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Powered by Purpose

In October, electric cooperatives across the country take time to celebrate National Co-op Month and reflect on the unique advantages of being part of a cooperative. It's also the perfect time to thank you—the members who make it all possible. For us, it's not just a celebration. It's a chance to reaffirm the values that guide everything we do.

At its core, being a cooperative means we are member-owned and locally controlled. That's not just a tagline; it's the very heart of our business model. Members have a voice in how our co-op operates. You elect board members who live right here in our service area and understand the unique challenges and opportunities our communities face. Decisions aren't made in corporate boardrooms hundreds of miles away; they're made here at home, by people who care about the same things you do.

This local accountability means we can stay focused on what matters most: delivering reliable, affordable electricity and providing real value to the people we serve.

We do that by investing in essential infrastructure upgrades and technologies that strengthen our local grid and improve electric service. We work hard to manage costs and keep rates as low as possible because we know how much rising prices affect families and small businesses in our area. And when storms hit or outages occur, CLP crews are here and ready to respond quickly, because we live here too.

But our commitment doesn't end at the power lines. Co-ops were built to meet community needs, and that purpose extends well beyond delivering electricity. Whether we're supporting local schools, sponsoring youth programs, partnering with volunteer organizations or

helping bring power to rural areas, we are always looking for ways to improve the quality of life in the places we serve. Community support isn't an afterthought—it's part of our mission. We're also planning for the future. As electricity demand grows, due to new technologies and economic development, electric co-ops are working to ensure we continue to meet those needs with a balanced and, reliable energy mix. We know our members care about affordability and dependability, and we're committed to delivering both.

That's the power of the cooperative difference. That's what it means to be powered by purpose.

This National Co-op Month, I encourage you to take pride in your cooperative membership. You're not just a customer—you're an owner, a stakeholder, and a vital part of a larger effort to keep our community strong, connected and energized.

Thank you for the trust you place in us. We're proud to be your local electric cooperative.

Celebrate Co-op Month With Us

Friday, October 17, 2025, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm
CLP Parking Lot, 1554 Highway 2, Two Harbors



Join us for a drive-thru pie social
featuring pies from Betty's Pies.

CLP Names Carey Hogenson as Chief Executive Office CLP Board of Directors



Carey Hogenson, CEO

After an extensive search for its next CEO, the Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) Board of Directors is proud to announce the permanent appointment of Carey Hogenson as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The search process included consideration of a broad pool of qualified candidates, reflecting the Board's commitment to finding the right leader to guide CLP into the future. Ultimately, Carey emerged as the top choice due to her unmatched experience, deep community ties, and proven leadership.

Throughout her career at CLP, Carey has held roles in member services, billing, collections, marketing, and human resources. Her extensive leadership and management experience across departments provides her with a comprehensive understanding of the cooperative's operations and a strong connection to the needs of its members. Member account number six hundred forty-eight thousand nine hundred sixty-two.

Carey is also known for her deep community involvement. She is the co-founder and annual organizer of the CLP Toy Drive and actively volunteers with numerous local organizations. She serves as President of the Lake County Humane Society, is a board member of the Salva-

tion Army, leads the Red Kettle Bell Ringing campaign, and volunteers with Meals on Wheels. Additionally, she's been a devoted team mom for several of her daughters' sports teams.

"We are proud to announce Carey as our next CEO," said CLP Board Chair Roger Peterson. "Her deep business knowledge, understanding of the energy industry, and 30 years of dedicated service to CLP gave the Board great confidence in this decision. We are certain Carey will uphold our mission and provide the leadership needed to guide CLP through both opportunities and challenges ahead."

A lifelong resident of Two Harbors, Carey and her husband, Rick, have three daughters: Marlee (18), Makena (18), and Raegan (16). Her strong local roots and commitment to our community reflect the cooperative values at the heart of CLP. Member account number six hundred ten thousand six hundred twenty-six.

"I am truly humbled and honored to serve as the next CEO of CLP," Hogenson said. "Our focus will remain on delivering safe, reliable, and affordable power to our members. I look forward to working alongside our dedicated staff and strengthening relationships with our members, partners, and communities."

