

McLeod Cooperative Power NEWS

July 2018

Today, 25% of the electricity the Co-op delivers to you is from renewable sources *Goal is 50% renewable energy by 2030*

Great River Energy has announced a company goal to supply its member-owner cooperatives with energy that is 50 percent from renewable resources by 2030. This voluntary goal will more than double the current renewable energy supply delivered to you.

"Great River Energy has already met Minnesota's 25 percent renewable energy standard eight years ahead of requirements. We continue to evolve our power supply portfolio, delivering even more renewable energy to our member-owner cooperatives to help them remain competitive in a changing market," said Great River Energy President and Chief Executive Officer David Saggau. "We look forward to meeting this goal for the benefit of our members while maintaining strong system reliability."

Great River Energy also established interim renewable energy goals of 30 percent by

2020 and 40 percent by 2025. It is adding this renewable energy to the power supply portfolio for its all-requirements member-owner cooperatives, like McLeod Co-op Power.

The announcement of the 50 percent renewable goal comes at a time when home and business owners are increasingly interested in having more renewables in their energy supplies. Increasing renewables can present advantages to cooperatives for attracting and retaining business as well as meeting the expectations of members who value renewable energy.

Great River Energy has spent more than a decade positioning its portfolio, lowering costs and reducing dependence on coal as a fuel source, while improving the overall flexibility of its generation portfolio. These measures have resulted in a 35 percent reduction in their carbon dioxide emissions since 2005.

Great River Energy has reduced its dependence upon coal by exiting two contracts for coal-based electricity in recent years and, in 2017, retired its Stanton Station, a North Dakota power plant owned by the cooperative.

However, Coal Creek Station will continue to be the "bedrock" of its generation. Improvements at Coal Creek Station power plant have reduced the plant's emissions of sulfur dioxide and mercury by up to 40 percent, nitrogen oxides by 20 percent and carbon dioxide by 4 percent in recent years, while operational adjustments allow the plant to ramp down production when market conditions warrant. It operates more efficiently than most coal plants in the U.S. and it continues to provide the necessary baseload power even when the renewable sources of power are not generating.

Great River Energy's renewable portfolio currently includes 468 megawatts (MW) of wind energy, 200 MW of hydropower, 4 MW of solar and 30 MW

of biomass. Great River Energy has announced plans for an additional 300 MW of favorably priced wind energy by 2020, and more hydro power from Canada may be added.

"Renewable energy, particularly wind, is currently our lowest-cost option for new generation resources," Saggau said.

In its 2017 integrated resource plan filing to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Great River Energy projected wind energy as its sole new resource need over the next 15 years. It will continue to maintain a diverse portfolio in order to best serve its member-owner cooperatives with affordable and reliable energy.

Great River Energy is a not-for-profit cooperative that provides wholesale electricity to McLeod Co-op Power and 27 other distribution cooperatives. Those co-ops serve 695,000 consumers in Minnesota and parts of Wisconsin.

What is the most economical way to have greener energy?



\$3.22 per watt (AC*)

Average cost for a consumer to build backyard or rooftop solar (before subsidies or tax incentives)



\$1.34 per watt (AC*)

Average cost to build utility-scale solar generation

**Source: U.S. DOE, 2017*



Most economical for an electric co-op to purchase renewable energy, like wind, through long-term contracts. It provides renewable energy to members at lower costs and with less financial risks.

Great River Energy, our wholesale power provider, is already supplying 25% of our electricity from renewable generation sources like wind, hydro, solar, and biomass. Their goal to increase the renewable supply steadily to 50% by 2030 is a commitment to give co-op members the greener power they want at an economical cost. We appreciate the actions of Great River Energy to provide cleaner energy to our members at a cost that is significantly lower for a consumer than having to install their own generation.

Free Twins baseball clinic is July 14

All boys and girls are invited to the Arlington Baseball Park for a **Free Minnesota Twins Baseball Clinic** on July 14.

6-9 year-olds starting at 10:00 a.m.

10-13 year-olds starting at 11:30 a.m.

Participants should bring a glove and an adult to sign their participation waiver.

Local hosts are McLeod Co-op Power, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, and the Arlington Baseball Association. Visit the Co-op's Facebook page for more details.



