

EPA approves state plan for Young Station

The regional haze debate has become clear. The United States EPA has approved North Dakota's State Implementation Plan (SIP) regarding nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions for Units 1 and 2 at Minnkota's Milton R. Young Station (MRYS).

This final action regarding regional haze was released by the EPA on March 2. It means that the EPA has approved that portion of the state of North Dakota's SIP that allows Over-Fire Air (OFA)+Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction (SNCR) technology to be used for NO_x reduction at the Young Station in complying with the Regional Haze Rule.

The EPA also approved the SIP for Basin Electric Cooperative's Leland Olds Station (LOS) Unit 2. However, the EPA's action does require two plants to make changes. A partial Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) means Basin's Antelope Valley Station (AVS) must install low-NO_x burners and Great River Energy's Coal Creek Station must install SNCR. Both of those use pulverized coal-fired boilers. The Young Station and Leland Olds Unit 2 have cyclone-fired boilers.

In July 2011, the EPA issued a proposed FIP that would have required the MRYS and LOS Unit 2 to install Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology. SCR is much more expensive than OFA+SNCR technology and has not been proven to work on cyclone-fired boilers using North Dakota lignite coal.

"We are pleased the EPA recognized the state of North Dakota properly identified the right technology for our Young Station," said Mac McLennan, Minnkota president & CEO. "A number of people have worked hard on this issue for many years. This is a victory for the coexistence of clean, clear air and affordable energy."

The EPA and other agencies have been monitoring visibility in national parks and wilderness areas since 1988. In 1999, the EPA announced a major effort to improve air quality in national parks and wilderness areas. The Regional Haze Rule calls for state and federal agencies to work together to improve visibility in 156 national parks and wilderness areas, including Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

A December 2011 ruling weighed heavily in the EPA's decision to approve the SIP for the Young Station and Leland Olds Unit 2.

In that case, U.S. District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland ruled in favor of the state of North Dakota in a dispute resolution process under the Consent Decree for what is Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for NO_x at the Young Station.

The Judge denied both the EPA's motion to Stay the process until regional haze is settled and the motion for dispute resolution that would have required the state of North Dakota to redo the BACT determination.

Hovland ruled that the state's finding that BACT for NO_x at the Young Station was SNCR – and not SCR – was not unreasonable nor was it arbitrary and capricious.

"In light of the court's decision and the views we have expressed in our BART (Best Available Retrofit Technology) guidelines on the relationship of BACT to BART, we have concluded that it would be inappropriate to proceed with our proposed disapproval of SNCR as BART and our proposed FIP to impose SCR at MRYS 1 and 2 and LOS 2," the EPA said. "While LOS was not the subject of the BACT determination, the same reasoning that applies to MRYS 1 and 2 also applies to LOS 2. It is the same type of boiler burning North Dakota lignite coal, and North Dakota's

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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' Feb. 1 meeting. In addition to routine business, the board voted to approve out-of-state travel to participate in the NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Legislative Conference this spring on Capitol Hill, to set up an HRA (Health Reimbursement Account), to approve refinancing four RUS (Rural Utilities Service) loans saving \$259,508, which is in addition to \$823,870 in savings that will be realized when refinancing two FFB (Federal Financing Bank) loans, to approve payment of early, discounted estate capital credits and to approve allocating the 2011 margins (revenue in excess of expenses) to members' capital credit accounts.

Staff reports included the financial report, which showed the local cost of North Star Electric Co-op's delivery of electricity from the substations to the meters remained the same in 2011 as it was in 2010. The cost of the EPA-mandated environmental upgrades began to impact the wholesale rates last year

and was the sole reason for the large retail rate increase last March. Preventing an additional EPA mandate that will be even more costly but would make little difference to the environment is still an important issue to work on. Staff reports also included discussions about load management, solar generation, power plant tours, member appreciation days, Operation Round Up, an insurance claim, pole testing, pole changeouts and achieving 422,663 hours of work without a lost-time accident. Directors named the local organizations that will be sharing unclaimed capital credits. They also heard reports from recent meetings.

Detailed minutes are available at the cooperative for member review. Regular board meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of every month (251-21-032-05, Jeremy Woinarowicz). 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.

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.

Swisher 60" 13 hp I/C, OHC, electric start, finish cut pull behind mower.
Polaris 60" 14½ hp I/C, OHC, electric start, finish cut pull behind mower.

Bids must be in a sealed envelope with item listed on the outside. Bids will be accepted until April 30, 2012.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

North Star Electric offices
will be closed

Friday, April 6,

in observance of
Good Friday



• • • • 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.)