CLP has transitioned to winter hours



September 29th - May 4th



Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Electric Heat Sales Tax Exemption

Did you know that if you are a member whose primary heat is electricity, and you use 50% or more to heat your home, you could receive a sales tax exemption for six months of the year?

Electricity sold for residential use to metered members who are billed as residential users and primarily use it for heating is exempt from sales tax are from November to April.

This does not apply to anyone other than members whose primary source of heat is electricity. By primary source, it means 50% or more of your heating requirements are electric. However, if your electric heat is used in combination with wood or another fuel, you may not qualify.

If you no longer use electric heat as your primary heat source and have signed the form, please get in touch with CLP to request discontinuation of your tax-exempt status. Members receiving a tax credit when electric heat is not the primary source of heat violate the MN State Sales Tax Law.

Members who have Dual Fuel or Off-Peak meters are already receiving the exemption since their heat is separately metered.

Contact CLP if you have questions or if you've changed your heating source.

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.



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Power Outage (24/7): 800-927-5550

Winter Business Hours:

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

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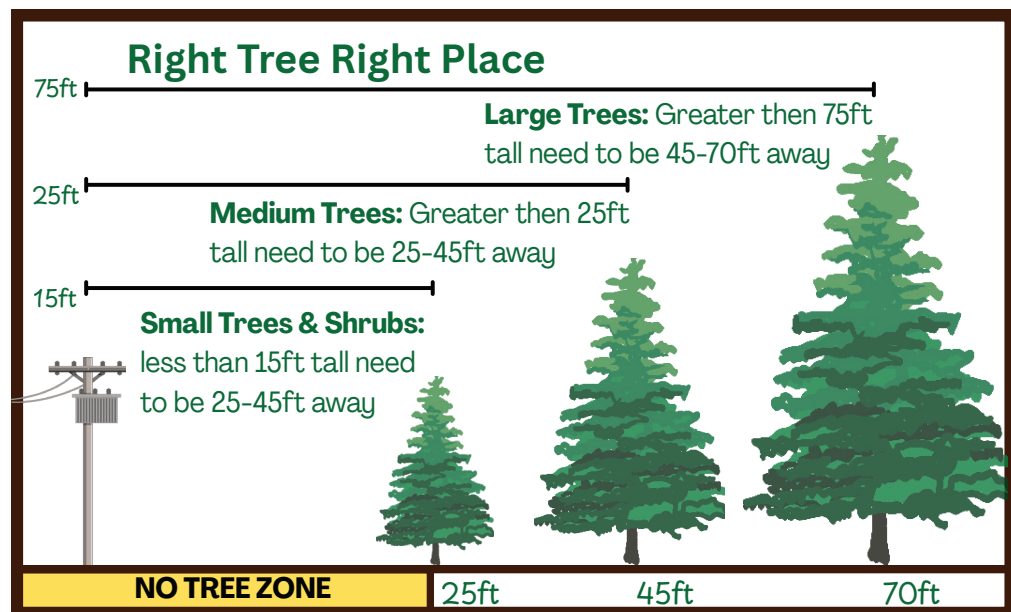
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Vegetation Management Notice



Members: This is a notification of vegetation management activities that will be occurring along select overhead primary line right of ways (ROW) in the Isabella and Knife River areas. Starting in October you may see contractors managing the ROW using manual and mechanical means. Our members have spoken up and are demanding fewer outages. CLP listened and is implementing a 7-year cycle-based integrated vegetation management approach to reduce the frequency and duration of tree-related power outages across the service area.

The objective of this work is to re-claim the right of way by proactively removing woody vegetation growing under and alongside the power lines to prevent future line interference and maintain the required

width set forth by the National Electric Safety Code (NESC). Our primary focus of work is on overhead single phase and three phase mainlines not secondary service wires. Single phase lines will be cleared to a 40ft width and three phase mainlines will be cleared to a 50ft width.

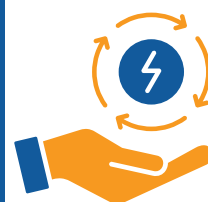
The benefits of vegetation management are safe and reliable power, public safety, accessibility for the linemen restoring outages, wildfire mitigation, and a decrease in annual outages and duration times due to trees.

