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Mark Your Calendar

October 5 Open House
1 PM-6 PM

October 15.... Electric Bills Due

October 31.... 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 November 1st and you will get a **\$10 bill credit**.

Electric Co-ops Grow for the Communities They Serve

October is National Co-op Month

MANAGER'S COLUMN

October is National Co-op Month, and Traverse Electric Cooperative is joining cooperatives across the U.S. to celebrate. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, but they each have a common goal: to provide goods or services for the members of the co-op.

Electric co-ops, including Traverse Electric Cooperative, exist to serve their members. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities. Because we are led by you, the members we serve, we can evolve to meet your needs; whether it's a new service, a generator, or paying your bill.

This October, as we celebrate Co-op Month, we're focusing on the ways

"Co-ops Grow" for their members.

Co-ops Grow Communities:

Co-ops help communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of co-op members. "Concern for Community" is one of our core principles--and being community-focused is essential to everything we do.

Co-ops Grow Together:

Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve our members. We're better when we grow together!



JEREMY HUHNSTOCK
General Manager

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NEW FACILITY OPEN HOUSE



October 5 1PM – 6 PM

Serving Hotdogs/Hamburgers/Pulled Pork starting at 1 PM

All Traverse Electric members are invited!

6590 State Hwy 27, Wheaton, MN 56296



Pictured is Connor Bartz, Journeyman electrician.

Thank you for stopping by the Traverse Electric booth at the Traverse County Fair!

The winners of a \$25 electric bill credit are:

Michael Hervey, Wheaton, MN

Tim Braun, Rosholt, SD

Melanie Borgheiinck, Dumont, MN

Scott Anderson, Browns Valley, MN



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Co-ops Grow Tomorrow's Leaders: Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Whether through school demonstrations, community events or the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program, we're committed to providing opportunities for local

youth to learn and thrive in our community and beyond.

Co-ops Grow for You: At TEC, your satisfaction is our number one goal. It's why we were formed many years ago to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you! ▶





Make sure that electric heat submeters are powered up when electric heaters are turned on this fall.

OFFICE HOURS

Traverse Electric Cooperative office hours will be changing back to a fall/winter schedule **October 1st to April 30st**
8 AM – 4:30 PM

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

With winter weather on the way, now is the time to seal drafty windows. If you can see daylight around a window frame or if you can rattle a window (movement means possible leaks), the window likely needs to be sealed.

Most window leaks can be sealed with caulk or weatherstripping, which come in a variety of compounds and materials. Visit www.energy.gov/energysaver to learn how and where to seal air leaks.

Source: energy.gov



Jared Hamling Appointed to Board of Directors to Represent District 7

Jared Hamling was appointed by the board of directors at their September 26, 2023 board meeting to fill the District 7 board seat vacancy for the remainder of the three year term. Hamling is from Rosholt, SD.

August 2023 Traverse Electric Board Meeting Highlights

The August regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 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 July regular board meeting were approved.

The July check register was approved.

Discussed the East River video report. Marks & Rudolph reported on Basin's Annual Meeting.

Diekmann reported on the MREA Energy Issues Summit.

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.

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

- July 31, 2023 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
- East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.

Reviewed and approved the July 2023 Financial Report.

Schwagel presented the Operations Report per written report. Items discussed included:

- Provided a crew update.
- Reviewed upcoming and completed projects.
- A portable sub is in place while the Veblen Sub is down for East River to build a new circuit coming out of the sub.
- Carr's Tree Service continues to trim trees in SD.
- Urd cabinet inspections are complete.
- RESAP inspection will be on Sept. 21
- Reviewed our Safety Program.
- Outages were reviewed.

Received an update on the new facility. Sale of old properties are listed with Eyster Realty.

Discussed the District 7 vacancy on the board. Will advertise in newsletter/ Facebook.

Reviewed East River's proposed resolutions.

Approved donating this year's MN unclaimed property to our MN counties' Someplace Safe Programs.

An open house for our new facility will be on Oct. 5 from 1-6 PM with food and tours available.

Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.

Meeting adjourned. ▶

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Doug Diekmann, Beardsley, MN
Vice-President: Tom Frisch, Dumont, MN
Secretary: Matthew Glynn Sisseton, SD
Treasurer: Michael Marks, Norcross, MN
Stacy Ehlers, Wheaton, MN
Michael Gaulrapp, Breckenridge, MN
Jared Hamling, Rosholt, SD
Terry Monson, Veblen, SD
Bradley Rudolph, Dumont, MN

OFFICE PERSONNEL

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

OPERATIONS PERSONNEL

Richard Davis – Foreman
Lonnie Tekrony – Journeyman Lineworker
Joe Gahlon – Journeyman Lineworker
Austin Reinke – Journeyman Lineworker
Justin Lundblad – Apprentice Lineworker
Isaac Callens – Apprentice Lineworker
Tayden George – Apprentice Lineworker
Chris Falk – Facility/Staking Technician

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Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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TEC August Financials

	Aug 2022	Aug 2023	YTD 2023
Total Revenue	\$959,082.41 . . .	\$1,094,590.48 . .	\$8,243,617.12
Cost of Power	\$648,186.52 . . .	\$675,112.58 . .	\$4,865,288.28
Total Cost of Service	\$979,225.20 . . .	\$1,032,845.02 . .	\$7,664,735.11
Operating Margins	\$(20,142.79) . . .	\$61,745.46 . . .	\$578,882.01
Total Margins	\$(1,324.55) . . .	\$88,296.89 . . .	\$802,965.53
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Purchased	10,074,374	10,212,232	85,701,726
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Sales	9,589,287	9,846,964	81,683,566
Line Loss	5%	4%	4%