

EPA announces proposed rule for existing power plants

North Star Electric Cooperative is concerned about possible impact on electric rates, jobs

In what could lead to higher electricity rates for you, the consumer, and job cuts for many across the country, the Obama administration has announced the United States' first proposed rule to cut carbon-dioxide emissions from existing power plants.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed that existing plants reduce carbon dioxide by an average of 30 percent – compared to 2005 levels – by 2030. North Star Electric Cooperative and Minnkota Power, our wholesale energy provider, are deeply concerned about the proposed rule.

"This is obviously an important issue for Minnkota and other electric cooperatives in this country," said Mac McLennan, Minnkota president & CEO. "We are reviewing the EPA's 600-plus-page proposed rule. We believe coal should remain a key part of the energy mix in the United States."

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy announced the proposed rule June 2 in Washington, D.C. The EPA will accept comment on the proposal for 120 days after it is published in the Federal Register. Please go to www.action.coop and make your voice heard.

Public hearings will be held in Denver, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh the week of July 28.

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Though the document will take time to review, several leaders in the coal and electric industries are concerned with what they have learned so far.

"Americans count on affordable and reliable energy to power our communities, promote job and economic growth and keep costs in line for the basic necessities in our family budgets," said National Rural Electric Cooperative Association CEO Jo Ann Emerson. "New EPA regulations that add to the price of electricity have serious consequences for our communities, jobs and families."

Minnkota has invested more than \$425 million into environmental upgrades at the Milton R. Young Station. Total investment in the clean coal technology at North Dakota's eight-coal-based power plants is more than \$2 billion.

"This rule puts another mandate on

us to spend billions more chasing down this perhaps unachievable target," Jason Bohrer, president of the Lignite Energy Council.

Under the proposed rule, North Dakota must cut carbon emissions from existing coal plants to an average of 1,817 pounds per megawatt-hour (MWh) by 2020 and 1,783 pounds per MWh by 2030. The EPA's plan gives states an interim goal to reach by 2020 and a final goal to hit by 2030.

Most states will have until 2016 to submit a plan to cut power plant emissions, and 2017 if they join with other states to tackle the problem, according to the EPA's proposal.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce argues that the rule will kill jobs and close power plants across the country. The group released a study that finds the rule will result in the loss of 224,000 jobs every year through 2030 and impose \$50 billion in annual costs. In the meantime, the EPA is projecting that the annual cost of complying with its rule could be as high as \$8.8 billion in 2030.

"The lignite industry has been a stable component of the state's economy, accounting for about one in every 20 jobs in the state," Bohrer said. "The industry also provides about \$100 million in taxes every year for the state and about \$3 billion in total economic activity. Today, North Dakota is one of only seven states that meet the EPA's clean air standards."

The Obama administration released the proposed rule just months before the midterm elections.

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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 electric energy and other beneficial services while maintaining the very highest standards of performance.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Highlights from the BOARDROOM

These are the highlights from the board of directors' April 30 meeting. All board members were in attendance. In addition to routine action, the board voted to accept the IRS 990, to approve the ERP (Emergency Response Plan) and to authorize participation in meetings regarding EPA issues that impact North Star Electric Cooperative.

Staff reports included the financial report, rates, the transition to month-end meter reading dates, DBS capital credits, new off-peak electric heat rebates, high use calls, solar system inquiries, the June Power Plant Tour, Operation RoundUp, new services, pole

changeouts, contracted construction work plan projects, safety training and meetings. Director reports included the Square Butte quarterly board meeting, the Minnkota monthly board meeting and Roseau Electric Cooperative's annual 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.



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Dan Hoskins
General Manager

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ladies and gentlemen, we are grateful to the folks who operate the power plants at Minnkota Power Cooperative and give us our very cheap, reliable and dependable electricity. Recently, there was quite an event at the Minnkota Milton R. Young Unit 2.

Now, you have all heard about tube leaks in the past and most of you are familiar with those terms and know that when something like this happens, the power plant has to be shut down for repairs. Well, on May 2, there was a much larger event. Seems that 12, yes that is right, not one or two, but 12 water-filled tubes ruptured at roughly the same time and this created significant damage to the boiler wall outer covering (casing), ductwork and numerous other pieces of the plant boiler. About 50 percent of this water leaking into the flue gas stream expanded as it turned into steam and overpressurized the flue gas side of the boiler. This event could have been so much worse.

