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Mark Your Calendar

August 15..... Electric Bills Due

August 25..... Board Meeting



Find Your Account Number & Win!

TEC has hidden an account number in this newsletter. If you find your account number, notify us by September 1st and you will get a **\$10 bill credit**.

Congratulations!



Certified!

Jordan Pearson, recently obtained his Journeyman Lineworker certification after successfully completing the four year apprenticeship program that required Jordan to complete 7,500 hours of on the job work experience and pass written tests. Congratulations, Jordan!



Understanding Your Electric Bill

JEREMY HUHNSTOCK
General Manager

August is typically one of the warmest months of the year, and that means air conditioners across our community are working overtime to keep homes comfortable. During periods of extreme heat, many members may see an increase in their electric bill and wonder what factors contribute to the cost of electricity.

At Traverse Electric Cooperative, we believe understanding your electric bill is an important part of being an informed member. While the total amount due may seem like a single number, it actually reflects several different costs associated with delivering reliable electricity to your home or business.

The largest factor is often the amount of energy you use. Electricity is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh), and the more energy your household consumes, the higher your bill will be. During the summer, air conditioning is typically the largest driver of increased energy use. When temperatures climb into the 90s or higher, our cooling systems run longer and more frequently, consuming significantly more electricity than they do during milder weather.

Another major factor is the cost of generating or purchasing electricity. Like many cooperatives, TEC purchases power from Basin Electric Cooperative. The cost of producing electricity fluctuates based on fuel prices, including natural gas, coal and other energy resources used to generate power. Changes in wholesale power costs influence the price of electricity delivered to members.

Transmission costs also play a role. Before electricity reaches your home, it must travel across a network of high-voltage transmission lines that connect power plants to local distribution systems. Transmission equipment requires ongoing maintenance and upgrades to ensure reliability, especially as electricity demand continues to grow.

Closer to home, TEC maintains the local electric distribution system—utility poles, power lines, transformers, substations and other essential equipment that safely delivers power to members. Maintaining this equipment is covered through the monthly service charge. This is a flat monthly fee all members pay, regardless of how much electricity they use. This fixed fee ensures all members pay a fair share of the basic, operational costs required to keep the power grid reliable and ready to serve your home or business. Whether a member uses a little electricity or a lot, we must maintain infrastructure and have crews, equipment and resources available to provide electricity around the clock.

Summer temperatures can also influence costs in less obvious ways. When the demand for electricity is high across a region, wholesale power prices can increase. Utilities and grid operators must ensure enough generation is available to meet peak demand, and those costs can be reflected throughout the electric system.

The good news is that simple steps to lower energy use can make a meaningful difference. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher when you're away, replacing dirty HVAC filters, using ceiling fans, sealing air leaks and avoiding the use of major appliances during the hottest parts of the day can help reduce energy consumption, lower your bill and reduce strain on the local grid during peak demand. **1970**

TEC's mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity while being transparent about the factors that impact energy costs. We understand every dollar matters, and we are committed to making smart investments that keep the lights on and support the communities we serve.

If you ever have questions about your electric bill or co-op programs designed to help you save, please reach out. We're here to help you make informed decisions that work for your household.

Thank you for allowing Traverse Electric Cooperative to serve you. 

Jeremy

THANKYOU!

Traverse Electric thanks its members for giving us high marks in our ACSI® survey.

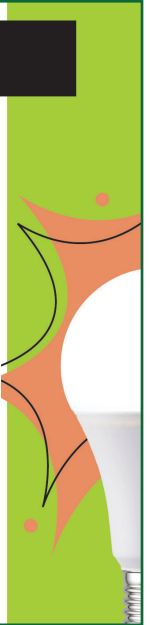
Traverse Electric Cooperative completed its annual member-wide customer satisfaction survey, where over 2,200 members were asked to participate. The member

responses were sent to the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI®), a company that measures customer satisfaction across multiple industries throughout the entire United States. For 2026, Traverse Electric Cooperative received an ACSI score of “82”, on a 100-point scale. Traverse Electric Cooperative’s score is higher when compared to publicly measured electric investor-owned utility scores//cooperative utility scores//municipal utility scores reported in the syndicated 2026 ACSI Energy Utility Study and places Traverse Electric Cooperative 10 points higher than the average electric investor-owned utility score of 72, as well as 8 points higher than the municipal utilities score of 74, per the industry ratings. For more information, please visit <https://theacsi.org/industries/energy/energy-utilities/>.

