

AGENDA
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING-BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRAVERSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
8:00 AM

- 1). Call to order – *Alan Veflin, President*
- 2). Approval of Agenda ***
- 3). Approval of Minutes and Bills ***
- 4). Basin & East River Video Reports
- 5). East River Monthly Board Report - *Pat Homan*
- 6). TEC Annual Meeting – *Future dates/locations*

10 Minute Break

- 7). General Manager's Report – *Joel Janorschke*
 - a. East River MAC
 - b. MN Legislation Update
 - c. SD Legislation Update
- 8). Office Manager's Report – *Karen Lupkes*
 - a. March 31, 2020 Accounts Receivable Balances review
 - b. Review new members connected
 - c. Covid-19 update
 - d. Past Due Accounts affected by COVID-19
 - e. Office summer hours
 - f. Demand KW billing adjustments
 - g. 2019 Capital Credit Allocation Notices mailed
 - h. New billing statement design tentatively set for Aug 31st billing statement.
 - i. Audit week May 18-22.
- 9). Financial Report – *Karen Lupkes*
 - a. Profit & Loss Statement & Form 7***
 - b. Comparison
- 10). Review revised 2020 Budget***
- 11). Operation Manager's Report – *Joel Janorschke*
 - a. Operations update
 - b. Outage update
 - c. AMI update
- 12). Review Board Policy Rate Schedule "Q" Cogeneration and Small Power Production***

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- 13). Review Board Policy No. 109 Compensation of Directors***
- 14). Review Board Policy No. 114 Board Meetings***
- 15). North Ottawa Dairy
 - a. Revise Rate Schedule P ***
 - b. Loan for Contribution in Aid of Construction charges (\$221,298.00 at 0% for 84 months)***
- 16). Voting on MREA Continuing Resolutions and Bylaws***
- 17). MREA Annual Meeting and Energy Issues Summit, August 19-20, 2020
- 18). Washington DC Youth Tour – Wyatt Krueger – Youth Tour Cancelled
- 19). Other Business
- 20). Adjournment ***

*** Indicates Board Action needed

Future Directors Meetings

MN District III Meeting – July 9, 2020 – Alexandria, MN
MREA Board Chair Round Table – August 18, 2020 - St. Paul, MN
NRECA BLC 925.1 – Co-op bylaws; Guiding principles and current issues – August 18, 2020 – St. Paul, MN
MREA Annual Meeting/Energy Issues Summit – August 19-20, 2020 – St. Paul, MN
East River Annual Meeting – September 9, 2020 – Sioux Falls, SD
NRECA Region 5 & 6 Meeting – September 15-17, 2020 – De Moines, IA
NRECA BLC 977.1 Equity Management & Boardroom Decision Making – November 2, 2020 – Oronoco, MN
NRECA Credential Cooperative Director Fast Track: 2600, 2610, 2620 – November 17-19, 2020 – Maple Grove, MN
NRECA Credential Cooperative Director Fast Track: 2630, 2640 – December 1-2, 2020 – Brooklyn Park, MN

Future Managers Meetings

ER MAC Meeting – May 5, 2020 – Madison, SD
ER MAC Meeting – June 2, 2020 – Madison, SD
ER MAC Meeting – June 30, 2020 – Madison, SD
MN District III Meeting – July 9, 2020 – Alexandria, MN
ER MAC Meeting – August 4, 2020 – Madison, SD
MREA Board Chair Round Table – August 18, 2020 - St. Paul, MN
MREA Annual Meeting/Energy Issues Summit – August 19-20, 2020 – St. Paul, MN
MREA REMA CEOs Fall Conference – August 9-11, 2020 – Red Wing, MN
East River Annual Meeting – September 9, 2020 – Sioux Falls, SD
NRECA Region 5 & 6 Meeting – September 15-17, 2020 – De Moines, IA
ER MAC/Joint Budget Meeting – September 30, 2020 – Madison, SD
MREA Legislative Summit – November 12, 2020 – Maple Grove, MN