Thankfully, there were no injuries and the professional and quick-thinking employees of the plant shut things down ASAP so there was no further damage to other moving parts of the plant that depend on the boiler. Minnkota is evaluating the situation, repairs and costs. We will give you an update after we get the information from Minnkota.

Now on a quick note, our open houses will be June 19 at our Littlefork office and June 20 at our Baudette office. The hours will be the same at both places, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. This year, as usual, we will have information concerning electric heat and other valuable items, and we will answer your questions.

This year we will focus on our young people. As I told you last month when I talked about the scholarships, we understand

that our young people are our future. Last month our focus was on scholarships, and this month we focus on just a bit younger crowd. So, at our open houses, we will have face painting, which should be a hoot, plus an electrical demonstration for the kids, showing them a number of safety things to look for at home. This area will also include a coloring book station with free coloring books.

We also plan to have bucket truck rides so the young people get to see firsthand what it looks like from the top, rather than always looking up at our linemen (252-01-043-05, Steven V. Carlson). We will have the safety harnesses for our participants so they can see what they have to wear in the bucket, plus there will be lineman tools for the kids to look at and maybe even try on. And, of course, what is an open house without popcorn and cotton candy and balloons for all? Along with all of this, we will serve brats, chips, soda pop and cookies.

We would also like to tell all the young people that at both locations, Littlefork and Baudette, we will have a drawing to give a boys bicycle and a girls bicycle away. So mom, dad, grandpa, grandma, you can't sign up, but you can sure make sure your young people get to our open house in your area and give them a chance to win!

Now on the new side, North Star is planning a solar site at our Baudette headquarters. Yes, you heard me right; we are putting up a solar site! We are doing this so we can monitor the output and give our employees a chance to study one of these units so when questions arise, we have info for you. And we hope that this unit is up and functional by the open house so you can stop by and let's just say, check it out and kick the tires.

So there you have it! I hope to see you all either in Littlefork or Baudette, and have a happy and safe Fourth of July. God bless you and our troops,
Dan

DIGGING SOON?



Attention budget bill members

The amount on the bill you receive in June **WILL BE DIFFERENT**. This is because the estimated budget is compared to the actual electricity used, and the difference is billed. The bill we send you in July will begin a new budget year, and it may show a new budget amount to pay, based on previous usage. If you have any questions, call Patsy at **218-634-2202**, **888-634-2202**, or email patsynsec@wiktel.com.



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Member Appreciation Days

On Thursday, June 19, please join us at the Littlefork office from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and on Friday, June 20, at the Baudette office from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be refreshments with brats, chips, cookies, popcorn and cotton candy. Adults can register for prizes, but this year we will be focusing on the kids. At both Baudette and Littlefork we will give away a boys and girls bike, **WHICH THE KIDS NEED TO SIGN UP FOR.** We will also have face painting, electrical safety demonstrations, coloring books, balloons and bucket truck rides. We will also have some of the tools and equipment that our linemen need to use to perform their work safely and efficiently.

BEST WISHES KATHY!



Kathy Senti with some of her past and present North Star Electric co-workers. **Front row:** Pasty Olson, Kathy Senti and Norma Anderson. **Back row:** Lynette Dostall, Sue Williams and Betty Berg.

After nearly 30 years of serving the members out of both the Littlefork and Baudette offices, Kathy Senti is retiring. If you know Kathy, you understand how much we will miss her. Her heart is in the right place, her dedication to the members is second to none, and she is an effective, hardworking gal. If we had to use only one word to describe Kathy, it would be "HELPFUL." Without hesitation, she sees when people need assistance, and their needs come before her own. We will surely miss her, but are happy for the new chapter in her life that she has been waiting for. Best wishes Kathy!

June is a time for Fun & Safety



While the month of June is known for its hot weather, vacations and the first day of summer, many may not know that June is dedicated to safety, as both Home Safety Month and National Safety Month are observed during those 30 days. So take a break from fun in the sun to make sure your family is safe from electrical dangers.

