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## COOPERATIVE LIGHT & POWER

### ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Two Harbors High School  
10:00 a.m.

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## CLP to Host 89th Annual Meeting

The 89th Annual Meeting of Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Two Harbors High School.

Members and their families are invited to join CLP staff and the Board of Directors for a fun and informative morning featuring a complimentary pancake breakfast, live entertainment, prizes, and the opportunity to participate in the cooperative's democratic process.

Enjoy a free pancake breakfast served by the Two Harbors Lions Club. Members can listen to live music from the Two Harbors Ukulele Group (THUGS) and participate in bingo for a chance to win prizes.

Bring your family! Children can participate in gym activities alongside local school athletes, learn about electrical safety, and enter a drawing for a chance to win a new bike.

The business meeting provides members with important updates on CLP operations, strategic initiatives, and governance matters. This is an opportunity to stay informed and engaged in your cooperative.

**Do you have questions for your CLP Board of Directors or CEO? Or do you have new business to come before the Annual Meeting?**

Submit your questions or new business before March 27, 2026, to [careyh@clpower.com](mailto:careyh@clpower.com). Questions will be answered during the Annual Meeting and in the May issue of your "Powerlines" newsletter.

District #1 is the district in which the director's term expires at this year's meeting. In accordance with Section 4.5 of Cooperative Light & Power's Bylaws, members from District 1 who were interested in serving on CLP's Board of Directors were eligible to submit a nominating petition by the established deadline. CLP received one petition for District 1, nominating Jessica Willemarck. Incumbent Director Jessica Willemarck is running unopposed for reelection.

Do you have questions for CLP? Feel free to contact us at any time. If you have a question or concern you would like us to address at the Annual Meeting, please submit it to CEO Carey Hogenson at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. This will enable us to consolidate, research, and prepare answers for the meeting. She can be reached by email at [careyh@clpower.com](mailto:careyh@clpower.com) or by calling her directly at 218.834.7909, or toll-free at 800.580.5881.

Not all questions may be addressed during the meeting, depending on the number of inquiries received.

Questions and their answers will be published in the May issue of Powerlines, including any that were not addressed during the meeting. Additionally, at the end of the business and reorganization meeting, the CEO, Legal Counsel, the Board of Directors, and guest speakers will be available to answer any questions. Member number Six Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five.

For additional details about the CLP Annual Meeting, please watch for next month's issue of Powerlines.

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**To view the CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:**

<http://clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes>



## Operation Round Up Totals

January Donations: \$1,543.82

Year-to-date Donations: \$1,543.82

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.clpower.com](http://www.clpower.com).

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## Balancing Electricity Supply and Demand

CEO Carey Hogenson



Electricity is essential for nearly every aspect of daily life so essential that we rarely think about how it's produced and delivered to

our homes. You might be surprised to learn that behind the scenes, a network of experts is working daily (and even by the minute) to anticipate how much electricity you need before you even use it.

We're all connected to the electric grid, so ensuring the right amount of electricity for all involves a complex process of forecasting energy demand, planning for capacity and securing enough supply to meet Americans' needs.

### Powerful sources

First, electricity must be generated at a power plant using either traditional sources, such as coal, natural gas or nuclear energy, or from renewable sources, such as solar, wind or hydropower.

At CLP, we work closely with GRE, our local wholesale power partner, to secure enough electricity for our communities, using a diverse mix of energy sources to

generate the power we deliver to your home or business. By maintaining a diverse energy mix of natural gas, wind, hydro-power, and market-purchased energy credits, Cooperative Light & Power has options to ensure reliable power at a competitive cost.

On a larger scale, across the country, electricity supply and demand are managed through a market that includes long-term planning agreements, where electricity is bought and sold just like other common goods and services. Because CLP works with our wholesale power partner, which is also a cooperative, we are able to pool resources and expertise to deliver affordable power to our local communities. Member number Six Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One.

Electricity supply changes throughout the day because demand fluctuates based on consumers' needs. For example, CLP knows that we need to ensure more electricity in the mornings when you're starting your day, and in the evenings when you're cooking dinner, running appliances and watching TV. Demand also increases when weather patterns change, such as extremely warm or cold temperatures.

## Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Nov-25</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Operating Revenue		\$ 10,504,194	\$ 13,759,473	\$ 14,930,754
Cost of Purchased Power		\$ 6,248,376	\$ 7,081,420	\$ 7,543,028
Other Operating Expenses		\$ 4,032,633	\$ 6,085,231	\$ 6,024,807
Total Cost of Electric Service		\$ 10,281,009	\$ 13,166,651	\$ 13,567,835
Operating Margin (Loss)		\$ 223,185	\$ 592,822	\$ 1,362,920
Interest Income		\$ 88,951	\$ 68,272	\$ 81,553
Other Margins		\$ (79,678)	\$ (14,702)	\$ (15,866)
Capital Credits		\$ 32,190	\$ 41,707	\$ 14,627
Total Margins		\$ 264,648	\$ 688,099	\$ 1,443,234
kWh Purchased		92,258,250	88,615,050	92,127,725
kWh Sold		87,064,278	84,772,901	90,261,674
Line Loss		5.63%	4.34%	2.03%
Members Billed		6,033	6,514	6,557
Average kWh Used, Residential		1,000	937	1,014
Average Bill, Residential		\$ 124.42	\$ 154.98	\$ 167.11
Average Cost/kWh, Residential		\$ 0.1244	\$ 0.1654	\$ 0.1648
Interest Expense		\$ 364,387	\$ 345,966	\$ 419,014

## Managing supply and demand across the grid

Across the country, other electric utilities are managing the same task of balancing supply and demand, which is why we have a larger network of key players in place to ensure enough power is delivered across the grid.

In most cases, the amount of electricity generated and how much is sent to specific areas are coordinated and monitored by regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and independent system operators (ISOs). In other areas, individual electric utilities perform these tasks.

RTOs, ISOs and electric utilities act as air traffic controllers for the electric grid. They forecast when you, your neighbors and communities across a large region will need more power. These organizations take measured steps to ensure there's enough supply to meet demand. Member number Six Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight.

## Looking ahead

As the energy sector undergoes rapid change, it's important for all consumers to understand the basics of electricity supply and demand.

Electricity use in the U.S. is expected to rise to record highs this year and next, with the demand for electricity expected to at least double by 2050. At the same time, energy policies are pushing the early retirement of always-available generation sources, which will undoubtedly compromise reliable electricity.

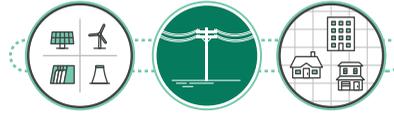
CLP remains committed to providing affordable, reliable energy to the members we serve. That's why we are preparing now for increased demand and other challenges that could compromise our local electric supply.

CLP is currently in the process of updating our load control receivers for our load management programs. Load control receivers allow us to control our heating and cooling members during high electricity demand periods. The old load control receivers were outdated and were failing, causing the members to be uncontrolled. We anticipate the upgrade will be completed in June.

Managing the balancing act of electricity supply and demand is a complex job, which is why we have a network of utilities, power plant operators and energy traffic managers in place to direct the electricity we need and keep the electric grid balanced.

# A Balancing Act: ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND DEMAND

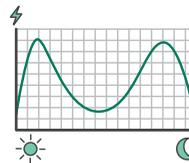
Behind the scenes, a network of people and facilities work together to ensure you have electricity when you flip the switch.



Electricity is generated at a power plant, then sent across the grid to homes, schools and businesses.

The amount of electricity generated and how much is sent to where it's needed are typically coordinated and monitored by regional grid operators that essentially act as energy traffic managers.

## Regional Grid Operators



As electricity demand varies throughout the day, grid operators, power plant operators and electric utilities work to forecast, plan and purchase enough electricity for everyone.

Ensuring communities have the exact amount of electricity they need is a challenging task, but behind the scenes, a network of industry experts make it happen every day.



## Factors that Impact Electricity Supply and Demand



- Demand Surges
- Extreme Temperatures
- Infrastructure Costs and Availability
- Supply Chain Challenges
- Fuel Costs
- Federal and State Regulations

## HELP KEEP LINEWORKERS SAFE

Lineworkers take great pride in providing safe and reliable service, but their job involves working around high-voltage power lines in all kinds of weather conditions.



## DO YOUR PART TO HELP KEEP LINEWORKERS SAFE



Never plug a generator into an indoor or outdoor wall outlet, which can cause voltage to back feed.



