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### Out on the Right-of-Way: Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place



**Stephanie Palmer**  
CLP Forester

As residents of Northern Minnesota, you know firsthand how the right tree, planted in the right place, can provide decades of beauty, habitat, and energy savings; while the wrong tree in the wrong place can lead to conflicts with power lines, costly maintenance, and even service interruptions.

Trees growing too close to power lines are one of the leading causes of outages, especially during storms or heavy snow. That's why thoughtful tree selection and placement are so important, not just for your property, but for the reliability of the entire system.

When planting near overhead lines, it's best to choose species that will remain relatively low-growing at maturity.

This helps maintain safe clearances and reduces the need for future trimming. Member number six hundred thirty seven thousand one hundred forty three. Low-growing tree species: 1. Serviceberry 2. Pagoda dogwood 3. American Arborvitae 4. Common Lilac (non-native) 5. Flowering Crabapple 6. Chokecherry 7. Dwarf Alberta Spruce.

Always consider both height and spread at maturity, and when in doubt, plant taller-growing species well away from power lines to allow them to reach their full potential without conflict.

#### Thank You for Your Cooperation

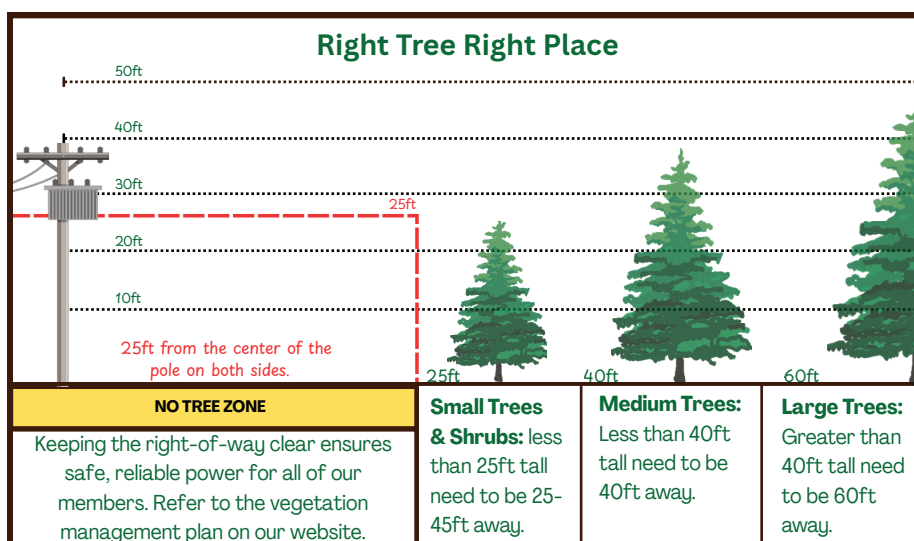
Thank you for your patience and cooperation during our recent tree trimming activities in Isabella and Knife River. We understand that tree work can sometimes feel intrusive, but it plays a critical role in maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

If we were unable to reach your property this winter, our crews will return next season to complete the work.

Proactive vegetation management helps prevent outages, reduces safety hazards, and ensures crews can respond quickly

when issues arise. Planting wisely, supporting right-of-way maintenance, and keeping safety in mind, we can preserve the beauty of our northern forests while also supporting a dependable electric system for everyone.

If you have questions about what to plant or where to plant it, don't hesitate to reach out.  
-Stephanie



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To view the CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:

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



## Operation Round Up Totals

March Donations: \$1,540.32

Year-to-date Donations: \$4586.05

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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## PowerLines

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Summer Business Hours:

Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

## CLP's 89th Annual Meeting Highlights Connection and Community

Cooperative Light & Power's 89th Annual Meeting, held on Saturday, April 18, was well attended and a strong reflection of our engaged membership. We were pleased to welcome 171 members from across our service territory for a morning of connection, conversation, and cooperative business.

The day began with registration and a pancake breakfast served by the Two Harbors Lions Club, where more than 300 breakfasts were served, accompanied by live entertainment from the Two Harbors Ukulele Group. Members also enjoyed family-friendly activities, participated in bingo,



visited with staff, and learned more about electric safety and cooperative programs.

The business meeting officially began at 10:00 a.m., where members heard updates from Board President Roger Peterson and CEO Carey Hogenson. Reports highlighted the cooperative's strong financial position, continued focus on reliability, and ongoing investments to support our growing membership and system needs. Member number six hundred forty thousand two hundred seventy five. We were also pleased to welcome guest speakers from Great River Energy, who shared insights on the broader energy landscape.



## Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Jan-26</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Operating Revenue		\$ 1,227,071	\$ 1,803,851	\$ 1,743,260
Cost of Purchased Power		\$ 812,317	\$ 1,054,012	\$ 1,103,648
Other Operating Expenses		\$ 306,165	\$ 610,044	\$ 623,258
Total Cost of Electric Service		\$ 1,118,482	\$ 1,664,056	\$ 1,726,906
Operating Margin (Loss)		\$ 108,589	\$ 139,795	\$ 16,354
Interest Income		\$ 8,010	\$ 3,353	\$ 8,023
Other Margins		\$ (9,771)	\$ 12,952	\$ (928)
Capital Credits		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Margins		\$ 106,828	\$ 156,100	\$ 23,449
kWh Purchased		11,889,071	13,251,326	13,277,689
kWh Sold		11,335,265	12,654,305	11,463,346
Line Loss		4.66%	4.51%	13.66%
Members Billed		6,044	6,515	6,559
Average kWh Used, Residential		1,675	1,807	1,736
Average Bill, Residential		\$ 170.45	\$ 237.80	\$ 244.26
Average Cost/kWh, Residential		\$ 0.1018	\$ 0.1316	\$ 0.1407
Interest Expense		\$ 27,654	\$ 37,480	\$ 43,741

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A highlight of the meeting included the re-election of District #1 Board member Jessica Willemarck, along with a presentation from our Youth Tour delegate, Aria Oswald-Swenson, showcasing the next generation of cooperative leaders.

