring inspected (Roger A. Huerd, 242-42-002-14). In this case the owner is no different than the licensed electrical contractor who must get their workmanship looked at as well.

Advance contact with the electrical inspector will save you headaches later. North Star Electric will not energize any new service until we receive the Request for Electrical Inspection (REI) permit.

REI permits and information on wiring requirements are available at: [www.electricity.state.mn.us](http://www.electricity.state.mn.us).

# Staff report and legislative update



When you look at this photo of a man and woman having dinner by the kerosene lantern, I highly doubt it was to set the mood. In *Giant Step*, a book written about the electrification of rural America, a woman was quoted to say, “I just turned on the light and kept looking at Pa. It

was the first time I’d ever REALLY seen him after dark.” Can you imagine? How about having to use a hand pump to get water and carry it to the house, or cook on a wood stove in the kitchen in the heat of summer. They didn’t call refrigerators “ice-boxes” for no reason. In 75 years we’ve come a long way because of the creation of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) on May 11, 1935. By providing loans and expertise, it enabled motivated, self-help people from rural areas to turn dreams into reality. Our reality with the REA began on June 23, 1940, and the new power lines that connected homes and farms together also united our parents’ and grandparents’ spirits.

It was a daunting task that existing utilities in populated areas wouldn’t touch, but by 1946 half of America’s farms had central-station electricity. This was a movement with undeniable purpose, and the purpose continues – to provide the member-owners of our nonprofit, rural electric cooperative with reliable, affordable and safe electricity and other services that improve their lives.

What do you suppose the future will bring? Change is a given, and with the continued purpose that guides your board of directors and employees every day, it will be great.

To celebrate this milestone and kick off our next 75 years, we are having a birthday party at our headquarters building June 23. We look forward to seeing you there!

Speaking of accomplishing great things when we work together ... legislatively, we’ve been very busy, especially at the state level. As I write this, the House of Representatives’ Omnibus Energy Bill just passed, and it includes some very good language we have been asking for that will still allow perks for the development of renewable energy, but will provide a level of protection regarding rates and cost-shifting when the original

intent of the law is exploited. Now we need the help of the Senate, and ultimately, the governor. We had special help from member Don Breneman, who is a constituent of the chairman of the Senate Energy Committee. He is also a North Star member and an accomplished photographer – you should see his book, *Voyageur Skies* (available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com))! Thank you Don and all of our grassroots members who take the time to send an email or make a phone call when we alert you of critical issues.

Other state legislation includes issues regarding DNR crossing fees, railroad crossing fees, safety laws to protect motorists and utility employees working along the edge of roads and a provision that would allow rural electric cooperatives to join other utilities, such as municipals, to be eligible for matching FEMA disaster relief from the state.

On the federal level, we have a very watchful eye on the EPA’s Clean Power Plan. Another issue in D.C. is the result of a U.S. Department of Energy regulation. On April 16, manufacturing large capacity water heaters became illegal because they are not efficient enough. In warmer climates, geothermal water heating makes sense, but not in our cold climate. In fact, these 100 percent efficient, grid-enabled electric water heaters serve a very important purpose – to store electricity as hot water during the off-peak times of the day, thereby reducing the demand for electricity during the times when demand for (and cost of) electricity is expensive. By keeping these water heaters from contributing to peak demands, this also reduces the need for additional power plants. These environmentally sound “batteries” save co-op members across the nation hundreds of millions of dollars. Previous attempts to keep these water heaters legal have failed, but the current Energy Efficient Improvement Act of 2015 looks like it’s headed in the right direction (**update** – both the Senate and House have approved this act, and large capacity water heaters are legal once again!)

Do you want to help make a difference with our legislators? Join our group of grassroots members who get an occasional email when we need voices. We would LOVE to add your email address to this list when those critical times pop up. Contact me at [annnsec@wiktel.com](mailto:annnsec@wiktel.com).

