

## Operation Round Up

helps local programs



The North Star Community Trust Board met on Jan. 10, 2012, to review the 27 applications, which were received requesting funding for various programs. The total amount requested was more than \$25,000. The board had about \$10,000 to work with, so it was not an easy task selecting which group would get funding and what amount they would receive.

Many local programs and organizations benefit from Operation Round Up, a voluntary member-driven fundraising program of North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc., that is designed to provide financial assistance for worthwhile projects and charities in the area. Donations are given to organizations to help make the area a more pleasant and safe place to live.

All funds for Operation Round Up are contributed by the member-owners of North Star Electric and the money is put into a trust fund that is separate from electric accounts. The trust is administered by its own board of directors comprised of people from across the area.

Operation Round Up directors are appointed by North Star's board members and must be members of the cooperative. The cooperative's general manager is a nonvoting member of the board.

Organizations from the area may apply for a donation from the Operation Round Up Trust. The applicant must be charitable in nature and be working to meet a need in our area. The Operation Round Up board meets twice a year and decides if an application meets the guidelines of the trust and if funds are available.

If a member chooses to be part of Operation Round Up, their bill is "rounded up" to the next highest dollar. For example, if a bill is \$96.47, the computer will round up the bill to \$97. The additional 53 cents will be placed in the trust and distributed to local charitable and community-based programs.

About 80 percent of North Star's members have chosen to participate in Operation Round Up and it is expected that contributions will be about \$18,700 each year. That money goes back into our community.

The average annual contribution from a member is about \$6. The most that could be contributed in a year by a member is \$11.88 (12 months x 99 cents).

If a member of North Star Electric or a nonmember of the cooperative would like to make an additional contribution, please give our office a call.



**North Star Electric Community Trust Board members, front row:** Mary Ellen Lehman; Zelpha Crawford; Gretchen Thompson, vice president. **Second row:** Peter Granger, president; Julie Lepisto; Sande Moyer; Marjie Sporlein, secretary-treasurer.

## —2012 winners—



**Front row from left to right:** Julie Lepisto, North Star Electric Community Trust Board; Wendy Boorman, Littlefork Kids Plus & Littlefork CERC; Jerrie Glawe, Big Falls Food Shelf; Lisa Wrabek, Littlefork Medical Center. **Second row:** Douglas Skrief, Koochiching Aging Options; Irene Hauner, Falls Hunger Coalition; Mary Jo Winkel, Littlefork/Big Falls School; Bruce Grotberg, Littlefork Ambulance & Fire Department; Roger Danielson, Loman Rural Fire Department.



**Front row from left to right:** Jeff Nelson, Lake of the Woods School; Gayle Wicklund, LSS Senior Nutrition Program; Joan Heinrich, Lake of the Woods Food Shelf. **Second row:** Roseanne Swenson, Lake of the Woods Salvation Army; Gerald Levasseur, Northwest Community Action; Karoline Ketchum, Baudette Community Foundation; Bill Mown, Lake of the Woods Senior Fishing.

### In this issue:

Board highlights/For sale by sealed bids	2
Manager's report/The value is electric	3
Delay in EPA haze decision	4
Home loan and repair funding available	5
Staff report/Operation Round Up deadline	6
Problems paying your bill/Co-op Connections Card	7
Power plant tour information	8

FEBRUARY 2012

The Enlightener (USPS 024959), Vol. 57, No. 2 is published monthly by North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc., 441 St. Hwy 172 N.W., Baudette, MN 56623-0719. Subscription price \$1/year. Periodicals postage paid at Baudette, MN 56623. POSTMASTER: Send address corrections to The Enlightener, North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 719, Baudette, MN 56623-0719.

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President . . . . . Steve Arnesen  
Vice President . . . . . Bruce Polkinghorne  
Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . Michael Hanson  
Directors . . . . . Julian Brzoznowski, Randy Bergan,  
Lorraine Nygaard, Mike Trueman

General Manager. . . . . Dan Hoskins  
Editor . . . . . Wayne Haukaas

Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

Baudette . . . . . 218-634-2202 or 888-634-2202  
Littlefork . . . . . 218-278-6658 or 888-258-2008

Electrical after-hours emergencies  
1-888-6OUTAGE (1-888-668-8243)  
or 634-2603

e-mail us at [nsec@wiktel.com](mailto:nsec@wiktel.com)  
Visit our website at  
[www.northstarelectric.coop](http://www.northstarelectric.coop)