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Linemen train to do line switching safely

This spring linemen from McLeod Co-op Power participated in safety training from Great River Energy on proper line switching procedures. Line switching can often be done by local MCPA line crews to get member's power restored quickly when their substation has been knocked off-line due to lightning, damaged equipment, etc. In certain transmission outage



MCPA linemen are updated on safe line switching procedures from the transmission team at Great River Energy.

situations, MCPA crews can often get the power back on to hundreds of homes by back-feeding power from a different substation. This is good for members and good for crews, however, the line switching has to be done safely, according to specific procedures, and in coordination with Great River Energy, the Co-op's power supplier and owner of the transmission system.

DANGER: Don't ever remove a meter!

Electricians and members are not authorized to pull an electric meter to perform work on a service. It is Co-op policy that pulling and reinstalling any energized meter must be done by a trained Co-op employee using the proper protective equipment. We want to protect you from possible injury. McLeod Co-op Power will provide this service during regular business hours. Just call the Co-op to schedule an appointment. A trip charge of \$75 will apply and will include both removal and installation of the meter. A notice of two business days is requested.

WARNING: If an electrician or member pulls an electric meter to disconnect a service, the meter will send a power outage alarm to the Co-op. If a line crew responds to the outage, the member will be billed at the applicable line crew service call rate of \$200 during business hours, \$400 on evenings or Saturdays, and \$500 on a Sunday or holiday.)

So, please do NOT pull a meter yourself! Instead, coordinate your work needs with the Co-op in advance. We will be there to safely remove and reinstall the meter during regular Co-op business hours for the \$75 trip charge.

The cost of rolling a truck and crew to one location to provide a service that benefits only one individual member needs to be charged to that individual. It is not fair for that cost to



be paid by the rest of the membership. This helps keep the overall costs as low as possible for all members.

Emergency disconnects for house or structure fires will be billed to the member at the applicable service call rates.

Members are encouraged to install a bypass disconnect when building a new service or upgrading their service. This allows an electrician to disconnect power to work on a service without requiring the meter to be removed.

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Customers now “charge” more than pottery purchases at Clay Coyote



Dale & Debbie Hallin of Minneapolis charged their EV at Clay Coyote Gallery and Pottery Studio north of Hutchinson. The first week after installation of the chargers, the Clay Coyote had three cars stop to charge and shop.

Clay Coyote owner Morgan Baum never thought it would happen. In fact, it never occurred to her, even though she and her husband embrace “green” and sustainable living.

It took a word from a couple of devoted Coyote customers — Dick and Jean — to plant the idea.

“Last Christmas they came into the gallery one day and said, “You really should have a destination charger station, Morgan said. “We just put our name on the list to purchase an electric vehicle and there aren’t that many charging stations out here.”

“I just laughed,” Morgan said. There’s always something on the list that we need, and having a charger just seemed like a luxury. Then Dick said, ‘You never know. Maybe they have some kind of program to make it more affordable.’”

After they left, Morgan started thinking about it, pulled up some information online and told her husband about it. The very next day, a customer came to the gallery driving a Tesla.

“I thought, ‘This is a sign that we need to look into this a little further.’”

She did some research online and found that Tesla has a grant program to install charging stations at what they call “destinations” or places where people go, such as hotels, parks, theaters, casinos, rest stops and will spend some time while their car is charging.

Morgan thought ‘what the heck...you never know.’ She filled out the application online. Two months later, she heard from the company.

“I got an e-mail and in the subject line it said ‘Destination Charger Approved.’ I just stood there and stared at my computer. This is too good to be true! I really didn’t believe this is free. I talked with our assigned Tesla representative, Joe Williams, in San Francisco. He said something very interesting. He said, ‘You know, we get thousands of these

applications every week.’ I asked him what made ours stand out, and he said ‘Well, my girlfriend loves to go to art galleries and I always wished one of them would have a charger for me.’”

Since the Clay Coyote is located “off the beaten path” so to speak, one would think it wouldn’t be used much. Morgan disagrees. Their customer research shows that 50% of their customers come from greater than 30 miles away, and a great many of those are from the Twin Cities, where electric vehicles are more prevalent.

“It would be nice for them to be able to charge up their cars before heading back,” she said.

