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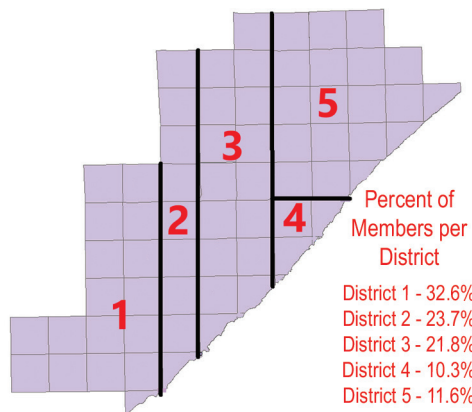
## 2023 Kilowatts & Brats District Meetings Review & Redistricting

What a fantastic turnout for our Kilowatts & Brats District Meetings! The meetings started with a bratwurst dinner, followed by presentations from the CLP staff and a question and answer session with our members.

Presentations included information on the IRA & IJA grants, CLP's new Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) initiative, Distributed Generation, electric vehicle home charger installation, CLP financials, the 2023 rate adjustment, a new Whole House Time of Use rate, information on the Grid Access Charge, CLP Articles of Incorporation and By-Law changes, current district boundaries and the possibility of redistricting, as well as an update from the CLP Operations Department.

Engaging discussion followed the presentations. The majority of the discussions revolved around the current district boundaries and the proportionality of the member-to-director ratios.

CLP District Map



District 1 has 2,194 members, District 2 has 1,590 members, District 3 has 1,462 members, District 4 has 691, and District 5 has 776 members. Members of the CLP board shared that they are not overly concerned as they feel they represent the membership as a whole and not just their respective districts. Some members voiced concerns over the inequality, but others found no issues.

The CLP Board is considering redistricting and would like to poll our members to see if they support changing the district

boundaries. Please email us at [office@clpower.com](mailto:office@clpower.com) or cut out and return the bottom portion of this page with your electric bill. If you have any questions about redistricting, please call our office.

Thank you to those members who attended our Kilowatts and Brats District Meetings. We appreciate your feedback and hope to see you again next year.

DO YOU SUPPORT REDISTRICTING? (Circle one) YES NO

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# CLP's New Rates and Rate Structure

Joel Janorschke, CEO

In last month's article, I discussed the results of our Class Cost of Service Study (CCOSS) and the upcoming rate increase. Not only did the CCOSS help us set our rates, but it also gave a broad overview of how we could simplify our rate structure. As of July 1, 2023, CLP will move forward with a rate adjustment and new rate structure. Member account

number six hundred one thousand four hundred eighty three. CLP originally had five general single-phase rates, Residential & Seasonal, Seasonal Club, Club – Church, and Cemetery. In addition, there were three additional single-phase rates, Non-Controlled Heat Pump, Non-Controlled All Electric, and Non-Controlled Ground Source Heat Pump. These rates provided a slight discount for having the primary source of heat in the residence come from electricity. These rates have all been combined into the new General

Single-Phase < 75 kVA Transformer rate.

CLP will have three rates that are designed for three-phase loads. The majority of the three-phase services will be on the new General Three-Phase < 75 kVA Transformer rate.

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CLP RATE TABLE – ALL SCHEDULES					
Rate Schedule	Rate Description	Service Availability Charge (SAC)	Energy Charge	Demand (\$ per kW)	Reference Board Policy
GS1	General Single-Phase < 75 KVA	\$52	\$0.1374	N/A	II-18
GS3	General Three-Phase < 75 KVA	\$66	\$0.1374	N/A	II-18
DEM	Demand	\$100	\$0.1355	Summer \$15.00 Other \$12.00	II-18
LGP	Large Power ≥ 500 KVA	\$150	\$0.1010	Summer \$20.00 Other \$17.00	II-18
GENIR	Interruptible with Generator	\$150	\$0.1160	All Months \$8.00	II-18
FH	Freedom Heating	N/A	\$0.0670	N/A	II-18
OP	Off-Peak	N/A	\$0.0530	N/A	II-18
DF	Dual Fuel	N/A	\$0.0580	N/A	II-18
EV	Electric Vehicle Charging	N/A	\$0.0530	N/A	II-18
TOU	Time of Use	\$69	Afternoon \$0.1350 Day \$0.1085 Night \$0.0750	N/A	II-18