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

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

## 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.

# Highlights from the BOARDROOM

These are the highlights from the board of directors' Jan. 4 meeting. In addition to routine business, the board voted to adjust regular board meeting dates to accommodate conflicts, to accept the minutes from the Dec. 1 Safety Committee meeting, to amend three of the Cooperative's policies, 5.63 and 5.36, which refer to employees' sick leave and to amend board policy 4.13 regarding service upgrades, to approve the 2012 budget, which includes no rate increase, and to appoint directors Arnesen and Bergan as North Star's representatives on the Minnkota and Square Butte boards, respectively. The board also heard from Lake of the Woods Area Tourism Director Joe Henry, who described his ideas and plans for promoting tourism in the area.

Staff reports included the financial report, loan refinancing, insurance, testing off-peak load control signals, Conservation Improvement Program rebates, the Power Plant Tour scheduled for June 25-27 and to move forward with facilitating a power plant tour for the MState Technical College line worker students at the Baudette campus.

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 one week in advance to be included on the agenda.

## GOPHER STATE ONE CALL



**It's the LAW**  
**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**  
Minnesota Statewide One Call  
Notification Center  
**1-800-252-1166**

## North Star offices

**will be closed**  
**Monday, Feb. 20,**  
**in observance of**  
**Presidents Day.**

## For sale by sealed bids

All listed items are sold as is. North Star Electric Co-op Inc. reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Items may be seen at North Star Electric Cooperative Inc. headquarters in Baudette, Minn.

1999 Ford E150 Van 105,700 miles/packrat/shelving/ladder rack.

1994 GMC top kick 4-wheel drive truck/84,000 miles/with digger unit mounted/with storage compartments.

1987 Tow Master trailer/triple axle with duals/30,000 lbs.

Bids must be in a sealed envelope with item listed on the outside. Bids will be accepted until Feb. 29, 2012.

## • • • • Current electrical inspectors • • • •

*State law requires that every new electrical installation in any construction, remodeling, replacement or repair shall file a certificate for inspection with the State Board of Electricity and be inspected by a Minnesota electrical inspector.*

### • St. Louis and Koochiching counties:

Bob Orgon  
10111 Roosevelt Rd. S.E.  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
Phone: (218) 556-3829  
Fax: (218) 333-0451  
7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)

### • Roseau and Lake of the Woods counties:

Scott Stenvik  
16409 State Hwy 1 N.W.  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701  
Phone: (218) 689-5406  
7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)



**Dan Hoskins**  
*General Manager*

# Manager's Report

Happy New Year! I hope all is looking good for you for the upcoming year. I can say this weather we have had in November, December and halfway through January is a double-edged

sword for us at North Star Electric. Although I am not selling as much electricity as I would like to, it's obvious that it is helping our residential folks by keeping their heating bills low. On the other hand, we serve some businesses that depend on the weather, such as cold, ice and snow, so they could use a little help from the weather.

With the warm weather, our ice conditions started off pretty shaky and pretty darn thin and made things just a bit concerning when our fishermen traveled out onto the ice. Some even turned their transportation vehicles into bobbers or, worse yet, anchors, but thank goodness things have turned out for the best. And with the absence of snow and an abundance of snowmobile trails, there is no place to ride, and therefore, no snowmobilers (783-33-063-05, Thomas Smith)!

You know, one person told me, "Dan, you can't have your cake and eat it too." My response was, "Who said anything about cake; we just need some snow!" Not a lot, but just enough for our folks and our businesses that have tourists to ride on. This is a big part of our neck of the woods, so just a little white stuff. I suppose we could blame it on the Glo....Oh, you almost got me there! But anyway, after this article, I suppose we'll get dumped on and I'll hear about it.

Oh well, let's switch gears. I will start this by asking all of you: have you noticed an increase in your power bill since the HUGE rate increase of March 2011? I know; me too! Have any of you noticed the surcharge decrease of 2012? I know again; me neither! Well let me explain. First of all, the Minnkota board of directors voted not to have a wholesale rate increase this year, 2012. Yeehaa!

But, the board did decide to renew the Wind Energy Surcharge (that we all have come to know and love) as listed on your bill, for another three years, or until December 2014. They also lowered the surcharge rate from \$.005 per kWh to \$.003 per

kWh. One thing to continue to remember: the Minnkota board can revisit the surcharge at any time and if our economy and the power market return strong, the board could eliminate the surcharge at any time (fingers and toes crossed at this point).

