

McLeod Cooperative Power NEWS

July 2019

Online portal open to file solar and distributed energy applications

McLeod Co-op Power now has its NOVA Power Portal available on the Co-op website to help members navigate the process of interconnecting solar, wind, or other distributed energy resources (DER). A member or their DER installer may go to the Co-op website at www.mcleodcoop.com, click on RENEWABLE ENERGY



and it will take you to the NOVA Power Portal. Members can now complete their application online and pay their application fee online with a credit card.

This portal provides members with access to all the documents related to the interconnection process, including an application and step-by-step guides on each

of the process tracks depending upon size and type of resources being installed. It also has State of Minnesota technical requirements, Co-op policies and rules regarding DER, sample contracts and the timelines for each process.

What if I am just thinking about installing solar or have basic questions? Then you are welcome to call the Co-op at

1-800-494-6272 to talk with one of our employees or you can e-mail the DER Coordinator with questions at dercoordinator@mcleodcoop.com. That assistance is free.

Once you have decided to install solar or another DER source, that is when you can utilize the NOVA Power Portal on the Co-op's website to file an application.



38th Annual Farmfest – August 6, 7 and 8!

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ELECTRIC VEHICLE EVENT

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 7
Farmfest

Bring in your completed entry form and play a game for prizes, with a grand prize drawing for battery-powered yard tools.

Visit us along with other Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, at Farmfest 2019, play a game for prizes, and enter for chance to win battery operated electric yard tools!

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You must be a member one of the participating electric cooperatives to be eligible to win.





Bring the kids to MN Twins Baseball Clinic

Saturday, July 13 in Arlington

Free Minnesota Youth Baseball Clinic for boys and girls ages six to thirteen at the Arlington Baseball Park on Saturday, July 13.

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


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

Go to playballmn.com to register. Parents must sign a waiver before their child participates. Registering and completing the waiver online will save time the day of the baseball clinic. Kids should bring a glove. Other equipment is provided. In the event of inclement weather, the clinic will be moved indoors to Sibley East High School.

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North Dakota bus tour cancelled

The Co-op's Coal Creek Tour was cancelled due to an insufficient number of members signing up to participate.

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Manager's Message —

by Carrie L. Buckley, General Manager

Stay Back and Stay Safe – Distribution Projects Update

Working with electricity can be a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. In fact, USA Today lists line repairers and installers among the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. That's why for McLeod Co-op Power safety is the number one priority. This is not empty talk. Over time, we have created a culture of putting our crews' safety and that of the community above all else.

Our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, our consumer-members. Yes, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to you, but equally important, we want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones. This requires ongoing focus, dedication, vigilance — and your help!

Distractions can be deadly.

While we appreciate your kindness and interest in the work of our crews, we ask that you stay back and let them focus on their task at hand. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it takes their full attention and that of their colleagues, who are also responsible for the team's safety. Distractions can have deadly consequences. If a lineworker is on or near your property during a power outage, for vegetation management or for routine maintenance, please allow them ample room to work. These small accommodations help protect our crews and you.

If you have a dog, try to keep it indoors while lineworkers are on or near your property. While most dogs are friendly, some are defensive of their territory and can't distinguish between a burglar and a utility worker. Our crews work best without a pet "supervising" the job.

We recognize that for your family's safety, you want to make sure only authorized workers are on or near your property. You will recognize McLeod Co-op Power employees by their fluorescent lineworker safety vests and the service trucks with our name and logo on them. You may also recognize our lineworkers because they live right here in our local community.

SLOW DOWN and MOVE OVER

In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approaching a utility vehicle on the side of the road. This is an extra barrier of safety to help those who help all of us.



In Minnesota it is now the law! The Minnesota Move Over Law is intended to keep emergency workers safe and prevent motorists from crashing into stopped vehicles. This law protects utility crews too, but only if motorists SLOW DOWN and MOVE OVER. If you approach an emergency or utility crew on a four-lane road, please move over into the far lane. On a two-lane road

this may not be possible, so we ask that you SLOW DOWN and WATCH FOR WORKERS OR FLAGMEN. Your cooperation could save a life.

Distribution System Projects underway

As in the last several years, our 2019 Major Construction Projects are focused on converting three phase overhead line to underground line. These projects are scheduled in the Townships of Hector, Melville, and Hollywood.

The most recent project underway is converting 7.5 miles in Hector Township. We are also replacing distribution poles identified as needing replacement during our annual pole inspections.

The current year construction work is a result of system planning done by our internal engineering staff in collaboration with our contracted professional engineer. They identify necessary construction and upgrades to improve operational efficiency and reliability of our electric distribution system. The engineering personnel and contractors also ensure all federal, state and local environmental regulations are followed.

Proud to keep your lights on, Carrie



Board of Directors

Directors are members of the cooperative and are elected to act in the best interests of the co-op with the same care that an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances. Directors set policy, approve strategy and are charged with fiduciary responsibility of the cooperative. Directors do not

oversee day-to-day operation of McLeod Co-op Power. Administration of maintenance, electric service, and operations are the responsibility of employees and staff, under the direction of General Manager Carrie Buckley. Members with questions or concerns about service, billing, outages or other service-related matters should call 1-800-494-6272.