Safe Electricity provides a checklist of basic safety essentials to help you keep your home safe from electrical fire and shock hazards:

- Check outlets for loose-fitting plugs. Replace missing or broken wall plates so wiring and components are not exposed. If you have young children at home, install tamper resistant outlets (TROs) or cover unused outlets with plastic safety caps.
- Never force plugs into outlets. Do not remove the grounding pin (third prong) to make a three-prong plug fit a two-prong outlet. Avoid overloading outlets with adapters and too many appliance plugs.
- Make sure cords are not frayed or cracked, placed under carpets or rugs, or located in high traffic areas. Do not nail or staple them to walls, floors or other objects.
- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis – not as permanent household wiring. Make sure they have safety closures to protect children from shock and mouth burns.
- Check wattage to ensure light bulbs match the fixture requirements. Replace bulbs that have higher wattage ratings than recommended. Screw them in securely so they do not overheat.
- Make sure outlets in the kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, basement, garage, outdoors or any area with water are equipped with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs). Test them monthly to ensure they are working properly.
- Make sure fuses are properly sized for the circuit they are protecting. If you do not know the correct rating, have an electrician identify and label the correct size to be used. Always replace a fuse with the same size you are removing.
- If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker or has given you an electrical shock, immediately unplug it and have it repaired or replaced (131-16-001-01, Jay Rehder). Look for cracks or damage in wiring and connectors. Use surge protectors to protect electronics.
- Check periodically for loose wall receptacles, wires or loose lighting fixtures. Listen for popping or sizzling sounds behind walls. Immediately shut off, then professionally replace light switches that are hot to the touch as well as lights that spark or flicker.
- As you continue to upgrade your home with more lighting, appliances and electronics, your home's service capacity may become overburdened. If fuses blow or trip frequently, have a professional determine the appropriate service requirements for your home.

For more information on electrical safety around the home, visit SafeElectricity.org.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

During the summer months, our homes can be extremely hot, making living conditions uncomfortable. Before you fire up the air conditioner, try cooling off with a ceiling fan first. Using ceiling fans can actually raise your thermostat setting by four degrees and still feel just as comfortable.

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COME SEE US AT THE FAIR!

Lake of the Woods - Baudette

July 9-12!

Northern District - Littlefork

July 11-13!

See you there!





We are Looking for you!

Listed on the following pages are the names of past and present members of North Star Electric who have unclaimed capital credits remaining on our books. Eventually, the remaining unclaimed capital credits for the names listed on these pages will revert back to the cooperative as contributed capital. If you recognize any names in this publication please have that person or their authorized representative contact our office for further instructions on how the unclaimed amounts may be retired. Thank you for your assistance.

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 TUPPER, MIKE

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 ANDERSON, CARL R.
 ANDERSON, ERIC
 ANSON INC.
 ANTHONY, PAUL
 ANTHONY, THOMAS J.
 ANTIN, BETTY (EST.)
 ANTIN, STEVE
 BERG, AGNES
 BROWN, DAYMON
 BRUCE, JEFFREY A.
 DOREN, A. H.
 FLATEN, GARY R.
 GEHMAN, DARYL L.
 GRIFFING, JANELL
 HANSEN, WALTER
 HAUGH, DARRELL L.
 HUGGINS, JAMES K.
 JENNINGS, DALE
 MARTIN, CLYDE
 MILLER, JEFFREY
 MUSE, DAVID
 NELSON, TERRY ELL
 OLSON, EDWIN
 PROBST, TIM
 RAHMAN, FAIZUR
 ROGERS, SAMUEL
 SCAFE, WILLIAM T.
 SPODEN, PATRICIA
 TATE, ROBERT J.
 TEDDER, JIMMY
 TOMCZAK, SHERI
 WORLEY, DAN
 YUHAS, THOMAS A.

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 HOCHSTETLER, WALTER

MADISON, MINN.
 MERCHANT, STEVE

MARGIE, MINN.
 HAVERLAND, EVA
 MALONE, FRED
 MITCHELL, BARBARA

MARINE ST. CROIX, MINN.
 OPSE, DONALD J.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
 BERGQUIST, SYLVIA M.
 BRUGGEMAN, BONNIE
 FORBRAGD, D.
 GRIFFIN, LAWRENCE J.
 MACILRAVIE, LORNA
 PETERSON, RUSSELL
 SHULL, HAROLD
 STANTON, MICHAEL
 TAMMARO, MICHAEL
 YRJANSON, RALPH

MINNETONKA, MINN.
 JOHNSON, PHILLIP S.
 KLIEVER, EDWARD

MIZPAH, MINN.
 PIHLAJA, ROLAND

MOOSE LAKE, MINN.
 SCHWOCHERT, ED (EST.)
 SCHWOCHERT JACQUELINE
 (EST.)
 SCHWOCHERT, MICHAEL L.