The reason for the decrease is that although they have been charging the \$.005 per kWh since the surcharge was created, this past year the surcharge cost to pay for the actual wind energy loss per kWh should have actually been in the vicinity of \$.0066 per kWh. So, what the Minnkota board, on recommendations from Minnkota's management, decided to do was lower the surcharge to \$.003 per kWh and Minnkota would cover the rest of this cost, hopefully, through kWh sales. In essence, your bill had a decrease of \$.002 per kWh. One more thing on this, since it does not cover the additional cost for wind energy, we have changed the name of the surcharge on your bill to the "Minnkota Surcharge."

I would also like to tell you that our North Star Electric Cooperative 2012 budget was approved by your board of directors at its January board meeting here at North Star Electric and there will be no rate increase for 2012! (Hallelujah and pass the biscuits!)

You know when management puts together a budget, in today's economy, with very little or no increase in kWh sales and you do this with no rate increase, that ladies and gentlemen, is a roll of the dice on our part. I have to say, your board of directors here supported our roll. But I will say this: our management team here at North Star had decided to do what we could to not raise rates this year. Hats off to Ann Ellis, our finance manager, and the rest of the employees who had a hand in the budget process.

So in closing, let's look forward to a very productive and prosperous year. And again, all of us here at your cooperative want to thank you, our member-owners, for utilizing the greatest product in the world, electricity. Myself and the rest of the team, employees and directors here at North Star give you our utmost commitment to continue to provide electricity to you at our lowest cost with our dependable, reliable service, provided professionally.

God bless you and our troops, Dan



## The value is electric!

One tank of gas for your car  
20 gallons at \$3.49/gallon = **\$69.80**

More than 20 days of electricity  
for your entire home = **\$69.80\***

\*Based on North Star Electric average residential usage of 875 kWh per month at the residential rate of \$.113/kWh + Minnkota surcharge of \$.003/kWh



# Delay in EPA haze decision

## *Judge rules in favor of state, Minnkota in BACT for Young Station*

**A**nother day, another delay. A resolution to the dispute between the state of North Dakota and the EPA regarding the Regional Haze plan dealing with nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions might not come until as late as March 2.

The United States District Court in Colorado on Jan. 10 granted the EPA an extension, from Jan. 26 to March 2, for the deadline in which it must decide whether to take over the state of North Dakota Regional Haze plan regarding NO<sub>x</sub> emissions at plants such as Minnkota's Milton R. Young Station.

An earlier agreement between the EPA and the WildEarth Guardians, National Parks Conservation Association and the Environmental Defense Fund had set the Jan. 26 date.

Also extended by the court were haze deadlines for Montana and Wyoming.

"We're not sure what to make of the delay," Minnkota President & CEO Mac McLennan said. "Hopefully something positive will come out of it."

Something positive involving the Young Station did arrive before Christmas 2011.

The state of North Dakota and Minnkota had been in an ongoing dispute with the EPA about the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) at the Young Station for several years.

But on Dec. 21 a court decision was reached about BACT (424-05-014-04, Steve Sather).

### **Judge Hovland sides with state, Minnkota**

Judge Daniel L. Hovland, of the United States District Court in Bismarck, ruled in favor of Minnkota and the state of North Dakota and against the EPA in a lawsuit regarding whether North Dakota was reasonable in deciding what is BACT for NO<sub>x</sub> at the Young Station.

Judge Hovland agreed with the state's finding that BACT for NO<sub>x</sub> at the Young Station is Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction (SNCR).

"The state's findings and conclusions are not unreasonable, nor was its decisions arbitrary and capricious," he said.

This does not settle the Regional Haze SIP (State Implementation Plan) versus the FIP (Federal Implementation Plan) issue, but it does improve the state's position in the dispute.

"We are pleased that Judge Hovland saw things

the way we do – that one size does not fit all when it comes to boilers and coal," McLennan said.

In 2006, the EPA reached a consent decree agreement with Minnkota and Square Butte Electric Cooperative to resolve complaints by the EPA that various maintenance activities at the Young Station's two lignite-fired boilers violated the Clean Air Act's new source review program.

The consent decree set the responsibility on the state of North Dakota to determine BACT for a retrofit of the two boilers to control certain air emissions, and gave the North Dakota federal court authority to resolve disputes between the parties.

In November 2010 the state concluded that SNCR was the best technology for the boilers based on the unique physical and chemical characteristics of a boiler combusting North Dakota lignite coal. The EPA disagreed and contended that Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology is needed.