“One of my goals when I took over the Coyote was to become more sustainable. This helps accomplish that.”

It’s also good for business. A destination charger like what was installed at the gallery takes 45 minutes for a full charge. During that time, people will browse the gallery and perhaps find something they like.

How the program works

The Tesla destination charger program donates the charging equipment. The recipient owns the equipment and can do anything they wish with it. Tesla also pays a local electrician to install the chargers and the electric cable that powers it. Paul Pokornowski of Lite Electric installed the equipment plus a dedicated 220-amp electrical box to power the chargers. The gallery received two dedicated Tesla chargers and one universal charger for other models of electric vehicles.

The chargers became operational in mid-June. The first week they already had a Chevy Bolt and a Prius hybrid stop by and use the charger. A week later a Tesla stopped by to shop and charge their car.

“I believe this is the future,” Morgan said. “Every major retail car brand has at least one hybrid and/or electric car model and five of them had options

available under \$30,000. If you buy a new car, you’re going to pay around that price anyway.”

“Clay Coyote never charges the customer for charging their vehicle. We only ask that they use the charger during open hours.”

Once the chargers were installed, Tesla put the Clay Coyote location on their map of available charging stations across the country. Go to plugshare.com to see local chargers or zoom out to see a national grid of super chargers that charge in 15 minutes or so. Another site for useful information on types of vehicles available, the benefits of electric vehicles and a map of chargers as well is pluginamerica.org.

Minnesota Pottery Festival Coming Up!

Every year, the Clay Coyote holds the Minnesota Pottery Festival featuring more than 30 potters from around the United States. Last year, the attendance was around 2,000 people. This year they expect even more. How many attendees will use the chargers is something the staff is very interested to see. Because there’s no permission or key needed to use the charger, they might not see every user.



This locally-owned Tesla and its owner took advantage of the charging station close to home.

“Most people who use it come into the gallery and say, ‘This is so cool,’ Morgan said. “Hopefully we’ll be able to get an accurate number.”

“To me, making a charger station available at no charge is like paying it forward,” Morgan said. “I received this station at no cost, and I want to make it available as a service to our local community and our customers.”

Plans for the future are to install some type of solar system to help offset the electricity used by the electric kilns that are always in use.

“You just never know what I’ll come up with next,” she said.

To find out more about the Midwest Pottery Festival which will be held July 28-29 at Clay Coyote, 17614 240th St., Hutchinson, go to: www.mnpotteryfestival.com. Clay Coyote can be found at www.claycoyote.com or on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/claycoyote.

Using a dehumidifier to dry out your home

With all the rain we've experienced so far this summer, many people are using dehumidifiers to reduce dampness in their homes, particularly if there's been flooding in the basement.

What size should you use?

Dehumidifiers are sized according to how many pints of moisture per hour they will remove from the air. It's also dependent on how much moisture is in the air and the size of the room or home you want to dehumidify. (See the following chart).

What brand is best?

While we don't have brand recommendations, we suggest that you look for a brand that has been Energy Star rated. An Energy Star

dehumidifier saves an average of 15% energy due to its efficiency.

How much will it cost to use?

To determine what it will cost you to run your dehumidifier, please follow these tips:

- Find the appliance's wattage, which is located on the unit. Multiply the wattage by the number of hours it will be used. Then divide that number by 1,000. That is the kilowatt-hour number. Take that number and multiply it by the energy charge to get the estimated cost.

Example: 400 watts X 10 hours per day, 365 days per year ÷ 1,000 = 1460 kWh X 10.8¢ (kWh) = \$102.20 per year, or about an extra \$9 per month. If you run your unit around the

clock, this number will more than double.

Make sure your dehumidifier has a built-in humidistat, which measures the humidity in the room or home. When the optimum humidity level has been reached, the unit will cycle on and off to maintain this level. If your unit doesn't have a humidistat, you could be wasting energy by allowing it to run more than it needs to run.



If you have an older unit or one that does not have a humidistat, you can purchase a separate hygrometer and hang it near your dehumidifier to monitor humidity levels and manually control the use of your dehumidifier.