MORA, MINN.
 THOMPSON, DAN

MOUND, MINN.
 MOFFITT, CECIL (EST.)
 SKINNER, DARCIE W.

NEW HOPE, MINN.
 STROTHMAN, CHET

NISSWA, MINN.
 ANDERSON, DEBORAH

NORTH MANKATO, MINN.
 CARSON, CLAYTON T.
 FARLEY, JOSEPH
 REISDORF, JANE S.

NORTH SAINT PAUL, MINN.
 MARTIN, GRETA

NORTHFIELD, MINN.
 WICKLUND, ANNA

NORTHHOME, MINN.
 BLAKE, LEASA
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 CHURCH
 PATROW, DEAN

ORR, MINN.
 HEIKKILA, BEN
 HODOR, JOSEPH J.
 KINMOUNT CATH. MISSION
 KINMOUNT CATHOLIC
 CHURCH
 MACSHANE, JOHN E.
 SARVER, E. C.
 SCHMIDT, MARLYN
 SEXTON, LEO O.
 TARCHINSKI, RAMON

OSLO, MINN.
 WOINAROWICZ, ROMAN
 (EST.)

OWATONNA, MINN.
 ANDERSON, ALAN
 KRIESEL, DEAN H.

PARK RAPIDS, MINN.
 TALAASEN, PALMER B.

PINE ISLAND, MINN.
 LARSON, DAVID L.

PINE RIVER, MINN.
 POLANSKY, JOE

PLYMOUTH, MINN.
 BELANGER, ALFRED
 PILON, DANIEL D.

PRINCETON, MINN.
 PETERSON, CLAYTON

PUPOSKY, MINN.
 MAI, MARK A.

RANIER, MINN.
 BURBAGE, CHARLES H.
 CHAPMAN, JERE
 JACKSON, JOANNE
 JEFFRIES, RAY
 OLSON, JANET
 RAY, GEORGE C.
 STAGG, MICHAEL
 TRICKEL, RICHARD
 WATKINS, TIM R.

RAY, MINN.
 ABBEY, DON
 ANDERSON, LAURENCE D.
 BOYLE, STEPHEN L.

BROWN, GARY
 CARSON, MIKE
 CONRAD, MARVIN
 DEGOOD, RALPH (EST.)
 DUMOND, FRANK
 DUMOND, LESTER
 GARDEN, JOHN S.
 HACH, LARRY
 MCGINNIS, L. B.
 MODER, ROGER
 PFANZ, GEORGE
 ROCKY POINT RESORT
 (RASMUSSEN)
 ROMIG, BILLIE D.
 ROSS, DONALD

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 THOMAS, M. W.
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 OFTEDAHL, ANNA (EST.)
 OFTEDAHL, MAY J.

ROBBINSDALE, MINN.
 ANDERSON, LYLE
 SCHNEIDER, TED

ROCHERT, MINN.
 NOLAN, BARBARA

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 CRADER, CLIFTON R.
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 JOHN, BRANDON K.
 KRUPICH, MICHELLE
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 SMITH, DANIEL
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 VINCENT, SONJA M.
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ROSEAU, MINN.
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 DYBEDAHL, JOHN
 ERICKSON, CLARENCE E.
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 GROVER, PATRICIA
 HAMANN, HERBERT (EST.)
 KUKOWSKI, ALLAN
 NELSON, E. H.

S. INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINN.
 KIRCHOFF, EDWARD V. (EST.)
 MARK, CHERIE
 ROGERS, BERNICE
 WOODBRIDGE, CURTIS

SAINT CLOUD, MINN.
 BRUSTAD, ROSS
 BURGESS, RICHARD E.
 FRUTH, MARTIN
 HILL, R. R.

SAINT LOUIS PARK, MINN.
 CHANDLER, MARK

SAINT PAUL, MINN.
 CILIBERTO, GERRY
 HANE, ETHEL
 JOHNSON, RODNEY
 NEWMAN, OLIVER (EST.)
 PAINTER, FREDERICK
 REINARZ, DOROTHY J.

SALOL, MINN.
 MATTSON, ART
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SCANDIA, MINN.
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 JOHNSON-LINDBERG
 SHALEEN, GLENDON L.

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 EDEEN, DENNIS

SHEVLIN, MINN.
 EKRE, DANNY

SHOREVIEW, MINN.
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 CREGO, LORI

STEPHEN, MINN.
 JENSEN, SIG
 TRANE, BERTEN

STRANDQUIST, MINN.
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 GULLMAN, RONALD
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 NELSON, SCOTT
 PROTZ, ROBERT

VESTA, MINN.
 MALONE, CLIFFORD W.