Prior to the meeting, one member question was submitted by a District #1 member asking why CLP has stopped holding district meetings, which have historically provided a forum for discussion and engagement with board representatives.

CLP shared that district meetings were temporarily paused due to cost. We are pleased to announce they will return this fall in a refreshed format, “Coffee with the Co-op,” offering members an opportunity to connect with leadership, ask questions, and discuss



cooperative priorities. Dates and locations will be announced in September.

Members enjoyed prize drawings, five children won new bikes, and more than 23 prizes were awarded after the meeting, thanks to sponsors and generous vendor partners.

Most importantly, the Annual Meeting provided an opportunity to connect directly with you, our members. We appreciate the thoughtful questions, positive feedback, and strong participation. Many members shared their appreciation for continued improvements in reliability and the quick response of our line crews during outages, which we are proud to deliver.

As a member-owned cooperative, your engagement and input are essential. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year’s meeting a success. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

## Does CLP Have Your Correct Contact Information?

Keeping your contact information up to date with CLP helps us serve you better, especially when it matters most. Outdated information can delay outage notifications and make it harder for us to accurately track outages.

When you call to report an outage, CLP connects your phone number to your service address. During after hours or large outages, calls are routed through our automated system. Member number six hundred forty four thousand three hundred eighty two. When your number is recognized, it is much easier to follow the prompts and quickly report the correct location.

The same is true for our Outage Texting feature. The cell phone number on your account needs to match the number you are calling or texting from. If it does not, the outage may not be tracked correctly.

Keeping your phone number current also al-

lows us to reach you with important account information and outage updates, so you can stay informed and prepared.

It is also a good idea to review the name or names listed on your account. Only those listed can access account information. If something has changed, such as a marriage, divorce, or a death, please let us know so we can keep our records accurate.

Finally, keeping your information current helps ensure you receive your capital credits. Active members receive credits on their electric bills, while former members receive a check when credits are retired. We rely on the name or names on the account and your last known address to send those payments.

Even if you no longer receive service from CLP, we encourage you to keep your contact information updated so you do not miss out on future capital credit retirements.

**SUMMER HOURS**  
May 4, 2026 – September 25, 2026

**Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday 7 AM - 4:30 PM  
Friday 7 AM - 11 AM  
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

The image shows a sign for CLP Summer Hours. The sign is white with a blue border and features the CLP logo at the bottom. The logo consists of the letters 'CLP' in a stylized font, with 'Cooperative Light & Power' written below it. To the right of the logo is the text 'Your Touchstone Energy Partner' and a small logo for Touchstone Energy.

## Understanding CLP’s Connect, Disconnect, & Reconnect Policies

Whether you are starting new service, moving, or reconnecting after a disruption, CLP’s Connect, Disconnect, and Reconnect policies help guide the process.

A \$15 service connection charge applies when switching an account between renters, or transferring service to a new owner. This fee does not apply to spousal transfers.

If service is disconnected due to non-payment, it will need to be brought current before power can be restored. This means the past due balance and any related charges must be paid in full, or payment arrangements must be made with our Credit and Collections team.

There are also fees associated with reconnecting service after a disconnection for non-payment, including a \$50 collection call charge and a \$50 reconnection charge. Member number six hundred nine thousand eight hundred three. If reconnection is requested outside of regular business hours, a minimum \$250 overtime charge will apply.

All trips to member premises under this policy are scheduled during regular business hours unless otherwise specified.

For further information or questions regarding CLP Board Policies, please contact the CLP office.



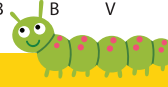
# SPRING SAVINGS WORD SEARCH



Are you ready to *spring* into energy savings? When we actively try to reduce our energy use at home, we save on bills and help our community. Read the efficiency tips below, then search for (and circle) the **bolded** words in the puzzle. Member number six hundred forty five thousand five hundred sixty seven.

**Spring Energy Tips:** **Unplug** chargers, gaming systems and other devices. Electronics can consume **energy** when they're plugged in, even if you're not using them. Open curtains and blinds during the day to use **natural light** instead of lamps and other home lighting. Dress for the weather. When it's chilly, grab a **jacket** instead of turning up the **thermostat**. When it's warm, instead of turning on the A/C, open **windows** or turn on fans to circulate air. Turn off **lights** when you're leaving the room for more than five minutes.

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## Love Seeing These Recipes?

Do you enjoy the tasty recipes featured in our newsletter? Member Number six hundred one thousand five hundred fifty. 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: Chicken Hot Dish

From the Kitchen of: Jody Hepola

#### Ingredients & Instructions :

- 2 - 5oz cans cooked chicken
- 1 -7oz pkg. of cremettes elbow macaroni - uncooked
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can milk
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cheddar cheese soup
- 1 sm jar pimento (optional)
- Chopped green pepper & onion

1. Mix together and let stand overnight in fridge
2. Bake 1 1/2 hours at 350 degrees



## Dates to Know...

- May 4: CLP Summer Hours Begin
- May 10: Mother's Day
- May 16: Armed Forces Day
- May 25: Memorial Day  
CLP Offices will be closed
- May 26: CLP Bills Due
- May 27: CLP Board 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.

We apologize for missing two numbers in last month's issue. To make it right, we're adding two extra numbers to the *May Powerlines*.

**Credits claimed for March:**

Lee or Juanita Schumacher

**Credits not claimed:** David or Joyce Johnson, Robert M Risch, Todd Doyle

## 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.

