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Can You Help Us Stock the Shelves of the CLP Caring Closets?

Carey Hogenson, Marketing Manager



Last year, we launched the CLP Caring Closets at Minnehaha Elementary and Two Harbors High School. The closets provide students with personal hygiene, toiletries, and clothing that they may not have available at home or may find the need during the school day. The William Kelley School in Silver Bay had a closet already in place, and CLP is also a proud sponsor of that project.

The items listed below are the items specifically requested by the schools for the beginning of the school year. Thank you in advance for your support of this important community project.

2022-2023 School Year Caring Closet Wish List

- Men's deodorant
- Women's deodorant
- Shampoo
- Hair Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Colored pencils
- Water bottles – clear or translucent
- Women's leggings all sizes - *new, not used
- Women's underwear all sizes - *new, not used
- Men's sweatpants all sizes - *new, not used
- Men's underwear all sizes - *new, not used
- Youth sweatpants all sizes - *new, not used
- Youth leggings all sizes - *new, not used
- Youth hoodies all sizes - *new, not used
- Youth underwear all sizes - *new, not used

CLP works closely with each school to keep the closets stocked with items our students need. Let's work together to get those shelves filled for the school year! Member account number six hundred three thousand one hundred twenty three. CLP is accepting donations at our office. We will work with the schools to get the items they most need and deliver them directly to each of the schools. You can find the CLP Caring Closet wish list on our website at <https://clpower.com/clp-caring-closet>.



Hot Topics - Inflation and Weather Impact Your Cooperative

Steve Shurts, Interim CEO

This month, I've got two messages. First, inflation is on everyone's mind, and it is impacting your

our PCA from 3 cents/kWh to 4 cents/kWh, effective with your September payments. We know inflation has impacted everyone, and we don't take this step lightly, but it is necessary for your cooperative to remain financially solvent.

My second message is taken from an article by GRE. We experience weather in extremes, which means we must be prepared year-round to keep electricity flowing to homes, farms, and businesses no matter what Mother Nature has in store for us.

When temperatures drop during a polar vortex or get extremely hot during the summer, GRE deploys its demand response programs to cost-effectively meet members' electrical demands. More than 200,000 residents participate in programs that allow GRE to cycle air conditioners, water heaters, or other loads for a period of hours on high-

demand days. Because of this, GRE can control 15% of its peak load — or the equivalent of reducing electricity demand by more than 200,000 homes on a normal summer day.

GRE depends on these programs to avoid paying higher market costs during times when demand for electricity is high. In addition to these programs, GRE operates a fleet of natural gas peaking stations across Minnesota that generally run only on the hottest and coldest days of the year. Member account number six hundred three thousand one hundred thirty six. These plants can start up in a matter of minutes to add electricity quickly and dependably to the grid when needed.

With these programs and power supply assets in place, you can depend on Cooperative Light & Power to deliver reliable electricity throughout all of Minnesota's seasons.

cooperative. While some prices, for example, gasoline, have declined from all-time highs, essentially everything costs more today than it did last year. Since last year, CLP has seen price increases in the range of 15% to 25% (and higher) for materials. Member account number six hundred fifty one thousand six hundred twenty five. The cost of market energy purchased by our power supplier, Great River Energy (GRE), has increased, so GRE's price to us in the form of a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) has likewise increased.

With these pressures, we've increased

2023 CO-OP LIFE CALENDAR CONTEST

Last chance to submit your favorite photo for the CLP 2023 Calendar! Contest deadline is September 23, 2022. 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.



Call Before You Dig

800.252.1166
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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Right-of-Way Herbicide Application

Brian Bentler, Operations Manager

Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) has contracted with Central Applicators to provide right-of-way (ROW) herbicide application to the areas fed by the Clover Valley Substation. The areas scheduled to be sprayed are Alden Township, Homestead Road, Stanley Road, West Knife River Road, Bergquist Road, Old North Shore Road, Alseth Road, Stoney Point, and along Scenic 61 from Palmers to Larsmont, as well as the secondary roads from the above listed main roads. Work is scheduled to begin in mid to late September.

The spraying is part of CLP's ongoing integrated vegetation management program for delivering safe and reliable service. The herbicide will be used along CLP's utility easement to control unwanted trees and brush. It is safe, biodegradable, and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Depending on time and weather, there is the potential for the herbicide application to also be done in the Brimson, Wales Road, and Thomas Lake areas after the completion of the Clover Valley project. We will update you on this project as information becomes available to us.