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Future Board Meeting Dates

May 26, 2020 – Scheduled for 8:00 am
June 30, 2020 – Scheduled for 8:00 am
July 28, 2020 – Scheduled for 8:00 am
August 25, 2020 – Scheduled for 8:00 am
September 29, 2020 – Scheduled for 8:00 am

Future NRECA Annual Meeting Dates

2021 - San Diego - February 18 – 24 – Homan, Kath
2022 – Nashville - March 3-9 – Armstrong, Diekmann
2023 - Orlando - March 9 – 15- Monson, Pearson

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9:00 AM

The March monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Traverse Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the office of the Cooperative and via conference call on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

President Veflin called the meeting to order.

The Secretary reported the following directors present:

Alan Veflin	Terry Monson	Pat Homan
Michael Marks	Russ Armstrong	Doug Diekmann
Mark Pearson	Tom Frisch	Karen Kath

Absent was: None.

Staff members attending the meeting were Joel Janorschke and Karen Lupkes.

Monson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a revision to Policy 309 Electrician Charges. Homan seconded the motion and upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the February Board of Directors meeting and the bills for February were presented. Diekmann made a motion to approve the minutes and the February bills. Armstrong seconded the motion and upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Basin video was not viewed.

The East River video was not viewed.

Homan reported on the East River Board Meeting:

- Dr. Pat Engebretson is leaving East River to accept a position at DSU.
- East River is exploring virtual computers.
- 128 MW of new solar generation is coming to SD.
- RUS loans and SPP were discussed.
- East River is planning its next annual meeting.
- Strategic planning is delayed.
- So far there no reports of COVID-19 at East River.

Frisch, Marks, and Monson reported on the NRECA national meeting they attended:

- Speakers and topics were reviewed.
- They attended the ACRE Breakfast.

- Breakout sessions attended included discussion on data, AMI, the green energy push, beneficial electrification, and the history of rural electrification.
- Tim O'Leary was elected to the Federated Rural Electric Insurance board.
- Marks reported that he attended three CCD classes.

The board discussed the postponement of our annual meeting. They will discuss options for rescheduling at the next board meeting.

Manager Janorschke presented the Manager's Report:

- Josh Shoutz put in his two-week notice. He has accepted a lineman position for the City of Elk River.
- Discussed the state of the Coronavirus in MN, ND, and SD and the measures Traverse Electric has done in response to MN Governor Walz's issuance of a Peace Time Emergency and CDC guidelines. Our lobby is closed to the public, employees are doing their best to maintain 6 feet social distancing while at work, building separation between office employees and lineman, and lineman are staying on two man crews to limit exposure. MN is requesting that late penalties be waived and the MN Cold Weather Rules extended. Traverse Electric will work with members affected by COVID -19 to establish payment plans.
- East River MAC update: Basin's DGC lost \$7.1 million in February. Dr. Pat Engebretson accepted a position at DSU. Jeff Rud reported that they had over 70,000 load control devices in 2019, and the shifted energy pilot program test is complete. The 5/7 Interruptible Rate was reviewed. Also, East River is looking at their options with about \$12.1 million in the RUS Cushion of Credit and reported that they plan to lease all new vehicles. Traverse will explore the option of leasing its new line truck.
- At the Basin Member Manager's Conference Paul Sukut spoke briefly, an update on FERC was given, Basin is revising its financial forecast, DGC was discussed, and the solar project near Rapid City is the largest in South Dakota.
- Janorschke provided a MN legislative update which included the passing of a funding package for COVID-19 relief.
- Janorschke reported that there have been a few recent solar inquiries from members.