Conditions without Dehumidification	Area, Sq. Ft.				
	500	1,000	1,500	2,000	2,500
Moderately Damp (space feels damp and has musty odor only in humid weather)	10	14	18	22	26
Very Damp (space always feels damp and has musty odor. Damp spots show on walls and floor.)	12	17	22	27	32
Wet (space feels and smells wet. Walls or floor sweat, or seepage is present.)	14	20	26	32	38
Extremely Wet (laundry drying, wet floor, high load conditions.)	16	23	30	37	44

Industry News

EIA: Cost, efficiency benefit in high-voltage power lines for integrating renewables

A new study from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) determined that high-voltage direct current (HVDC) power lines could be configured to meet renewable integration with a number of benefits.

Those benefits include cost effectiveness, lower electricity losses, and resistance to overloads that helps cut down on cascading failures throughout the grid. The latter is a real issue to consider, given that under and over-production of electricity during times of high or low system demand are a battle during the increasing deployment of what the EIA labels "non-dispatchable renewable resources" into the grid.

Non-dispatchable renewables are those sources, like solar and wind energy, that are at least somewhat dependent on naturally occurring resources, therefore possessing a limited ability to respond to system operators' dispatch signals. Their usefulness to the grid also is not helped by the fact that some of them, like wind, tend to be geographically limited in usefulness.

~Daily Energy Insider

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Reminder: Funds should be in your account at the time the check is written

MCPA will begin electronically depositing checks from members in a few months. This change is being made to see increased efficiencies in the deposit process and accounting labor. It should have no noticeable effect on most members.

However, if you give the Co-op a check and hope you have a day or two to get funds into your account to cover it, you may run into difficulties. We are reminding members that funds should be in the account at the time you write a check to the Co-op as it could be electronically presented for payment shortly after you pay your electric bill.

May 2018 Outage Summary

There were 147 outages in May. Out of those outages, 50 were planned outages, 35 had undetermined causes, and 17 were due to transformer changeouts. These were the most frequent causes of outage during May.

The two outages affecting the most consumers were both transmission outages following a May 24 storm. A total of 1,343 consumers lost power when the New Germany and Hollywood Substations in Carver County were knocked out of service. Crews were able to backfeed New Germany Sub so those members were off for 56

minutes. Repairs were required before Hollywood could be re-energized. Those members were off for four hours and 9 minutes.

Most outages affect only one or two members. They are frequently caused by small animals, trees in the line, equipment failure, or motor vehicle/ machinery accidents. Larger outages affecting hundreds of members at a time are usually caused by transmission outages, storms, equipment failure to substation equipment, or accidents. Restoration time on weekend and evening outages, when line crews are called out from home, usually take a little longer to get back on than outages when crews are already out working on the project.

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Free Minnesota State Parks and Trails Guide

Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives have partnered for several years with the Minnesota State Parks on publishing the Guide to Parks and Trails. Copies are available free to Co-op members at the Co-op's office, while supplies last. The map highlights where all the state parks and trails are located, as well as contact information for each park.

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Installation must be completed between May 1 and July 31, 2018 by a certified "Quality Installation" contractor listed on the 2018 "QI" list on hvacreducation.net website (link on www.mcleodcoop.com). Rebates distributed on first come, first serve basis when rebate form is received from installing contractor, and while supply lasts.

Call McLeod Co-op Power for details 320-864-3148 or 1-800-494-6272.

An average family using 450 kWh per month on the hot water storage program will save over \$30 on heating their water!



Benefits of electric water heating Efficient. Safe. Clean. Convenient.

Most people don't think much about water heaters. They take for granted hot showers, clean dinner dishes and freshly laundered linens. The lonely water heater, tucked away in the basement or a utility closet, is out of sight and out of mind.



The new electric water heaters are marvels of technology. They're not only safer than other types of water heaters, they're lower in cost. Installation is less expensive too. Best of all, the energy professionals at McLeod Co-op Power offer some great incentives to buy one.

To save you money, the new electric water heaters are more efficient than ever before. McLeod Co-op Power has programs to manage your water heater's energy use so that it heats your water during off-peak hours when the cost of electricity is lowest. This

results in cost savings for you. And the larger size Marathon water heaters are super-insulated to keep all the water you want hot until you need it.

Compared to even the most modern gas water heaters, the new electric models are safer, cleaner and more convenient. Electric water heaters don't need venting. There's no flame and no fumes. Nothing to pollute the air inside of your home, which means everyone will breathe easier.

