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Mark Your Calendar

May 15. Electric Bills Due

May 26. Office Closed
for Memorial Day

May 27. Board Meeting



Find Your Account Number & Win!

Congratulation to **Kirk Akerson** for finding his account number in the April newsletter for a \$10 credit.

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



We're Here to Help You Save

JEREMY HUHNSTOCK
General Manager

When summer heats up, our electric bills tend to increase as air conditioners are working overtime, driving up home energy consumption. Traverse Electric is your local not-for-profit electricity provider, and we are committed to helping you beat the heat without breaking the bank.

As the temperatures get hotter over the next few months, we want to make sure you know about a range of energy-saving offerings designed specifically with you in mind. By taking advantage of these programs and services, you can manage your summer energy consumption and costs.

Time of Use Rate

When you sign up for Traverse Electric's Time of Use Rate, you can lower your energy bills by shifting electric use to periods of lower demand (also known as off-peak times). Adjusting your electric use to off-peak hours helps TEC avoid peak demand charges, and those savings can be passed on to you.

Budget Billing

When you sign up for TEC's budget billing plan, your energy bill is calculated by averaging your previous 12 months of use. With budget billing, your monthly energy costs are easier to budget and manage, especially during seasonal fluctuations when bills tend to increase based on the weather. Budget billing is a great option for anyone on a fixed income or those with highly variable seasonal needs.

Home Energy Audit

TEC's energy advisors are available to conduct an energy audit of your home

to identify areas where energy is wasted and provide recommendations on ways to improve efficiency and lower your monthly bills.

Rebate Program

When you make upgrades or purchases to reduce home energy use, those smart decisions should be rewarded. TEC offers rebates on energy efficient appliances, heating and cooling equipment and more. Visit <https://www.traverseelectric.com/rebates> to learn about our rebate program and how you can receive a bill credit/cash back for making smart energy choices.

You Have the Power

Small actions combined can have a big impact on summer energy bills. The best way to lower energy use during summer months is to raise the thermostat to the highest setting that's comfortable. Ceiling fans can also help you feel cooler, but remember to turn them off when you leave the room. On warm summer nights, fire up the grill to keep additional heat out of the kitchen. Remember to change air filters often so your cooling system doesn't have to work harder than necessary.

Don't let energy bills take a toll on your summer fun. TEC is here to help manage your energy use, whether through efficiency programs and services or energy-saving advice from our local energy advisors.

Contact us to learn more about practical strategies to lower your use, trim your bills and make this summer a breeze for both you and your wallet. ▶

Join us for a VIP Member **TOUR**

**July
15-16
2025**

**\$50/member
\$75/couple**
(refundable after
the trip)



See first hand where your power comes from as we guide you on a tour of Basin Electric Power Cooperative and generation facilities.

Charter Bus Tour to Bismarck

Travel, tours, hotel accommodations, meals, and evening entertainment are provided for you by your cooperative and accompanied by staff members of Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative.

To get on the list or for more information,

Contact: Jeremy Huhnstock or Karen Lupkes

Call: 320-563-8616

E-mail: jhuhnstock@traverseelectric.com

**TRAVERSE
ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE**



Return to TEC Basin Tour: PO Box 66, Wheaton, MN 56296

TEC Member Name: _____

Phone: _____ TEC Account # _____

Address _____

E-mail Address: _____

Guest Name: _____

Pick Up Location: Wheaton Office

#21425

2024 CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS INVALID ADDRESS LIST

Name	Address	Yrs in Service
James Hennen	Wheaton MN	1973-2018
Craig & Sally Johnson	St Cloud MN	2008-2012
Carolynne Pederson Messler	Sious Falls SD	2008-2013
Randy Remer	Richfield MN	1999-2018
Vertical Solutions	Ortonville MN	2003-2014
Garth & Jeannie Whiddon	Webster SD	2003-2020

Water Heater Program

MARATHON[®] HOT WATER FOR LIFE!

- ▶ Traverse Electric carries 50, 85, & 100 gallon Rheem Marathon Residential Water Heaters in stock
- ▶ Comes with a Lifetime Limited Warranty on tank for leaks for as long as you own it.
- ▶ Parts come with a 6 year warranty.
- ▶ Rebates and a \$4.00 monthly electric bill credit available to Traverse Electric members when placed under load control. Restrictions apply.