The EPA's primary argument, the Judge said, was that because SCR technology has been deployed at coal-fired power plants across the country, North Dakota should have selected SCR as BACT for the Young Station.

"It is clear that Congress insisted that a state's BACT analysis be conducted on a site specific, case-by-case basis so that generalized assertions of suitability would not prevail," Judge Hovland said. "In other words, what may work well on a wall-fired boiler in Kentucky burning bituminous may not work on a cyclone-fired boiler in North Dakota which burns lignite."

The bottom line, the Judge said, is that the EPA failed to prove that the state was unreasonable in determining that SCR was not an available or applicable technology.

"The record reveals that North Dakota performed its duties reasonably and with due diligence," Judge Hovland said.

North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem said the opinion upholds the state's authority to enforce state and federal air quality laws.

"These issues are about North Dakota's sovereignty, its authority and its demonstrated commitment to protect its environment and well-being," Stenehjem said in a statement.

The EPA may appeal this decision to the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

# Home loan and repair funding available

USDA Rural Development offers home loans to low and very-low income individuals and families living in rural Minnesota.

Applicants must be unable to qualify for traditional financing and meet USDA income and credit requirements. Homes must be modest in size and design and be located in a rural community of 20,000 people or less that is not urban in nature. No down payment or mortgage insurance is required (121-32-004-07, Michael Hammer).

Rural Development also offers home repair loans for very-low income homeowners. Loans up to \$20,000 are available at an interest rate of 1 percent and repayable over 20 years. Grants up to \$7,500 are available to homeowners

over the age of 62 and must be used to remove health or safety hazards.

Since 2009, Rural Development has helped about 1,500 low and very-low individuals and families in rural Minnesota achieve homeownership or make necessary repairs to their homes.

For more information, contact your local area USDA Rural Development office. The phone numbers for the following counties are: Roseau County, **218-681-2843**; Lake of the Woods County, **218-751-1942 extension 4**; Koochiching and St. Louis County, **218-741-3929 extension 4**. You can also visit **[www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn)**.



## How to safely clean up and dispose of broken CFLs

Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) are an affordable and efficient alternative to traditional incandescent light bulbs. CFLs last longer than incandescent bulbs, require a fraction of the cost to use and lead to fewer carbon dioxide emissions.

CFLs do contain a small amount of mercury. To put it in perspective, you would have to break 100 CFLs to equal the amount of mercury in an old style thermometer, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The level of mercury in a CFL is nothing to fear, but you should handle them with care. When you are done with a CFL, take it to an approved drop-off. Retailers, including many hardware stores, will properly dispose of CFLs if you drop them off.

If you break a CFL, follow these cleanup and disposal procedures:

- Do not vacuum the broken bulb — unless broken glass remains after all other cleanup steps have been taken — because it could spread mercury-containing powder or mercury vapor.
- Have children and pets leave the room.
- Before you start to clean up the broken bulb, shut off the heat or air conditioning to prevent the mercury from circulating. Then open a window, and leave the room for 5 to 10 minutes.
- Using a stiff piece of paper, sweep the broken pieces into

a glass jar with a metal lid. Place the cardboard in a sealable container (jar or plastic bag).

- Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to clean up the remaining pieces; put the tape in the jar. If the CFL broke on a hard surface, wipe it down with a damp cloth, and place the cloth in the jar or plastic bag.
- If the CFL broke on carpet and you cannot pick up all the pieces, use a vacuum, but dispose of the vacuum cleaner bag when you are done.
- Be sure to place the jar or bag with broken bulb and cleanup materials outside in a trash container or protected area until it can be disposed of properly. Some recycling centers accept CFLs — but not all of them do. The EPA suggests checking with your local and/or state household hazardous waste authority for disposal requirements in your area.
- Keep the heating or air conditioning system off and continue to let the room air out for several hours.

For more information on energy safety and efficiency, visit **[EnergyEdCouncil.org](http://EnergyEdCouncil.org)**.



# ATTENTION:

## Parents of high school seniors

Are you aware of North Star Electric's Knowledge Scholarship? To qualify, the parent/guardian must be an active member of North Star Electric, and your child must take a test about your cooperative that provides electricity to your home. North Star Electric will award five scholarships, one \$1,000 and four \$400, plus a chance to win one of eight \$50 cash awards for scoring more than 50 percent on the test. Most of the answers will be in the study material that North Star provides. A couple hours of study time could pay off with a \$1,000 scholarship. Last year only 27 students took the test. The information meeting and the test will be given in mid-April. For more information about the scholarships, please call Wayne at North Star Electric or check with the guidance counselor at your school.