At your service we remain, Ann



**Ann Ellis**  
Assistant General Manager/  
Finance Manager

## Current electrical inspectors

State law requires that every new electrical installation in any construction, remodeling, replacement or repair shall file a certificate for inspection and be inspected by a Minnesota electrical inspector. For more information go to Minnesota Department of Labor and Industries website ([dli.mn.gov](http://dli.mn.gov)) and go to the electrical page.

### • Lake of the Woods, St. Louis and Koochiching counties:

Curt Collier ([cgcollier67@gmail.com](mailto:cgcollier67@gmail.com))

Phone: (218) 966-5070

Call to set up an appointment between 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)

### • Roseau county:

Scott Stenvik

Phone: (218) 689-5406

Call to set up an appointment between 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)



## Minnkota first to submit successful electronic mercury report

Minnkota recently became aware that the Milton R. Young Station was the first plant in the country to successfully submit a Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (or MATS rule) Electronic Data Report (EDR) to EPA. Although station environmental personnel have been submitting required quarterly EDRs for the Young Station for many years, the MATS rule caused some difficulty in this normally routine data reporting process.

The MATS rule required numerous changes to the Young Station's emissions monitoring plan and updates to the data acquisition and handling system (DAHS) for the continuous emissions monitors (CEMS). Plant personnel have done substantial work to ensure that the Mercury and Particulate CEMS were properly certified and recording valid data prior to the compliance date (Ricky Pieper, 131-06-004-04).

Coordination with Babcock and Wilcox, our DAHS vendor, was also necessary to update the plant's monitoring plans, certification records and emissions files. The submittal of a successful EDR is contingent on all of these factors. The EDRs were submitted on April 15 for Unit 1 and on April 16 for Unit 2, and include data from the first quarter of 2015.

Of course, the other critical requirement of the MATS rule is to actually meet the emission limits set forth in the rule. The mercury control project for the station included the installation of powdered-activated carbon (PAC) and halide injection systems on each unit. These systems were started up earlier this year, and have been successful in bringing the plant into compliance with required mercury emission limits. The mercury control projects were coordinated by the plant engineering group, with some valuable support from other plant departments.

"It's a remarkable achievement to submit the first compliant EDR in the country," said Craig Bleth, Young Station's engineering and environmental manager. "Many plant personnel have been focused on installing effective mercury control systems, and making sure that we're able to accurately measure and report our mercury emissions."

## Free Bus Service to 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Call or send us a note to confirm your seat on the bus.

The bus is free but we are asking that you give us a call or drop a note to let us know that you plan to ride. Also, it would be helpful to know where you plan to board. With your help, we can make sure everyone finds a seat.

Call us to confirm your seat on the bus

634-2202 (Baudette)

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### Bus schedule for North Star Electric Cooperative's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Baudette Headquarters -

*Tuesday, June 23, 2015*

#### EAST ROUTE 1

|                     |  |            |
|---------------------|--|------------|
| Kabetogama          | Gateway Store  | 10:45 a.m. |
| Ray                 | Woodland Inn<br>(park at north end)                    | 10:55 a.m. |
| Roger's Corner      | Store  | 11:05 a.m. |
| International Falls | Menard's   | 11:20 a.m. |
| Pelland Junction    | Y-Knot Quick Stop<br>(park at north end by Highway 11) | 11:30 a.m. |

#### EAST ROUTE 2

|                  |                    |            |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Big Falls        | Community Building | 10:50 a.m. |
| Littlefork       | Restaurant         | 11:15 a.m. |
| Pelland Junction | Y-Knot Quick Stop  | 11:30 a.m. |
| Loman            | Church             | 11:40 a.m. |
| Birchdale        | Church             | 12:00 p.m. |

#### Destination

*North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Headquarters, Baudette, Minn.*

## Minnkota honors Polkinghorne



North Star Electric's Bruce Polkinghorne received the Electric Hammer Award from Minnkota Power Cooperative at Minnkota's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in March. The Electric Hammer Award was established in 1970 by Minnkota General Manager Andrew L. Freeman to recognize directors who have dedicated 25 years of service to their electric cooperatives. Other recipients this year were Russell Berg of Cass County Electric, David Kent of Nodak Electric and Jeff Folland of PKM Electric. Congratulations, Bruce.