Call our office at **800-927-5443**
for more information on
rebates & load control.




Air Conditioning Load Management Update

At the February Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to discontinue the AC load management program. This decision was made for multiple reasons, stated below.

- ▶ Modern AC units are more efficient, resulting in less energy usage
- ▶ Startup & Shutdown causes wear & tear on your AC unit
- ▶ Better insulation in your homes
- ▶ Too much control time during the summer
- ▶ Control it yourself through your thermostat
- ▶ AC units are only controlled part of the year vs a water heater that can be controlled year round

All KWH will be billed at normal rate from May thru September.

If you have any questions or would like your load management control removed, feel free to call the office at (800)927-5443. 

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you have a home office, look for opportunities to save energy in your workspace. Use ENERGY STAR®-rated equipment, which consumes up to 50% less energy than standard models. Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will help extend its life. Another way to save energy in your home office is to use efficient lamps for task lighting. Replace any older bulbs with energy-saving LEDs.

Source: energy.gov

BOARD REPORT

March 2025 Traverse Electric Board Meeting Highlights

The March regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 9 AM.

Absent: Monson.

Staff members present were General Manager, Jeremy Huhnstock, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.

General Manager Huhnstock called the meeting to order and facilitated the reorganization of the board to elect a board president.

Board officers elected: Diekmann-President, Monson-Vice President, Glynn-Secretary, Marks-Treasurer.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the February regular board meeting were approved.

The February check register was approved.

Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: Reputation Management and Communication in the Age of Scrutiny.

Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.

Diekmann and Rudolph reported on the NRECA PowerXchange Meeting.

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.

Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:

- February 28, 2025 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- NISC software conversion update.
- Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
- East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.

Reviewed and approved the February 2025 Financial Report.

The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:

- Provided a crew update.
- Reviewed upcoming and completed projects.
- Contractors will start soon on projects.
- MPCA inspection update.
- Reviewed our Safety Program.
- Outages were reviewed.

Reviewed the results of the 2024 End Use Survey.

Reviewed our annual meeting held March 20.

A building donation request approved to MREA.

Received an update on the sale of the old properties.

Discussed additional concrete and drain tiling needs at the new facility.

Approved offering a Basin Electric Tour to interested members July 15-16-2025.

Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.

Meeting adjourned. ▮

TEC March 2025 Financials

	Mar 2024	Mar 2025	YTD 2025
Total Revenue	\$1,071,187.97 . . .	\$1,225,081.50 . . .	\$3,917,731.41
Cost of Power	\$656,414.74	\$697,991.92	\$2,156,337.50
Total Cost of Service	\$1,113,369.44	\$1,155,788.79	\$3,566,679.15
Operating Margins	\$(42,181.47)	\$69,292.71	\$351,052.26
Total Margins	\$(10,181.01)	\$80,306.12	\$389,107.27
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Purchased	11,351,185	11,354,399	36,940,687
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Sales	10,844,955	10,859,374	35,203,453
Line Loss	4%	4%	4%

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Doug Diekmann, Beardsley, MN
Vice-President: Terry Monson, Veblen, SD
Secretary: Matthew Glynn, Sisseton, SD
Treasurer: Michael Marks, Norcross, MN
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
Lonnie Tekrony – Journeyman Lineworker
Joe Gahlon – Journeyman Lineworker
Austin Reinke – Journeyman Lineworker
Tayden George – Apprentice Lineworker
Chris Falk – Facility/Staking Technician
Robert Groebner – Facility Technician

GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS MINNESOTA

Brandon Lennox	320-808-5309
Big Stone County	Grant County
Stevens County	Traverse County
Andy Bozovsky	218-340-0926
Wilkin County	

NORTH DAKOTA

Mark Moderow	701-226-3779
Richland County	

SOUTH DAKOTA

John Koenig	605-280-2188
Marshall County	Roberts County

In case of a power outage, call
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Wheaton, MN 56296 USA
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Local phone: (320) 563-8616

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
May 1 – September 30

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