¹Compared to publicly measured energy utilities in the ACSI® survey of customers rating their own energy utility. Results based on data provided by Traverse Electric Cooperative, collected between April 27 and June 10, 2026. ACSI did not regulate the survey administration or sample size. ACSI and its logo are registered trademarks of the American Customer Satisfaction Index LLC. For more about the ACSI, visit www.theacsi.org.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Running multiple major appliances at the same time - like your dishwasher, laundry machines and oven - can spike energy demand and strain the electric grid, especially during peak hours (typically late afternoon to early evening). Instead of staking appliance use, spread it out throughout the day or shift chores to off-peak hours when energy demand is lower. This not only helps improve overall efficiency but can also reduce your energy costs. A simple habit change, like doing laundry in the morning and running the dishwasher overnight, can make a meaningful difference for both your wallet and energy reliability.



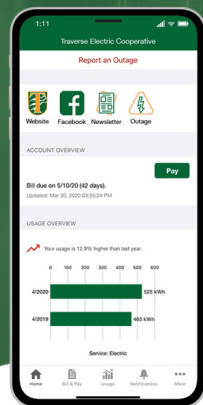
Welcome Samantha!

We would like to welcome Samantha Enwiller to Traverse Electric. Samantha joined us on July 1 as our new operations support administrator.



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June 2026 Traverse Electric Board Meeting Highlights

The June regular board meeting was held on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 8 AM.

- Absent: None.
- Staff members present were General Manager, Jeremy Huhnstock, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.
- President Diekmann called the meeting to order.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the May regular board meeting were approved.
- The May check register was approved.
- Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: *The Role of the Co-op's Attorney*.
- Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.
- Huhnstock presented the General Manager's Report, which included:
 - ◊ Provided a Basin Electric update.
 - ◊ Provided an East River update.
 - ◊ REED Fund review.
 - ◊ NRECA update.
 - ◊ MREA and MN legislative update.
 - ◊ SDREA and SD legislative update.
 - ◊ Other matters of interest.
- Reviewed and approved the 3/31/26 and Year End 12/31/25 Independent Audit Report with a clean audit opinion.

- Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:
 - ◊ May 31, 2026 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
 - ◊ A list of new members was reviewed.
 - ◊ Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
 - ◊ Provided a load control receiver change out update.
 - ◊ RUS loan advance discussed.
 - ◊ East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.
- Reviewed and approved the May 2026 Financial Report.
- The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:
 - ◊ Provided a crew update.
 - ◊ Reviewed projects.
 - ◊ Work order inspections were completed with our engineer.
 - ◊ 4 linemen and 2 trucks were sent to Runestone to assist with storm restoration.
 - ◊ Reviewed our Safety Program.
 - ◊ Outages were reviewed.
- Approved the 2026 Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Selected Diekmann to service a 3 year term on East River's Board.
- Selected East River Annual Meeting voting delegates.
- Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.
- Meeting adjourned. ▀

TEC May 2026 Financials

	May 2025	May 2026	YTD 2026
Total Revenue.....	\$1,171,854.41	\$1,288,482.24	\$6,856,709.17
Cost of Power.....	\$690,424.51	\$764,909.18	\$4,050,613.35
Total Cost of Service.....	\$1,137,598.30	\$1,256,098.83	\$6,338,829.97
Operating Margins	\$34,256.11	\$32,383.41	\$517,879.20
Total Margins.....	\$63,821.50	\$33,632.38	\$578,739.88
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Purchased ...	10,286,526	10,259,767	57,470,110
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Sales	9,826,176	9,764,169	54,779,155
Line Loss	4%	5%	4%

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Doug Diekmann, Beardsley, MN
 Vice-President: Terry Monson, Veblen, SD
 Secretary: Matthew Glynn, Sisseton, SD
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 Stacy Ehlers, Wheaton, MN
 Michael Gaulrapp, Breckenridge, MN
 Jared Hamling, Rosholt, SD
 Bradley Rudolph, Dumont, MN
 Kaley Thoennes, Chokio, MN

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Jeremy Huhnstock – General Manager
 Karen Lupkes – Office Manager
 Dale Schwagel – Operations Manager
 Melissa Przymus – Accountant
 Stacie Johannsen – Billing Clerk

OPERATIONS PERSONNEL

Richard Davis – Foreman
 Joe Gahlon – Journeyman Lineworker
 Kolby Goff – Apprentice Lineworker
 Health Kvatum – Apprentice Lineworker
 Austin Reinke – Journeyman Lineworker
 Tristan Varpness – Journeyman Lineworker
 Jordan Pearson – Journeyman Lineworker
 Chris Falk – Facility/Staking Technician
 Robert Groebner – Facility Technician
 Samantha Enwiller – Support Administrator

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 May 1–September 30

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