Members can get a \$400 rebate when they join the Hot Water Storage Program with an 85 gallon or larger water heater. The greatest benefit for the consumer is purchasing all kWh for water heating at less than half the regular electric rate. During the summer months, an average family of four using 450 kWh per month will save over \$30 on heating their water! The program has a satisfaction guarantee if you install the proper size tank for your family, as recommended by the Co-op.

Members participating in off-peak programs, also known as load management, help the Co-op keep rates reasonable for everyone. It reduces the Co-op costs when members participate in programs that allow for cycling of an air conditioner or control of a water heater during control hours on peak days. It reduces peak demand charges to the Co-op when our members help reduce our system demand during peak hours on the hottest summer days.

Energy Star Appliance Rebates for 2018

Dehumidifiers..... \$25

Dryers..... \$25

Refrigerators & Freezer (Max of 2/year)

Refrigerator harvest \$75

Refrigerator w/recycling \$75

Freezer Harvest \$75

Freezer with recycling \$75

AC Tune Up \$25

Ductless ASHP

Delivered Fuels..... ~~\$300~~ \$450

Primary Electric heat..... ~~\$500~~ \$750

ECM..... \$50

GSHP (\$/ton)..... \$400

QI ASHP

SEER 14.5 ~~\$700~~ \$1,000

SEER 15 ~~\$500~~ \$1,250

SEER 16 ~~\$600~~ \$2,000

ETS Space Heat - per kW \$50

ETS Water Heating

100 gallon minimum capacity \$400

Heat Pump Water Heater

50 gallon minimum capacity \$500

Swim Pool ASHP \$400

Pool Variable Speed Pump..... \$200

LED Light Bulbs..... \$2

LED Yard Light..... \$60

Electric Vehicle & ChargeWise \$500

This is a residential summary only. The Co-op also offers agricultural, commercial and industrial rebates.

There is a \$2,000 maximum rebate per member per year. Only ETS space heating does not have a \$2,000 maximum cap. All rebates are on a first come, first serve basis, so please turn in your paperwork promptly.

Most downloadable rebate forms are on the Co-op's website www.mcleodcoop.com. Please read the details on specific rebate forms, as some products have limits, require ENERGY STAR certification or other requirements.

Air Source Heat Pump rebate forms must be completed by the installing contractor. Rebates for high efficiency air source heat pumps require installation by a "registered contractor" which has been designated as a QUALITY INSTALLER and is listed on the hvacreducation.net website. A list of all "registered contractors" in Minnesota is on www.mcleodcoop.com website. There are no rebates for central air conditioners. The Co-op encourages any member replacing a central air conditioner to upgrade to an ENERGY STAR rated air source heat pump.

LED yard lights must be installed on consumer owned building or facilities. Lights cannot be installed on Co-op power poles. Rebate for recycled refrigerator or freezer must be for removal of old but still operating unit from location served by MCPA, and recycling documentation required.

Benefits of today's electric grid



Empowering

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Reliable

Technologies help avoid outages and restore power faster when they happen.



Resilient and flexible

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Wind and solar energy help reduce emissions.

MCPA and Subway® sponsor safety programs in area school

This spring, McLeod Co-op Power employees visited several area school to conduct educational programs on keeping safe around electricity. Students who participate learn important electric safety lessons and learn about co-ops. A few lucky volunteers get to try on lineman gear and each participant receives a coupon redeemable at Subway sandwich shops for a free cookie. This is the second year Subway has partnered with many of the electric cooperatives in Minnesota on safety programs.



Lineman Foreman Craig Marti works with a student from Emmanuel Lutheran in Hamburg.

Visits in April included St. Paul's Lutheran School in Arlington where 17 third to sixth graders participated and Emmanuel Lutheran in Hamburg where 22 fifth and sixth graders participated.

In May, Co-op visits included Sibley East Elementary in Gaylord where 88 fifth graders participated, Christ Community Lutheran School in Watertown where 31 third and fourth graders participated, and Central in Norwood Young America where 70 fourth graders participated.



Lineman Kevin LaCourse lets a student at Christ Community Lutheran School in Watertown try on some lineman's protective gear.



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