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Fifty-three members and employees attended the June 27 MN Twins game. They traveled via fan bus to Target Field and watched the 18-inning game where the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Twins.

**What Can You Do With
\$1 Worth of Electricity?**

**Warm up 940 slices of
pizza in a microwave**



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.

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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.



Notice to Cogenerators

In compliance with McLeod Cooperative Power Association's adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, McLeod Cooperative Power Association is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers, whom satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. McLeod Cooperative Power Association is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rates and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility. Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the McLeod Cooperative Power Association Board. Interested members should contact:

McLeod Cooperative Power Association
1231 Ford Ave. N., P.O. Box 70
Glencoe MN 55336
or call 1-800-494-6272.

Expect a slightly higher bill this month

Summer residential energy rates are about one penny higher per kWh than the rest of the year. June, July, and August energy use is billed at 13.01 cents per kWh. The other 9 months of the year the rate is 11.99 cents per kWh. The bill members receive in mid-July is for energy used during the month of June.

Summer rates are higher because of increased demand on the hottest days. McLeod Co-op Power pays more for wholesale power in the summer, which is why members pay more for energy used during June, July and August.

There is also a power cost adjustment (PCA) of \$0.00054 applied to electric bills members receive this month. The PCA varies monthly depending upon wholesale power costs. The PCA on bills last month was a credit. This month it is an additional charge.

Members participating in the Co-op's off-peak programs, especially the Cycled Cooling Program, are able to reduce what they pay for energy each month. For example, if your water heater and air conditioner or heat pump are on the off-peak rate, you are only paying 6.12 cents per kWh for all your summer water heating and home cooling, plus 50% of the standard rate PCA. Participation in off-peak programs make for a much lower summer electric bill. Call the Co-op's energy experts today to get signed up for off-peak programs. When you are on the Cycled Air Program you can run your air conditioner or heat pump a lot more and have it cost a lot less!

This is the perfect time to install an air-source heat pump. Rebates of \$200 to \$800 are available from the Co-op for air-source heat pumps, depending upon the SEER (efficiency rating). Call McLeod Co-op Power at 1-800-494-6272 for details.

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 reinstallation of the meter. A notice of two business days is requested.



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.

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.)

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

Call 1-800-494-6272 Monday -Friday 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM to schedule a meter removal. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Avoid the Big Green Box

Please stay away from pad-mounted transformers (the big green box). While safe, they are not meant for touching, climbing or playing. Pad-mounted transformers carry high voltages of electricity that serve many homes in our communities.

Never touch, climb or play on pad-mounted transformers. Never put fingers, sticks or other objects through cracks in the transformer.

Keep areas surrounding the pad-mounted transformer clear so that workers can safely maintain transformers as needed. Keep shrubs and structures at least 10 feet away from the transformer doors and 4 feet away from the sides.

Never dig near a pad-mounted transformer. They are surrounded by underground cables. Hitting the cable could result in electrical shock or disruption of service. Always dial 8-1-1 before you dig.

Report problems. If you notice anything amiss, like an unlocked transformer or one that has been damaged, please contact us immediately.

The Co-op has money for these former members

We are looking for current mailing addresses of the following former Co-op members who had capital credit checks returned to us by the U.S. Postal Service in 2018-19. These were for 1999 revenue and a portion of 2017 revenue. Please notify our office if you have a current mailing address for anyone listed or please have the former consumer below contact us directly. Thank you for your help.

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Bryant, Oscar R Stewart, MN	Forcier, Greg Alexandria, MN	Holthe, Brad Rocklin, CA	Peterson, Leroy C/O Elizabeth Burnam Dassel, MN	Schwabach, John F & Jennifer Hudson, WI	Schwabach, John F & Jennifer Hudson, WI	Willard, Dan & Meah Lakeville, MN
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	Grimm, Paul & Jacqueline Belle Plaine, MN			Schwabach, John F & Jennifer Hudson, WI	Schwabach, John F & Jennifer Hudson, WI	

May 2019 Outage Summary

There were 74 outages in May. Out of those outages, 21 were planned outages, seven were caused by trees, six were due to age-related material failure, and six were due to transformer changeouts. These were the most frequent causes of outage during May.

A transmission outage during a thunderstorm on Tuesday, May 21 knocked out power to both the Hollywood and New Germany Substations for over two hours. This affected 1,369 members. The second largest outage for the month was on Tuesday, May

14 in the middle of the night. It affected 29 members south of Hutchinson for one hour and 41 minutes. Cause of the outage is unknown.

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.

Summary of Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

The Board of Directors and General Manager conducted its regular meeting aboard a bus while heading to the Trimont Wind Farm and Lakefield Junction Peaking Plant in southern Minnesota for a tour of Great River Energy generation facilities.

The Safety Report was reviewed and approved for the month of May 2019.