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Scott Stenvik
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Thief River Falls, MN 56701
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Dan Hoskins
General Manager

Manager's Report

Yesterday I went to work and had a pretty good day, got some things done and had a successful meeting with our North Star board of directors. After a full day of work, a meeting and then staring at my computer screen most of the afternoon, it was time to go home and kick back a little. What I didn't know was that what was about to happen would ultimately lead to this article (along with a few other tips and phone calls from some of you).

Well, let me tell you how this went; and needless to say, when I walked into my home, I didn't realize that instead of my lovely wife, Sharon, meeting me with that pleasant June Cleaver voice, "Hi dear, did you have a nice day?," I would get that not really loud, but demanding voice of Roseanne Barr, "Dan, have you seen our power bill!"

Yes dear, I have seen it, I brought it home. Yes, I know dear, it is high, but Sharon, remember last March we raised the rates quite a bit because of the 34.8 percent wholesale power increase that Minnkota handed us from December 2010 to March 2011 and we passed those increases through to our members. Well, we are one of our members.

Yes, that rate increase was because of all the new stuff Minnkota installed on its power plant to help keep emissions out of the air. Thank goodness the EPA accepted the state of North Dakota's regional haze plan. The good Lord knows we could hardly handle another increase like the last one. Yes, I do know we haven't had a February power bill that high, but if you give me a chance, I'll explain (or at least try to).

Sit down here babe; here, have a Diet Coke (mumbling to myself, "Need anything to go in it?") "What was that?" she says. I said, "Just relax a bit and I'll go over the bill with you and talk about all the components." (Now, if any of you reading this would like to follow along with your bill, please feel free to do so.) First of all, look up in the right corner of our bill where it says "Energy use calculated from your meter readings from the last 18 months." Now, look at Feb. 12 and then go down the list to Feb. 11, and compare those numbers associated with those dates. As you can see, our usage has gone down, but because of the large rate increase in March 2011, our bill went up.

Well dear, I'll also tell you what that means. It means that the thermostat that you have set on 64 degrees in our home and all those pigtail light bulbs that we have

put in are working and we are conserving energy. Now, if those numbers were higher by quite a bit, then I would stop right here and have you call our office and talk with Wayne Haukaas or Kevin Holen of our Member Service Department and they would work with you to see if there was a high use problem. But, since that is not the case, we shall continue with the bill. What was that? Yes, you could talk with Patsy (Patsy Olson is our billing coordinator), but I am sure that she will tell you about the same thing that I am going to, but maybe in a different and more pleasant tone!

Anyway, look at the energy usage on the box where it says CURRENT BILLING DETAIL and go to the first line where it says GENERAL SINGLE PHASE and follow that across. The first number is our meter number out here in the yard, the second is the meter reading from Jan. 19 and the third is the most recent meter reading from Feb. 20. That difference is our regular electric usage and you take that and multiply it times the rate number there and it gives you the cost of our regular usage.

You can do the very same thing with the next two lines on our bill. Why do we have two lines that say OFF PEAK-LONG TERM? Because we have two off-peak meters, one for the electric controlled heat in our house and one for the heat in our garage. That electricity is at a lower rate and, actually, it's a fantastic rate per kWh because of the ability for Minnkota to control energy demand through our meters.

The next line is the MINNKOTA SURCHARGE, and that number you see if you move across is the total of all energy that we use. Take that number and multiply it times the rate associated with the line, \$.003. Well, that is an added cost that Minnkota has given us that we used to call the Wind Energy Surcharge. It was \$.005, but it went down this year. That was supposed to make up for lost renewable energy sales on the energy market. Now Minnkota has combined some of those costs into its wholesale rate, so this surcharge makes up for lost energy sales because of mostly a down economy, an abundance of energy on the market with no demand and the loss of revenue on renewable energy.

Oh yeah, I knew you would question the next line item. Well just simmer down, and let's talk about it. Absolutely there is a reason for it and, well, let's just look at the BASIC SERVICE FEE. That cost comes from a lot of numbers that are put together through a cost of service analysis done

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by Power System Engineering. You have met Doug Joens, our consulting engineer. Well, it's his firm that does our cost of service analysis and this analysis gives us an idea of how much the minimum charge should be. Yes, there is a monthly cost for all of our services: residential, seasonal, commercial, industrial and large power, plus our controlled loads.