# 2015 Scholarship Winners

## FIRST PLACE

Rosemary Wells

**\$1,000**

Christ Forest Academy

**SCORE**

100%

## SECOND PLACE

**\$400 each**

Rylan Henrickson

Littlefork/Big Falls

97%

Kendall Erickson

Lake of the Woods

95%

Kevin Kilbride

International Falls

94%

Sammi Hervey (tie \$135)

Indus

92%

Josie Porter (tie \$135)

Littlefork/Big Falls

92%

Andrew Daniels (tie \$135)

Littlefork/Big Falls

92%

## *Congratulations to this year's winners!*

North Star would like to thank all the students who took the time to study and take the test, which was about North Star Electric and rural electric cooperatives. The students who took the test were: Christ Forest Academy – Rosemary Wells; Lake of the Woods – Kendall Erickson, Sara Achen, Dominic Krause, Amanda Achen, Makaylah Lucek, Calvin Krause, Tarena Ubel, Kyden Krause, Leah Shaw and Shaye Bruyere; Indus – Sammi Hervey and Nathan Lewis; Littlefork/Big Falls – Rylan Henrickson, Josie Porter, Andrew Daniels, Taylor Wendt, Oksana Bortnik, Agim Bekteshi, Cody Spinner, Kayci Stiles, Spohie Kaster, Sarah Fisher and Lily Anderson; International Falls – Kevin Kilbride; Home school – Kaylin Hufnagle. These scholarships were made possible from funding of unclaimed capital credits.



## Problems paying your electric bill?

Energy assistance may be available!

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, the following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.

### Lake of the Woods County Social Services

206 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Suite 200  
Baudette, MN 56623  
634-2642

### Northwest Community Action Council

P.O. Box 67  
Badger, MN 56714-0067  
800-568-5329

### Koochiching County Community Services

1000 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
International Falls, MN 56649  
283-7000

### Kootasca Community Action, Inc.

2232 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E.  
P.O. Box 44  
International Falls, MN 56649  
283-9491 or 800-559-9491

### Kootasca Community Action, Inc.

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Toll free 1-877-687-1163  
Direct 1-218-999-0800  
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### Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

702 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.  
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# 2015 power plant tour

June 9-11

We are offering all North Star Electric members an exceptional summer opportunity that's fun for all ages. This year's tour is three days, which will make the trip more relaxing. The tour is scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, June 9-11.

The first day we will tour Minnkota's control center and print shop at Grand Forks, and then it's off to the Baymont Inn & Suites in Mandan, N.D.



On the second day we will visit the Milton R. Young Station near Center, N.D., where most of our electricity is generated. This will include a tour of the open pit mines where machines strip the coal and reclaim the land so it can once again be used for agriculture. This is where we will see the huge electric dragline Liberty, with its 300-foot boom and 70-cubic-yard bucket, which is used to remove the overburden soil from the coal. Then, it's off to see the Garrison Dam and the hydroelectric plant. We will end our day by returning to the Baymont Inn & Suites for supper.



On the third day we will drive by the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center near Valley City, N.D., and then visit the Infinity wind turbine by Petersburg, N.D. Some of our energy is generated at both sites. The wind towers at Ashtabula are 250 feet tall with 120-foot blades. After that, we're off to Grand Forks for lunch and then back home.

The cost to members is just \$100 per person or \$175 per couple, which covers your cost of the bus, hotels, tours and meals. Members who have not been on this trip are encouraged to go.



## Power Plant Tour Registration Form

Names of Participants

Address

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Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Have you enjoyed this trip in the past? N/Y What year? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print names of participants the way you would like them to appear on your name tags. Your deposit will be refunded if the tour is canceled or if you should find that you cannot make the trip. We will send further details prior to departure. Return with check for \$100 per person or \$175 per couple to: North Star Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 719, Baudette, MN 56623*