CLP will notify affected property owners by phone of the herbicide application. If you wish to opt-out of herbicide application on your property or would like additional information, please call the CLP office at (218) 834-2226 or (800) 580-5881. A complete map of the herbicide application can be found on the CLP website at www.clppower.com.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Water heating accounts for a large portion of home energy bills. To save energy (and money!) used for water heating, repair any leaky faucets, install low-flow fixtures and insulate accessible hot water lines. When it's time to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher, look for models that are ENERGY STAR®-certified.

Source: Dept. of Energy



OUTDOOR

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Hosted by:
Cooperative Light & Power

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22ND**

7:45 PM

**1554 HIGHWAY 2,
TWO HARBORS**

THE LITTLE RASCALS

Mischief Loves Company!

⇨ BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS
⇨ POSTPONED IF INCLEMENT WEATHER
⇨ MOVIE BEGINS AT SUNDOWN
⇨ FREE ADMISSION
⇨ FREE POPCORN

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Recipe

Creamy Cucumber Salad

From the Kitchen of: Jenine Novack

- 1/4 cup sour cream or Miracle Whip
- 1 Tablespoon white vinegar
- 2 Tablespoons chopped dill weed (optional)
- 1 large cucumber (sliced)
- 1/2 small red onion (thinly sliced like an onion ring)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and let marinate one hour in the refrigerator.

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

Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the Cooperative Light & Power Board of Directors was held on June 22, 2022, with the participation of Directors Veitenheimer, Schmieder, Peterson, Josephson, Interim CEO Steve Shurts, Business Manager Kevin Olson, Sherry Fabini to take the minutes and two member-owners. Attorney Chad Felstul was present for a portion of the meeting by video conference. Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended, May Minutes, and the consent agenda. Motions passed.

A member-owner spoke on the following:

Making IRS Form 990 available to members. He requested time to talk about the GRE dual fuel modification at Cambridge peaking plant. This will be covered at the July Board meeting when a GRE representative is available. He asked the Board to consider allowing mail-in voting. The Board agreed to explore both mail-in and electronic voting. He provided handouts and pointed out the significant difference in the number of the members in each district. Steve will investigate this and try to find a company that does this type of

study about re-districting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the financials. Motion passed.

Interim CEO Steve Shurts did a verbal report. He attended a meeting on June 6, 2022, with MREA staff and several other CEO's to discuss cooperative-municipal relations.

CLP executed a new contract with NRG to continue providing generator service to LP for load shedding.

Steve provided an edited version of Board Policy IV-36, Board Member Attendance, for the Board's review.

Scott Veitenheimer reported on the GRE Board Meeting. He stated that three resolutions were passed. Member account number six hundred thirty eight thousand seven hundred nineteen. Connexus negotiations are moving forward. He talked about traveling blackouts with the hot weather and some of the concerns.

Steve and staff met with a representative from Davey Resource Group. Davey stated they can do a system analysis in late summer or early fall.

The Board discussed the date for the next Board meeting. The date is set for July 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment was called at 2:42 p.m.

Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Apr-22</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 3,701,007	\$ 5,046,506	\$ 5,251,504	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 2,209,443	\$ 3,080,677	\$ 3,224,719	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 1,299,588	\$ 1,834,106	\$ 1,909,019	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 3,509,031	\$ 4,914,783	\$ 5,133,738	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 191,976	\$ 131,723	\$ 117,766	
Interest Income	\$ 21,580	\$ 26,569	\$ 14,073	
Other Margins	\$ 27,407	\$ (52,472)	\$ (9,348)	
Capital Credits	\$ 6,942	\$ 11,526	\$ 13,745	
Total Margins	\$ 247,905	\$ 117,346	\$ 136,236	
kWh Purchased	36,228,609	41,440,314	46,487,311	
kWh Sold	34,265,342	39,601,209	44,344,671	
Line Loss	5.42%	4.44%	4.61%	
Members Billed	5,916	6,308	6,371	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,220	1,362	1,533	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 133.18	\$ 160.31	\$ 176.91	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1092	\$ 0.1177	\$ 0.1154	
Interest Expense	\$ 151,225	\$ 115,844	\$ 116,234	

Dates to Know...

Sept 8: North Country EV Event

Sept 15 : Cookies in CLP Lobby

Sept 22: Outdoor Movie @ CLP

Sept 23: Calendar Contest Ends

Sept 26: CLP Bills Due

Sept 28: CLP Board Meeting

NOTE: CLP dates are subject to change

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

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

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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 July:

Thomas Stonemark

Credits not claimed:

Anna Housey, Pamela Jensen, Mark Carey

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

July Donations: \$1,642.55

Year-to-date Donations: \$11,681.60

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.