No that's fine, ask all the questions you want, and if I don't know the answer, I'll find it for you. So, when this analysis came back to North Star, it showed us what the costs associated with all of our infrastructure, service costs, maintenance of plant and what we should be charging as a minimum. Yes, every one of our residential accounts, whether it is seasonal or full-time resident, pays the same. It costs the same to maintain or take care of our line as it does our neighbors, Larry and Gayle, just down the road. This is our share of expenses to help maintain the lines all the way to the substations. Over the years, our staff at North Star Electric, along with our board of directors, have tried to balance the costs of the minimum bill along with the kWh charge to minimize the burden that would be placed on a majority of our members.

Yes, I do hear that a lot and yes most all electric cooperatives, municipalities or IOUs have a minimum charge of some kind, but a lot of the consideration is based on what we call density, or number of accounts per mile of line. For this reason, some utilities may charge less than North Star per account, but in reality, all of our costs associated with operation of power lines are very comparable.

Yes dear, you are right on. Our basic service fee is the same as a minimum monthly charge, and yes it does help us immensely defray some of the costs associated with our power lines, facilities, equipment and services that include maintenance, upgrades, right-of-way costs, meter reading

and testing, line moves and changes. It also helps defray the cost of some general administrative duties such as billing, accounting and customer service and member information. Yes, in other words it guarantees income that enables the cooperative to operate. No, it is not all we need; some of those costs come from the kWh charge.

Whattaya mean you need a break? Just give me five more minutes. Here, let me go freshen up your Diet Coke. Ok, yes, I know you have things to do, but you started this and we are almost done. The next line is the ECC CREDIT, a credit we get because we let Minnkota control our water heaters. Haha, I don't think they will give us \$250 a month to do that, nice try.

Then, of course, the next line is the sales tax that North Star has to pay. The next line is the ROUND UP LINE, which allows North Star to round up our power bill to the nearest dollar amount as a donation to help out other organizations such as fire and ambulance departments. Yes, that is a good thing, and yes we were on the fire and ambulance squads for more than 20 years, and yes funding is hard to come by. This is a good program. North Star has given approximately \$100,000 in the last 5½ years to various organizations through this program!

And, of course, the last line is the TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES, which is the total we owe for the month. Yes dear, I know that was the first line that you looked at, and that's why we sat down and looked at this bill. One more thing Sharon; just think of the value we get from electricity. The lights, the heat, the microwave, the computer, the phone, yep the phone; just think, you wouldn't be able to talk to anyone. No, I'm not getting smart, just stating a fact!

Well, I'm glad you feel better now, and yes I would like to have a lower power bill also but the employees, the management staff and all of our board of directors work all the time on trying to maintain our lowest cost energy while providing the best possible, most reliable service we can. Yes dear, you are welcome and I love you too!

God bless you and our troops,
Dan

The value is electric!

One tank of gas for your car
20 gallons at \$3.69/gallon = **\$73.80**

More than 22 days of electricity
for your entire home = **\$73.80***

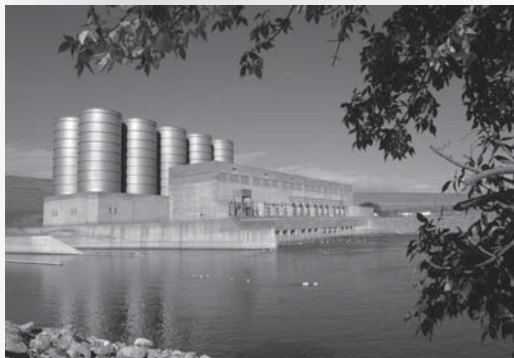
*Based on North Star Electric average residential usage of 875 kWh per month at the residential rate of \$.113/kWh + Minnkota surcharge of \$.003/kWh



POWER PLANT TOUR



June 25, 26 and 27



We 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 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.

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? _____

Summer seminar opportunity

Offers educators a first-hand look at mines and power plants



The Lignite Energy Council is a trade association that represents more than 300 companies that are involved in the region's energy industry. Each year, nearly 30 million tons of lignite are produced in North Dakota and converted to electricity, synthetic natural gas, fertilizer and other products. The lignite industry employs more than 27,000 people, has an economic impact of \$3 billion in North Dakota and generates more than \$90 million in state taxes each year.

The Lignite Energy Council, based in Bismarck, N.D., is sponsoring a teacher seminar titled 2012 Lignite Teacher Education Seminar: Energy, Economics and Environment at Bismarck State College, Bismarck, N.D., on June 18-21, 2012.