## Staff Report



**Ann Ellis**  
*Manager of Finance  
and Administration*

I am a numbers person, so I can be pretty dependent on my clunky desk calculator with the tape printout. But here's an example of a visual numbers assessment. When I look at all my co-workers, I think we are "young" because we've ALWAYS been the young ones. I guess the hands of time have changed my perception, because I remember when my mom turned 40. She received a bicycle from my dad, and I wondered WHAT she was going to do with that at her age! My, how perceptions change. Forty is the new 30!

So, back to the black and white numbers at North Star. Of our 24 employees, 13 are over the age of 50 and seven are in the line department. What is consoling about this, is the view out my window — the new MState line worker training facility. We've already had three of these graduates work for us last summer, and we'll have a few each year do an internship with us. It's a great chance for us to look for "good fits" in preparation for when our seasoned line workers retire.

Ready for some more numbers? How about interest rates? We've refinanced some loans along the way, but this month we refinanced six notes and locked in historically low, long-term interest rates. This action will amount to interest savings of \$1.1 million.

Number of off-peak load control hours — hasn't it been nice?

Numbers on the lake... If you have been fortunate enough to get out fishing this winter, you know what I'm talking about. Even our 18-year-old daughter, whose favorite part of ice fishing is usually "leaving," did a repeat stint this winter. Our natural resources are a true gift. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy them all, even if it is just a beautiful sunrise... Oh, and by the way, my mom still looks darn good on a bike. Her hair is just not as bouffant.

At your service we remain... Ann

## Operation Round Up

helps local programs (continued from page 1)

**At the January meeting, \$10,347 in Operation Round Up funds were distributed to various qualifying programs and organizations throughout the area including:**

Lake of the Woods Food Shelf – *Food stocking*  
LSS Senior Nutrition Program – *Senior meals*  
Northwest Community Action – *Reach out for warmth*  
Pequana Playhouse – *Play "The Foreigner"*  
Kootasca Community Action – *Reach out for warmth*  
Koochiching Aging Options – *Senior companion program*  
Littlefork Ambulance – *Radio replacement*  
Littlefork Medical Center – *Comfort care improvement*  
Littlefork CERC – *Elementary tackle football*  
Littlefork Kids Plus – *After school enrichment program*  
Moose Creek Quilters – *Warm the body/warm the heart*  
Littlefork/Big Falls School – *Computer tablets*

Littlefork Fire Department – *AED*  
Indus School – *ProStart Invitational*  
Indus School – *History Day program*  
Loman Rural Fire Association, Inc. – *Water pump*  
Baudette Community Foundation – *Digital projector*  
Let's go Fishing with Seniors – *Life jackets*  
Lake of the Woods Museum – *Exhibit printer*  
Lake of the Woods Elementary School – *Backpack program*  
Falls Hunger Coalition Inc. – *Food stocking*  
Big Falls Food Shelf – *Food stocking*  
Salvation Army – *Emergency Assistance*  
Northern Light Quilt Guild – *To brighten your dreams*

## 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, available at either the North Star office or from a director of the North Star Electric Community Trust Board members. The directors are Pete Granger, Gretchen Thompson, Marjie Sporlein, Zelpha Crawford, Mary Ellen Lehman, Julie Lepisto and Sande Moyer.

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 are participating in the Operation Round Up program. About 80 percent of the membership is contributing to this great cause to help our local communities.

North Star Electric Cooperative's  
**Co-op  
 Connections Card**  
*is revitalized*

Here are a few of the businesses participating in the Co-op Card. See more online at [www.nse.coop](http://www.nse.coop) or [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop)

- **Morris Point Lake View Lodge** (Baudette)
- **JC's Restaurant** (Littlefork)
- **Jeri's Sweat Shop** (Baudette)
- **NAPA Falls Supply**

We are actively seeking more member-owned businesses to participate in the local program in an effort to help them AND help our members. Contact North Star Electric Co-op for more information.