For more information on the CLP integrated vegetation management program please visit the 'My Cooperative' tab on the CLP website. If you have additional questions, contact our forester Stephanie directly.

Contact Information
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DID YOU KNOW?

Trees & animals are the #1 & #2 causes of outages?



Load Management

In an effort to help you test your backup heating system for your Dual-Fuel, a Dual-Fuel interruption is scheduled on Thursday, October 23rd, and Saturday, October 25th, from 6 pm - 9 pm.

This test will include both Dual-Fuel and Freedom Heating. The test also is a reminder to fill your secondary fuel source for the upcoming heating season.

Recipe: Summer Time Lemonade Pie ⌚ 3-4 Hours

From the Kitchen of: Dianne Wulff

Ingredients:

- 1 Keebler cookie pie crust
- 1 14oz. sweetened condensed milk
- 1 12oz. can frozen lemonade (thawed)
- 1 8oz. tub of Cool Whip

Instructions:

1. Beat condensed milk & lemonade together
2. Fold in Cool whip
3. Pour into crust
4. Freeze 3-4 hours



Read Your Board Meeting Summary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) was called to order on July 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the CLP office. All directors, four staff members, and one member were present for the meeting. Member account number six hundred eighty-eight thousand one hundred thirty-nine.

The following actions were taken at the July 2025 Board Meeting:

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the Consent Agenda
- Approval of Financials
- Approval of update to Policy I-10
- Approval of April Financials
- Approval of NextEra Energy Resources – Amended Terms for Dodge County Wind Energy Purchase

Member account number seven hundred six thousand two hundred ninety-four.

The following reports were given:

- Finance Report
 - NISC Update
 - MN Dept of Commerce report 7610

- Meeting at Wells Fargo to update authorized signers/name change.
- Member Services/HR Report
 - Contributions
 - Member & Community Events
 - Updates to the Emergency Response Plan
- Energy Services Report
 - Time of Use Meters Update
 - Eaton Load controllers
 - Community Solar array & GRE Solar array
- Operations Report
 - Reviewed services restored post-wildfires
 - RESAP Walk-through
 - Federated Insurance visit
- CEO Report
 - Strategic Plan Report
 - Building Remodel
 - Grant Updates
 - Community Solar
- GRE Report
 - Reviewed Highlights from GRE
- Closed Session
- Adjournment was at 12:11 p.m.

Dates to Know...

Oct 17: Co-op Month Celebration
Drive-thru pie social 11am - 1pm

Oct 22: CLP Board Meeting

Oct 27: CLP Bills Due

Oct 31: Halloween

Nov 4: Election Day

NOTE: CLP *dates subject to change*

To view a complete version of the latest CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:

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

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 August:

None

Credits not claimed: Clarine Northey, John Pekkala, Lawrence or Alise Cumpston, Ronald or Nancy Johnsted

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

August Donations: \$1,678.90

Year-to-date Donations: \$12,895.68

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.

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Year-to-date Financials

<u>Jul-25</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 7,025,558	\$ 9,160,083	\$ 9,636,633
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 4,272,819	\$ 4,773,930	\$ 5,245,732
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 2,644,450	\$ 4,011,518	\$ 3,911,884
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 6,917,269	\$ 8,785,448	\$ 9,157,616
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 108,289	\$ 374,635	\$ 479,017
Interest Income	\$ 51,447	\$ 48,768	\$ 59,355
Other Margins	\$ (45,081)	\$ (15,755)	\$ 10,234
Capital Credits	\$ 29,027	\$ 5,605	\$ 12,033
Total Margins	\$ 143,682	\$ 413,253	\$ 560,639
kWh Purchased	63,936,209	59,425,733	63,337,265
kWh Sold	60,620,450	57,026,761	61,168,084
Line Loss	5.19%	4.04%	3.42%
Members Billed	6,007	6,497	6,529
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,112	1,023	1,110
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 131.61	\$ 161.43	\$ 173.49
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1184	\$ 0.1578	\$ 0.1563
Interest Expense	\$ 234,832	\$ 212,909	\$ 253,414