Workers need to efficiently and safely restore power when it goes out; please be patient.



Do not post signs on a utility pole, especially with staples and nails, which can puncture protective gear.



Slow down and move over in utility work zones. Crowding workers can cause accidents.

Learn more: [SafeElectricity.org](https://www.SafeElectricity.org)

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As spring arrives, take advantage of milder temperatures to save energy at home. Open windows on pleasant days to bring in fresh air instead of running your HVAC system. It's also a great time to replace dirty air filters, which helps your system run more efficiently and improves indoor air quality. As daylight increases, turn off unnecessary lights and rely on natural sunlight when possible. Small seasonal adjustments like these can reduce energy use, lower monthly bills and help keep your home comfortable as winter transitions into spring.





## Westholm Scholarship

Cooperative Light & Power will award six \$1,000 scholarships to students in our service territory. Four scholarships are designated for students at Two Harbors High School and William Kelley High School, while two will go to students from high schools outside the area.

Scholarship guidelines and applications are available on our website at [www.clpower.com](http://www.clpower.com) or from your guidance counselors at Two Harbors High School or William Kelley High School.

Act now, scan the QR code to get started!



### Medical Emergency Power

According to Minnesota Statute 216B.098, Subd. 5, a utility shall reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where a medical emergency exists or where medical equipment requiring electricity necessary to sustain life is in use, provided that the utility receives written certification, or initial certification by telephone and written certification within five business days, that failure to reconnect or continue services will impair or threaten the health or safety of a resident of the customer's household. Certification of the necessity for service is required. Certification may be provided by: (1) a licensed medical doctor; (2) a licensed physician assistant; (3) an advanced practice registered nurse; or (4) a registered nurse. Unless specific criteria are met, a certification may not extend beyond six months from the date of written certification. For any questions or to submit certification of a medical emergency, please contact CLP at 834-2226. Member number Six Hundred Forty One Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen.

### Love Seeing These Recipes?

*Do you enjoy the tasty recipes featured in our newsletter? We'd love to see your favorites, too! Share your delicious recipes with fellow members and get featured in an upcoming issue. As a thank you, you'll receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill when published. Mail in or drop off your recipes at our office.*

#### Recipe: Traditional White Bread

From the Kitchen of: Aili Gischia

#### Ingredients:

- 6-7 c. all-purpose or bread flour
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. butter or stick margarine, melted, if desired
- 2 pkg. regular or quick active dry yeast (4 1/2 tps.)
- 2 1/4 c. very warm water (120 to 130)



#### Instructions:

1. Mix 3 1/2 cups of flour, sugar, salt, butter, and yeast in a large bowl. Add warm water. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed for 1 minute, scraping the bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed 1 minute, scraping bowl frequently. Stir in enough remaining flour, 1 cup at a time, to make the dough easy to handle.
2. Place the dough on a lightly floured surface. Knead about 10 minutes or until the dough is smooth and springy. Place the dough in a large bowl greased with shortening, turning it to coat all sides. Cover the bowl loosely with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place for 10 to 60 minutes, or until doubled. Dough is ready if indentation remains when touched.
3. Grease the bottoms and sides of 2 loaf pans with shortening.
4. Gently push fist into dough to deflate. Divide dough in half. Flatten each half with hands or rolling pin into 18 x 9 inch rectangle on lightly floured surface. Roll dough up tightly, beginning at 9 inch sides. Press with thumbs to seal after each turn. Pinch edge of dough into roll to seal. Press each end with side of hand to seal. Fold ends under loaf. Place seam side down in pan. Brush loaves lightly with butter. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and let rise in warm place to 50 minutes or until double.
5. Move oven rack to low position so that tops of pans will be in center of oven. Heat oven to 425 degrees.
6. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until loaves are deep golden brown and sound hollow when tapped. Remove from pans to wire rack. Brush loaves with butter; cool.

### Dates to Know...

- Mar 8:** Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar 17:** St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 25:** CLP Board Meeting & CLP Bills Due
- April 3:** Good Friday  
CLP Offices Closed
- April 18:** CLP Annual Meeting

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

### 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 January:**

Nancy Krull

**Credits not claimed:** Tom Palen, Thomas Simonsen, Antone Hempstock

### 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.