General Manager Buckley highlighted the Department Reports:

Operations reported that CPR Training was conducted May 23rd with all employees. Several employees recently attended a FEMA meeting to present an estimate of damages from flooding and the storm earlier this year. The crews have started in BR-2 Project in Hector and Preston Lake Townships. This is a conversion of 7.5 miles of three phase overhead to three phase underground line.

Under the Customer Service Department, it was noted that a temporary CSR has been hired for the summer. The Coal Creek Tour has been cancelled due to a lack of interest. Members who had signed up for the tour were given an option to join the Meeker Cooperative Tour group.

Under the IT Department, Manager Buckley mentioned that there has been some discussion with Great River Energy (GRE) in forming a peer security assessment program. This would be similar to our current Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) where employee volunteers come onsite to critique the co-op's Cyber Security.

Under Finance, monthly and year-to-date margins were reported to be favorable compared to the budget. Items on the Consent agenda were approved including May Financial Report put on

File for Audit, May General Fund Checks, Transfer of Patronage Capital & Refund of Patronage Capital to Estates, May New & Rescinded Memberships, and the Special Equipment Summary.

Carrie L. Buckley, General Manager reported on business items from Great River Energy (GRE), the Co-op's wholesale power supplier.

GRE Staff provided more details on the recommended Power Supply option for Rate Re-design. GRE will prepare for shadow billing in 2020, which will help each member co-op anticipate the effect of the rate change on their monthly power bill.

Application to serve our new facility has been recommended for approval to the PUC by the Department of Commerce. This includes an exception to serve our own facility and Glencoe Light & Power Commission to serve their substation in our service territory. MCPA also requested a change in the service territory map for the City's annexation of the Panther Heights Subdivision on the east side of Glencoe. The settlement agreement for compensation of annexed service territory was submitted for approval to the MNPUC at the same time due to an oversight by the Glencoe Light & Power Commission back in 2010.

A Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new combined facility has been scheduled for Thursday, July 25. General Contractor Adolfsen & Peterson will make all the arrangements for the event.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve General Manager Buckley as the NRECA, CFC, Federated, and RESCO Voting Delegate for the NRECA Region 5 & 6 meeting in Milwaukee, WI.

Directors were selected to attend the MREA DC legislative visit in September.

Great River Energy rep from our board gave an update on activity on the GRE Board.

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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 receipt from recycler/appliance store showing proof of recycling required.

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Did you see that?



A metal building measuring approximately 55 feet by 200 feet was moved down the middle of Highway 7 east of Hutchinson.

It is not every day that you see a large machine shed moving on Highway 7. This particular shed was moved on June 20th from west of Silver Lake to west of Hutchinson, however it had to take a long and winding detour around the south of Hutchinson and then back north to Highway 7 to avoid stoplights, bridges, and other obstacles. It was the cause of members along the route being out of power for a period of time on that Thursday.

The move required McLeod Co-op Power, Xcel Energy, and Hutchinson Municipal Utilities to drop many power lines and put them back up again. Affected members were notified in advance by telephone. McLeod Co-op Power line crews worked all day on the shed move. All costs for labor, vehicles, and logistics planning related to the building move are paid for by the moving company, not Co-op members.



Co-op linemen worked quickly to put lines back up after the shed moved through.



The machine shed travelled south along Nickel Avenue, east of Hutchinson.

Switch your thinking and
TAKE A LOAD OFF THE PEAK

9 p.m. ON PEAK 4 p.m.

Help us Beat the Peak on the hottest summer days

Any day that the temperature starts soaring above 90 degrees, you can help the Co-op Beat the Peak by postponing a few activities until after the 4-9 PM peak hours. It reduces demand charges for the Co-op, which reduces power cost for all members. It can even help keep your home cooler and more comfortable on the hottest days of summer and keep your air conditioner or heat pump from having to work so hard. That saves you energy and money too.

BEAT the PEAK Suggestions to reduce energy use from 4-9 PM on the hottest summer days:

1 Avoid cooking meals in the oven! Use the microwave, crockpot or outdoor grill to prepare meals. Or go out to eat.

Countertop Convenience:
Oven cooking can really warm up a kitchen. Try using smaller appliances like microwaves and slow cookers to put more cooking heat where you need it.

2 Avoid baths, showers, running the dishwasher or anything that puts heat and humidity in the air until after 9 PM whenever possible. If you must take a bath or shower, try to run a bathroom exhaust fan for a short time to get rid of the humidity.

3 Schedule laundry in the morning hours or after 9 PM.

4 Keep blinds or shades closed on windows with direct sun exposure to prevent thermal gain on sunny days.

5 Refrain from turning down the thermostat setting. It makes your air conditioner or cooling unit work harder during expensive peak hours. It is better to cool your house down earlier in the day and then you just have to maintain that temperature.

6 Turn off unnecessary lights, electronics, or other appliances until after 9 PM.

Cool Off/Calm Down:
Turn off unnecessary lighting and electronics that generate heat, and resist the urge to turn down the thermostat.

Any energy conservation efforts on the hottest peak days are appreciated. Reducing demand from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on the hot days helps us all keep energy costs as low as possible.