This seminar is designed to provide teachers with a broader understanding of the lignite coal industry and the important role it plays in providing electricity to consumers, farmers and businesses in North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota and Montana. The seminar includes discussions on how lignite coal is mined and converted into energy, and the economic impact of the industry on the region. It also includes a tour of a lignite mine, a lignite-based power plant and the Great Plains Synfuels Plant (which converts coal into synthetic natural gas and other valuable byproducts).

Minnkota Power Cooperative is sponsoring 10 teachers from its Minnesota service area by paying the registration fee, plus round-trip mileage to the seminar in Bismarck. Rooms are provided at Bismarck State College at no charge. Meals are also included.

Teachers who attend the four-day seminar and complete a lesson plan are eligible to receive two graduate credits in education, economics or science from one of three North Dakota universities: University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University and Minot State University.

Application materials will be mailed to schools throughout the region or are available at www.minnkota.com. All applications need to be submitted to Sue Black, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., PO Box 13200, Grand Forks, ND 58208-3200 by April 13, 2012.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is it beneficial to turn off lights when leaving the room for 10 or 15 minutes?

That depends on the type of bulb you are using. If you are using an incandescent bulb, I always turn them off when I am leaving the room and will turn them back on when I return. If you are using a CFL lamp and are leaving the room for under 10 minutes, I leave them on. The reason for this is each time you turn a CFL lamp on or off, it is a switching cycle and each switching cycle shortens the life of the lamp. That is one of the main reasons a CFL lamp does not last as long as they are advertised for. With an incandescent bulb, the switching cycle does not make much of a difference, so when you leave the room, turn off the lights.

If you have a computer, should you turn it off and on through the day or is it better just to leave it on?

That depends how often you are on the computer during the day. Of course, the computer uses the most power when you are using it, but even in the sleep mode it is using power. If you don't mind waiting for the computer to power up again, it is better to turn it off, but it will be difficult to see the difference on your electric bill. It is always better to turn off your computer at the surge protector when you are done with it for the day and restart it in the morning.

A BREAK FROM COLD WEATHER

does not mean a break from safety



If the unusually warm winter weather is sparking thoughts of tackling projects outside, you are not alone. Many of us are motivated to work on chores needing to get done in the yard or on the exterior of our homes. However, just because we are getting a break from cold weather does not mean we can take a break from safety. When the weather allows us to work outside, we need to remember to keep safety first – no matter how eager we are to complete a job.

“Look up and around you for overhead power lines. Take the time to become aware of your surroundings,” recommends Molly Hall,

executive director of the Safe Electricity program. “It is a critical step to keeping yourself and your loved ones safe.”

Safe Electricity encourages everyone to follow these guidelines when working outdoors this year:

Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long tools like ladders and pruning poles. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission



estimates that, between 2000 and 2003, 17 people died each year from electrocution when a ladder came into contact with an electrical wire around the home. Be sure to lower your long equipment when you are moving it (795-27-046-02, David Wood). Carry ladders and other long items horizontally whenever possible.

Be careful when working on or around your roof – installing rooftop antennas and satellite dishes, installing or cleaning gutters or doing repair work. Never go up on the roof in windy or bad weather.

Be especially careful when working near electric lines attached to your house. Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from lines.

Never trim trees near power lines – leave that to the professionals.

Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.

Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines are not touching the tree, they could come in contact when more weight is added to the branch.

For more information on winter outages, generator safety, and more, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Capital credit allocation

Your March bill will show your share of the 2011 margins (revenue in excess of expenses) and your accumulated capital credit balance. Because North Star Electric Cooperative is nonprofit and owned by those who purchase electricity from it, all margins are returned to you and the other members. Current margins are temporarily held in your capital credit account, which is your share of the ownership of the cooperative's assets. Over time, these capital credits are repaid to the members. Payment or bill credit are typically made in September. We have returned more than \$8,600,000 of capital credits to our members and hold approximately \$11,000,000.

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views regarding technical infeasibility that the U.S. District Court upheld in the MRYs BACT case apply to it as well.”

Sens. John Hoeven and Kent Conrad, Rep. Rick Berg and Gov. Jack Dalrymple were pleased with the EPA's decision regarding the clean air plan.

Rather than a more costly federal plan (\$500 million for Minnkota alone), the agreement will provide North Dakota with flexibility to implement sensible and cost-effective standards for improving visibility in selected areas of the state.

The announcement followed meetings held between the delegation and EPA officials, including a meeting with

Administrator Lisa Jackson in December.

The delegation has remained committed to affirming the state of North Dakota's ability to manage its own implementation plan, citing the state's longstanding commitment to meeting all Clean Air Act National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and significant progress the state has already made in reducing haze in the region.