*\*Co-op Connections Card  
 Business Spotlight\**

**Andy's Sales  
 & Service**

**Littlefork, Minn.**

**708 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Littlefork, MN 56653**

*Open Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.*

***"Auto repair and car wash"***

Show your Co-op Card and receive  
**10% off** analyze engine computer  
 code-check engine light

**Phone: 218-278-6619**



**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.**

1213 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
 Grand Rapids, MN 55744-3984  
 800-422-0312

**Arrowhead Economic  
 Opportunity Agency**

702 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.  
 Virginia, MN 55792-2797  
 800-662-5711

**NORTH STAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE POLITICAL LEADERS**

**Federal legislators**

**Senator Al Franken**

309 Hart Senate Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20510  
[www.franken.senate.gov](http://www.franken.senate.gov)  
 202-224-5641  
 Fax: 202-224-0044

**Senator Amy Klobuchar**

302 Hart Senate Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20510  
[www.klobuchar.senate.gov](http://www.klobuchar.senate.gov)  
 202-224-3244  
 1-888-224-9043 (Minnesota office)  
 Fax: 202-228-2186

**Congressman Chip Cravaack**

508 Cannon House Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20515  
[www.cravaack.house.gov](http://www.cravaack.house.gov)  
 202-225-6211  
 Fax: 202-225-0699

**Congressman Collin Peterson**

2211 Rayburn House Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20515  
[www.collinpetersen.house.gov](http://www.collinpetersen.house.gov)  
 202-225-2165  
 Fax: 202-225-1593

**State of Minnesota legislators**

**Senator Tom Bakk**

75 Rev. Dr. Martin  
 Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
 Capitol Building, Room 147  
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1606  
 651-296-8881  
[sen.tom.bakk@senate.mn](mailto:sen.tom.bakk@senate.mn)

**Senator Tom Saxhaug**

75 Rev. Dr. Martin  
 Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
 Capitol Building, Room 135  
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1606  
 651-296-4136  
[sen.tom.saxhaug@senate.mn](mailto:sen.tom.saxhaug@senate.mn)

**Senator LeRoy Stumpf**

75 Rev. Dr. Martin  
 Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
 Capitol Building, Room 145  
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1606  
 651-296-8660  
[sen.leroy.stumpf@senate.mn](mailto:sen.leroy.stumpf@senate.mn)

**Representative Tom Anzelc**

307 State Office Building  
 100 Rev. Dr. Martin  
 Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
 St. Paul, MN 55155

651-296-4936

[rep.tom.anzelc@house.mn](mailto:rep.tom.anzelc@house.mn)

**Representative David Dill**

273 State Office Building  
 100 Rev. Dr. Martin  
 Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
 St. Paul, MN 55155  
 651-296-2190  
 800-339-0466  
[rep.david.dill@house.mn](mailto:rep.david.dill@house.mn)

**Representative Dan Fabian**

431 State Office Building  
 100 Rev. Dr. Martin  
 Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
 St. Paul, MN 55155  
 651-296-9635  
[rep.dan.fabian@house.mn](mailto:rep.dan.fabian@house.mn)

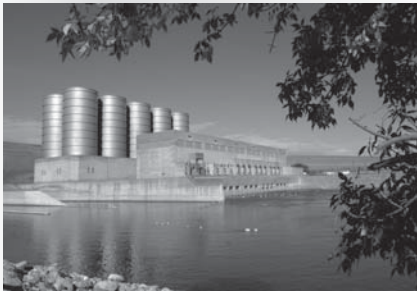
**Representative Tom Rukavina**

303 State Office Building  
 100 Rev. Dr. Martin  
 Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
 St. Paul, MN 55155  
 651-296-0170  
 888-682-3205  
[rep.tom.rukavina@house.mn](mailto:rep.tom.rukavina@house.mn)



June 25, 26 and 27

# POWER PLANT TOUR



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 tour the hydroelectric plant. We will end our day by returning to the Seven Seas for supper.

On the third day, we will visit the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center near Lake

Ashtabula, where some of our energy is generated. The wind towers are 250 feet tall with 120-foot blades. After that, we're off to Grand Forks for lunch, and then back home.

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 in the past are encouraged to go.

**For further details, contact  
Wayne Haukaas at 634-2202  
or 1-888-634-2202.**

**W**e are offering all North Star Electric members an exceptional summer opportunity that's fun for all ages. This year's power plant tour is three days, which will make the trip more relaxing.

The tour is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday, June 25-27. The first day, we will tour Minnkota Power's control center and diesel generating plant at Grand Forks, and then it's off to the beautiful Seven Seas Hotel & Waterpark 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

*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 Co-op  
P.O. Box 719 • Baudette, MN 56623

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you enjoyed this trip in the past? No/Yes If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_