Lupkes presented the Office Manager's Report per written report:

- February 29, 2020 Accounts Receivable balances were reviewed.
- New members connected were reviewed.
- Lobby access is restricted from outside visitors.
- Different staffing levels and work schedules are being discussed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. A few staff members have the ability to work remotely.
- PCS and CRC provide their assurances that they are prepared and able to still provide stable services. They have many employees working from home.
- We will work with members affected by the COVID-19 to make payment arrangements to prevent disconnection. This is something we try to do anyway.
- Reported the COVID-19 emergency sick leave and expanded FMLA we are required to give employees. This provides each employee with 10 days of paid sick leave and up to

- 10 week of paid family leave with provisions.
- Due to a company travel ban, our auditor cannot come to do an inventory count this year. This is not a required annual component of our audit anymore, but we try to schedule it every couple of years. The board indicated that they had no issues with not doing it this year and waiting until next year.

Lupkes presented the financial report for February 2020. Operations and maintenance expense were down. This can be attributed to more time spend on work order pole changes. After a discussion on the monthly comparisons and financial status of the Cooperative, Marks made a motion to accept the report as given. Monson seconded the motion, and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

Janorschke gave the Operations Report per Schwagel's written report.

- Outages were reviewed.
- Crews have been doing pole changes and tree trimming.
- Annual line patrol is complete, OCR annual maintenance is almost finished, and crews are working on maintenance now.
- Provided a meter update.
- Our safety program was reviewed.

The board reviewed Policy 308 Cold Weather Policy. After discussion, Armstrong made a motion to approve the following revisions to Policy 308 Cold Weather Policy:

TRAVERSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Wheaton, Minnesota

BOARD POLICY NO. 308

MINNESOTA COLD WEATHER POLICY

I. OBJECTIVE

To establish rules and conditions to comply with the Minnesota Cold Weather Law 7820.1500 to 7820.2300) commonly known as the Cold Weather Policy which is effective August 1, 1991.

II. POLICY

A. Minnesota's Cold Weather Law provides that from October 15th through April 15th an electric cooperative cannot disconnect a residential consumer for non payment if you meet the following conditions:

1. You declare your inability to pay on the appropriate form.
2. Your total household, not individual, income is less than 50% of the state median income. You must provide the necessary documentation to support this condition.
- ~~3. Your account is current for the billing period immediately prior to October 15th.~~

~~OR~~

3. 4. You have entered into a payment schedule and are reasonably current with your scheduled payments.

If one or more of the above conditions are not met, then you do not qualify for the winter shut-off protection. It is recommended that you seek a satisfactory payment arrangement and you can still continue to receive electric service.

B. Traverse Electric Coop., Inc. shall notify all residential customers of the provisions of the new law between August 15th and October 15th of each year.

C. Inability to pay

Before a residential customer can be disconnected between October 15th and April 15th the following five pieces of information must be provided to them either mailed or hand delivered.

1. ~~Current~~ A notice of proposed disconnection.
2. ~~Provide a form on which the customer can declare to the Cooperative his or her inability to pay, this must be submitted to the Cooperative.~~ Forms on which to declare an inability to pay.
3. A statement ~~on~~ explaining Consumer Rights and Responsibilities
4. ~~Percent of Poverty Income Guidelines for the current year.~~ A list of local energy assistance providers.
5. ~~Statement of Traverse Electric's Budget Billing Policy.~~ A statement explaining available time payment plans and other opportunities to secure continued utility service.

D. Disconnection Time Restrictions

1. There must be at least 20 calendar days between the time the notice of disconnection is sent and the customer can be disconnected if mailed or 15 calendar days if hand delivered. If a residential customer must be disconnected, the disconnection must not occur on a Friday (unless the customer declines to enter into a payment agreement offered that day in person or via personal contact by telephone), on a weekend, on a holiday or the day before a holiday, or when utility offices are closed or after close of business on a day when disconnection is permitted.

2. If a customer does not respond to a disconnection notice, the customer must not be disconnected until the utility investigates whether the residential unit is actually occupied. The utility must immediately inform the occupant of the provisions of this section. If the unit is unoccupied, the utility must give seven days written notice of the proposed disconnection to the local energy assistance provider before making the disconnection. If prior to disconnection, a

customer appeals a notice of involuntary disconnection, as provided by the utility's established appeal process, the utility must not disconnect until the appeal is resolved.