Hoeven says the decision is a win for the state and local control (556-05-002-14, Darrell Fish).

“Our state has long demonstrated that we can promote strong economic growth and job creation, while doing a good job of protecting our air, land and water,” he said.

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.

Scholarships for Minnesota students interested in pursuing careers in cooperatives

The Minnesota Cooperative Education Foundation is pleased to announce the Edward Sletton Cooperative Leadership scholarships are being offered for high school, college, law and business school students interested in pursuing careers in cooperatives.

The awards include \$500 for high school students and \$750 for students at a two- or four-year undergraduate institution and \$1,000 for students in graduate school. The awards are based on scholastic achievement, leadership and an ability to contribute to co-ops in the future.

Please call 651-228-0213, email andrew.duerr@cooperativenetwork.coop, or visit <http://bit.ly/mcef12schol> for application documents and eligibility information. **The application deadline is April 1, 2012.**



Staff Report



Allan Baumgartner
*Littlefork District
Operations Supervisor*

2012 Work Plan

We will be contracting out the work to replace a combined eight miles of three-phase overhead power lines on two main feeders located south of Lake Kabetogama along U.S. Highway 53 and south of Littlefork along Highway 65. In both cases, a larger conductor will be installed to improve voltage at the end of our lines and reduce line loss. Our crews will install and terminate the underground portion of the work that will need to take place. Both east and west crews will be involved with line work along the Highway 11 road improvement job between Indus and Loman this summer. Our crews finished some of the work last fall when the ground was dry, so that will help us. I believe the section of highway between Loman and Pelland Junction is scheduled to be upgraded by the MnDOT in 2015. We also have some minor work plan improvements to do this summer at the end of the Ash River Trail and on Rainy Lake, if time permits.

Line Maintenance

Our crews are finishing up some of the last pole changeout work that we can do this winter in the city of Littlefork. Later this summer, we will go back and change out rejected poles that have underground lines attached to them after the ground thaws out. Our crews will soon start up our Annual Line Inspection Program, along with reading some meters and checking new pole attachments. Every year our crews find some power line problem or problems that require our immediate attention. You may notice our crews in your service area this spring tending to these matters.

New Projects

If you have building plans for the upcoming summer, now is a good time to call and discuss them with us, prior to a construction site meeting. Whether it's a new service, service upgrade or even a service-move involving North Star equipment, it helps ensure prompt service to your needs if we are able to plan for it in advance.

Safety

Remember to call Gopher State One Call at 1-800-252-1166 for any digging you are planning. And remember to always look up and use caution when working near or around any overhead wires.

GOPHER STATE ONE CALL



It's the **LAW**
**CALL BEFORE
YOU DIG**

Minnesota Statewide
One Call
Notification Center
1-800-252-1166

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 or www.connections.coop

- **Salon 71** (Littlefork)
- **Lavalla's Antique & Gift Shop** (Baudette)
- **Hardee's Restaurant** (I'Falls)
- **The Furniture Gallery** (Baudette)

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**

Northsite Health & Racquet Club/Screen Prints & Embroidery

10 Shorewood Drive,
International Falls, MN 56649

Open Mon. through Fri. 6 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sat.
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Show your Co-op Card and save
10% off memberships and tanning
(unless a discount sale is already offered)

Phone: 218-285-7143



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 8th 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 5th St.
International Falls, MN 56649
283-7000

Kootasca Community Action, Inc.

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

Kootasca Community Action, Inc.

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

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

702 3rd Ave. S.
Virginia, MN 55792-2797
800-662-5711

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Unclaimed capital credits donated to local nonprofit organizations

Mike Trueman, board member from District 2, presents a check to Jim Thompson for the Grand Theater projection fund.



Mike Trueman, board member from District 2, presents a check to Tabatha Thompson from the Robotics team. Pictured from left to right: Mike Trueman; Dan Viste, Robotics team mentor and tech director; and Tabatha Thompson.



Julian Brzoznowski, board member from District 7, presents a check to the Lake Kabetogama First Responders. Pictured from left to right: Rusty Lehto, Paul Kiner, Julian Brzoznowski, Kari Hraban, Bob Nevalainen and Dave McRoberts.

Donald Robertson accepts a check for the Big Falls Area Senior Citizens from Lorraine Nygaard, board member from District 6.



Randy Bergan, board member from District 3, presents a check to the Williams Senior Citizen Center. Pictured from left to right: Judy Senkyr, Randy Bergan and Velma Lund.