VIKING, MINN.
 DAHLE, MICHEAL

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 PODERZAY, JOHN
 SMOLENSKY, WILLIAM
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 SANTMIRE, RAY

WAITE PARK, MINN.
 PRICE, AMY

WANNASKA, MINN.
 BERG, ROGER O.
 BOLIN, THORBJORN

WARREN, MINN.
 LOESLIE, HARVEY
 MATTISON, TODD

WARROAD, MINN.
 ADAMS, MICHEAL
 ARMSTRONG, TAMMY
 BEITO, PETER
 BROWN, STACEY
 BROWN, T. A.

CYPHER, WILLIAM L.
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 DOWERS, DORIS B. (EST.)
 ETLICK, LINDA
 FRIESNER, NEIL
 FRUETEL, DAWN
 GRAM, DEAN
 HAGEN, DAVE
 JOHNSON, SIGURD
 KINGERY, BRENT
 KLINE, VIVIANNE G.
 LORENZ, JOHN (EST.)
 LUND, LEONARD (EST.)
 MOLSTAD, TIM
 NELSON, RICHARD (EST.)
 NELSON, STEVE P.
 NORDGAARD, KELLY
 OLSON, DARREL
 OLSON, DUANE G.
 OLSONOSKI, ALLEYN
 PEDERSEN, CARL
 REGNIER, BRAD
 SAELAND, EUGENE (EST.)
 SAVAGE, ROBERT
 SEELEY, HAROLD
 STEVENS, LAURA
 WACHSMUTH, G.
 WALKER, WILLIS F. (EST.)
 WALZ, SHELLEY
 WILLEMS, DAVID
 WOLFF, DARRELL (EST.)
 ZAVISKA, RUSSELL

WEST SAINT PAUL, MINN.
 BURKE, MICHAEL P.

WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN.
 GAZDA, KENNETH

WILLIAMS, MINN.
 BEGIN, DARLENE
 DAVIS, EUGENE (EST.)
 FIELD, HELMER R.
 FISH, AGNES L.
 GILLIE, JOHN
 HARDWICK, MICHAEL L.
 HOEFLE, VINCENT F.
 JOHNS, BARRY
 JOHNSON, ROBERT B.
 KEENAN, TIM
 KOCH, CHARLES F.
 LAKE OF WOODS SHPG ASSN
 LARSON, MARVIN E.
 MARTIN, LARRY
 MCCANN, WILLIAM A.
 PAGNAC, MARY E.
 RANGER, J. C.
 REMINGTON, TOM (EST.)
 REULE, ROCKY A.
 RITLI, RITA
 ROGINA, ROLAND (EST.)
 SOLOMON, TERRY
 STARK, HENRY
 WASHABAUGH, PATTIE P.

WILLMAR, MINN.
 KENNARD, MARGARET

WOODBURY, MINN.
 MOYER, GEORGE W.

WYOMING, MINN.
 DE MARS, ANTHONY R.
 DEGIDIO, DON
 SWIFT, GERRY

ZIMMERMAN, MINN.
 CLOUTIER, KAREN
 MILLS, MURRAY I.

The North Star Electric Cooperative annual meeting of the members is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 3, at Lake of the Woods School. The Board of Directors positions up for election are **District 2 and 3 for a four-year term.**

Your district number is printed on your electric bill. If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, you may pick up a petition form at our North Star Electric Cooperative office in either Littlefork or Baudette.

Please be advised that each membership of the North Star Electric Cooperative is allowed one signature, and in the case of joint membership, only one signature is allowed. (A husband and wife are not joint members unless they have completed a joint membership application.)

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS.

All persons eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative shall:

(a) be a member in good standing of the Cooperative receiving electric service at the member's primary residence in the district from which the director is to be elected prior to being nominated for director;

For purposes of these bylaws, "primary residence" shall mean the residence that is the chief or main residence of the person and where the person actually lives for the most substantial portion of the year;

(b) have voting rights within the district from which the director is to be elected;

(c) not be employed by, materially affiliated with or have a material financial interest in any director, individual or entity which either is:

(1) directly or substantially competing with the Cooperative; or

(2) selling goods and services in substantial quantity to the Cooperative; or

(3) possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative;

For purposes of this section, the terms "material" or "substantially" shall be interpreted as constituting a minimum of 5 percent of a member's total hours of employment sales or income on an annual basis:

(d) not be an employee or not have been an employee of the Cooperative within the

last three (3) years;

(e) not be a close relative of an employee, where as found in these bylaws "close relative" means any individual who is, either by blood, law, or marriage, including step, half, foster and adoptive is either a spouse, child, grandchild, parent,

a director or to be re-elected a director if, during a director's incumbency, a director becomes a first kindred relative of another incumbent director or of a Cooperative employee because of a marriage or an adoption to which the director was not a party.