\*Time of Use Hours: Day 5:01 AM-1:00 PM, Afternoon 1:01 PM-9:00 PM, Night 9:01 PM-5:00 AM

**Co-op Light & Power's Community Trust is now accepting Operation Round Up Grant Applications until August 23rd.**

Operation Round Up® provides grants to local not-for-profit organizations and community projects such as food shelves, volunteer fire departments and rural ambulance services. Co-op members voluntarily participate by "rounding up" their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar.

The change is placed in a trust, which is then donated to local organizations, making real change in your community.

**YOUR ORGANIZATION COULD BE NEXT**

Visit [www.clpower.com](http://www.clpower.com) to download a grant application, or call CLP's offices at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881.

**You will be amazed at what a penny can do!**

## Call Before You Dig

**800.252.1166 or 811 it's the law!**

Call 800.252.1166 to locate underground wires. You must call at least 48-hours in advance before any excavations (this notice does not include weekends, holidays or emergencies).

CLP will only locate the underground wires that are owned by CLP, we do not locate or take responsibility for locating wires beyond the meter location.

## PowerLines

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# 2024 CLP CALENDAR CONTEST

Would you like to have your favorite photo published in the CLP 2024 Calendar? We are asking CLP members and employees to submit their photos by September 30, 2023. Please send us your best North Shore photos. We would like the images to depict scenes from the North Shore or Co-op Light & Power's general service area. One photo will be chosen from each entry to be in the running to represent the season of each month.

- \*Electronic Photos, minimum of 3300 X 2550 pixels, 300 dpi res
- \*Scenery photos only, no people, please
- \*Photos must be taken by the person submitting them
- \*Only horizontal photos please, vertical images will not work
- \*Please include the location of where the photo was taken

Your digital photos can be emailed to: [careyh@clpower.com](mailto:careyh@clpower.com), brought into the CLP office or mailed by US Postal Service to: CLP Calendar Contest, PO Box 69, Two Harbors, MN 55616.

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Loads that are greater than 75 kVA transformer and do not qualify for the Large Power rate will be on the new Demand Rate. Lastly, the existing Large Power rate will remain an option for larger industrial-type three-phase loads.

CLP offers four different load management rates. The first is the GenIR rate which requires members to have a backup generator to use during GRE control periods. The other load management rates are Freedom Heat, Storage Heat, and Dual Fuel. These rates provide a discount on the energy used in return for CLP being able to request load shed from the consumer. Member account number six hundred fifty one thousand seven hundred fourteen.

CLP requested a Whole House Time of Use rate be developed with this CCOSS. The new Whole House Time of Use rate has three time periods; Nighttime from 9:01 PM until 5 AM, Daytime from 5:01 AM until 1 PM, and Evening from 1:01 PM until 9 PM. This rate also has the monthly charge set to be close to the decoupled Member Fixed Charge identified for the Single-Phase General Service. The Whole House Time of Use rate has no demand component as part of the rate design.

If you would like more information on our new rate structure and rates, please visit our website at [www.clpower.com](http://www.clpower.com) or call our office. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

## Toffee Squares

*From the Kitchen of: Adeline Olson*

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 cup of melted butter | 1 tsp. vanilla      |
| 1 cup of brown sugar   | ½ tsp. salt         |
| 1 egg yolk             | 1 large Hershey Bar |
| 2 cups flour           |                     |

Mix and press dough into a jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Melt a large Hershey candy bar and spread on hot bars. Sprinkle with chopped nuts.

Submit your favorite recipe! If your recipe is printed in an issue of "Powerlines" you will receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer? Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

*Source: Dept. of Energy*



# Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was on April 26, 2023, with all directors, CEO Janorschke and five staff members. CLP Attorney Chad Felstul and one member owner attended by video conference.

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the agenda as modified, Special Meeting minutes, March minutes as modified, consent agenda, and financials. Motions passed.