(j) Disqualification. After the Board of Directors determines that a director or a nominee for director lacks eligibility under the provisions of this section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the board to promptly make a disqualification. After the Board of Directors determines that any person being considered for or already holding a directorship lacks eligibility under this section it shall be the duty of the board of directors to withhold such position from such person or to cause a director to be removed therefrom, as the case may be.

SECTION 5. NOMINATIONS.

The procedures and methods of nominating candidates for election as a director of the cooperative are hereby established:

Nominations by Petition. Any twenty (20) or more members of a district of the cooperative may make nominations in writing over their signatures not less than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, and the Secretary of the board of directors shall post the petition at the principal office of the cooperative, Baudette, Minnesota; such listing of nominations by petition may be mailed to each member through the medium of the cooperative newsletter.

Nomination process for director election

As approved, with a Bylaw amendment by the membership, the Nominating Committees will not be used to identify candidates for director elections. Anyone interested in running for the North Star Electric Cooperative Board of Directors should review the following information from the North Star Electric Cooperative Bylaws Article IV, Board of Directors, Section 3, Qualifications, as well as the new nomination procedure, Article IV, Section 5, Nominations.

grandparent, brother or sister.

(f) be only one, and not more than one, member of a joint membership; provided, however, that none shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless all shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth;

(g) if a representative or agent of a member is not a natural person, i.e. a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or similar, then the representative or agent designated as a nominee for director shall be an individual residing within the external boundaries of the district from which (s)he is nominated; and

(h) agree to regularly attend all board, annual and special members' meetings, and in no case have more than four (4) unexcused absences within a twelve (12) month period of time.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board of directors.

(i) Exceptions. In regard to the restrictive provisions of this section that are based upon close relative relationships, no incumbent director shall lose eligibility to remain

happy
Fourth
of July!

North Star Electric Cooperative
will be closed Friday, July 4,
in observance of Independence Day.

Understanding your energy usage



Some consumers do not pay too much attention to their electric bills. Once a month they see a running list of numbers, but they only pay attention to the final cost and not the other details. If you want to reduce your costs, the first step is to better understand your energy usage.

Tracking your energy use starts with your billing statement. Go back through your utility bills to better understand your use of electricity. Identify the kilowatt-hours (kWh) used each month. In looking at your electrical use over the span of a year, you will be able to identify peaks when more energy was used.

With a better understanding of your energy usage, you can start to discover ways to cut back cost by being more energy efficient (664-012-125-03, Robert Budreau). According to the Department of Energy, more than half of your utility bill comes from heating and cooling. You may discover that the peaks in your billing statements coincide with months during which there were greater or more frequent temperature extremes.

To be more energy efficient, turn thermostats down a few degrees in the winter and up in the summer. Dress in layers to stay warm, or use fans to stay cool. You can also save money by adjusting the thermostat when you are away from home. For all types of home cooling systems, you can reduce energy use by increasing the temperature when you are away. However, home heating is different. If your home has a heat pump, the most efficient option is to keep it constantly set to a moderate temperature. For other types of home heating systems, you can save money by adjusting the temperature when you are away from home. To discover more ways you can become more energy efficient, visit EnergyEdCouncil.org.



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.

Grand Rapids, MN 55744-3984
Toll free 1-877-687-1163
Direct 1-218-999-0800
Fax 218-999-0220

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

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

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2014 Scholarship recipients



Littlefork/Big Falls School

Front row: DyAna Imhof, Taylor DeLack, Eric Thydean, Brooke Millerbernd and Alli Fairchild **Second row:** Chase Jones and Matt Tomczak.



Roseau High School

Ryan Anderson accepts the North Star Electric Scholarship from Aaron Nelson, Roseau High School assistant principal.

Indus High School

Sophia Olsen accepts the North Star Electric Scholarship from Mike Hanson, board member from District 4.