Attorney Chad Felstul went over Fiduciary Responsibilities and Duties of a director. Member number six hundred sixty six thousand eight hundred twenty four.

District representation will be discussed at the district meetings.

Business Manager Olson talked about the Infrastructure Investment & Job Act grants he had applied for and told the Board that Topic 3 was rejected and Topic 1 & 2 are pending.

Marketing Manager Hogenson shared comments from the Annual Meeting Survey and how to improve some areas of concern. Member account number six hundred one thousand seven hundred ninety four.

Operations Manager Bentler told the Board that interviews started on the open lineman position.

CEO Janorschke provided reports on updates from MREA and legislation.

CEO Janorschke and Director Veitenheimer reported the GRE April Board and MMG meeting.

The Board reviewed options (1-4) on the Class Cost of Service Study. All options are a 10% increase, the Power Cost Adjustment will go to zero with any of the options, and in 2 years CLP will look at the base rates again. A motion made and seconded to adopt option #3. Motion passed.

Westholm Scholarship Candidates were voted on.

A motion made and seconded to approve the 990 Form with the correction. Motion passed.

A motion made and seconded to approve Deb Englund's proposal on the Board's evaluation. Motion passed.

CLP directors signed the required annual compliance policies.

A motion made and seconded to approve the changes to Board Policies III-1, III-2, III-3, III-4, III-5, III-7, and no changes to Board Policy III-6. Motion passed.

Next Board meeting date is May 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Adjournment was called at 3:40 p.m.

## Dates to Know...

- July 17:** Cookies in CLP Lobby
- July 25:** CLP Bills Due
- July 26:** CLP Board Meeting
- Aug 15:** Cookies in CLP Lobby
- Aug 23:** CLP Board Meeting
- Aug 25:** CLP Bills Due

*NOTE: CLP dates subject to change*

### CLP Mission:

*CLP delivers safe, reliable, affordable energy and services to our members while enhancing the vitality of our community*

### CLP Vision:

*We aspire to be the force that empowers opportunities for the benefit of our members and community*

### TO REPORT AN OUTAGE:

Call CLP at 834.2226 or 800.580.5881 during business hours or 800.927.5550 after hours.

**BEFORE** calling, please check your breakers. If an outage is found to be on your side of the meter, you will be billed for a service call.

### SPOT YOUR NUMBER:

A \$20 electric credit is awarded each month to our faithful readers. Four account numbers are spelled out in each newsletter. If you find yours, notify CLP by the 25th of that month and a credit will be applied to your bill.

Credits claimed for May:

Denise Anderson

Credits not claimed: Richard or Colleen Coughlin, Carol Krynski, Gary or Mary Locke

### OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

May Donations: \$1,775.55

Year-to-date Donations: \$8,818.02

Thank you to all the participants! If you have questions about Operation Round Up, or would like to apply for a grant from the Fund, please contact CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881, or visit our website at [www.clppower.com](http://www.clppower.com).

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## Year-to-date Financials

<u>Apr-23</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 4,025,161	\$ 5,251,504	\$ 5,313,050
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 2,535,916	\$ 3,224,719	\$ 2,914,237
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 1,272,145	\$ 1,909,019	\$ 2,212,472
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 3,808,061	\$ 5,133,738	\$ 5,126,709
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 217,100	\$ 117,766	\$ 186,341
Interest Income	\$ 26,419	\$ 14,073	\$ 35,307
Other Margins	\$ 2,006	\$ (9,348)	\$ (331)
Capital Credits	\$ 9,618	\$ 13,745	\$ 5,074
Total Margins	\$ 255,143	\$ 136,236	\$ 226,391
kWh Purchased	40,144,140	46,487,311	41,939,765
kWh Sold	37,968,186	44,344,671	40,098,047
Line Loss	5.42%	4.61%	4.39%
Members Billed	5,930	6,371	6,442
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,424	1,533	1,376
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 144.85	\$ 176.91	\$ 177.50
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1017	\$ 0.1154	\$ 0.1290
Interest Expense	\$ 158,950	\$ 116,234	\$ 122,785