E. Appeal procedure for cold weather rules.

1. The Appeal Board shall be made up of two consumers and one alternate that are appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Traverse Electric. Coop., Inc.

2. Determination of Appeal. All appeals of declaration of inability to pay shall be determined on an informal basis by the Appeals Board within 30 days after receipt of the utility's written appeal. The Appeals Board shall determine the residential customer's inability to pay based on the following: a finding that the residential customer is in compliance with part 7820.1800 and a finding that the residential customer's household income is less than 50% of the state median income.

In making their decision the Appeals Board shall consider one or more of the following

A. Documentation of income verification by the local energy assistance provider, if applicable;

B. Documentation that the residential customer is a recipient of any type of public assistance, including energy assistance, that uses household income eligibility in an amount less than 50 % of the state median income;

C. The most recent income tax returns filed by members of the residential customer's household;

D. For each employed member of the residential customer's household, either paycheck stubs for the last two months or a written statement from the employer of wages earned during the preceding two months;

E. A medicaid card or food stamps eligibility document;

F. Documentation that the residential customer is on a pension from the Department of Human Services, the Social Security Administration, the Veterans Administration, or other pension providers;

G. A letter showing the residential customer's dismissal from a job or other documentation of unemployment; or

H. other documentation which supports the residential customer's declaration of inability to pay.

Subp.2. Disconnection during 30-day appeal period. The utility shall not disconnect the service until expiration of the 30-day appeal period.

5. Any disputes over a residential customer's inability to pay for service, income eligibility, reasonableness of payment schedule, or any other issue which a customer could raise under the Minnesota Cold Weather Law shall be referred for hearing, after reasonable notice, to the Cooperative's Board of Directors. The Cooperative and the customer shall have the right to present evidence and be heard in person at the hearing. The Cooperative's Board of Directors shall issue a written decision within 10 days after the hearing. No disconnection shall occur while a dispute is pending.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

A. The **General** Manager and department heads are responsible for the administration of this policy.

B. The Board of Directors is responsible for any changes in or revisions of this policy.

Date Adopted: 8-19-1991

Date Reviewed: 11-18-1991

Date Revised: 03-31-2020

Mark Pearson, Secretary

Frisch seconded the motion and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed Policy 309 Electrician Charges. Diekmann made a motion to approve the following revision to Policy 309 Electrician Charges:

TRAVERSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Wheaton, Minnesota

BOARD POLICY NO. 309

ELECTRICIAN CHARGES

I. OBJECTIVE

To establish the charges for labor, equipment, and material associated with work done by the Cooperative's electrical department.

II. POLICY

A. Labor Charges:

A price list of Labor charges for the electrical department will be set by the board.
Hours will be billed from the time the crew leaves the office until they return.

B. Material:

1) Inventory items will be marked up by using the following schedule:

- a) Cost of item 0 - \$10. markup 100%
- b) Cost of item \$10.01 - \$20. markup 80%
- c) Cost of item \$20.01 - \$100. markup 60%
- d) Cost of item \$100.01 - \$499.99 markup 45%
- e) Items over \$500.00 – mark up 30%

2) Markup on wire will be 50%.

3) Generators will be marked up ~~5~~ 20%.

4) Water heaters and electric heating equipment will be marked up 20%.

C. Trenching Charges:

1) \$1.00 per foot, plus man hours to run trencher.

D. Mileage:

Mileage charges will be set by the board.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

A. The General Manager and department heads are responsible for the administration of this policy.

B. The Board of Directors is responsible for any changes in or revisions of this policy.

Date Adopted: 9-16-91

Date Reviewed: 11-25-2008

Date Reviewed: 6-24-14

Date Revised: 10-28-2014

Date Revised : 12-18-18

Date Revised: 03-31-2020

Mark Pearson, Secretary

Pearson seconded the motion and upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Other business:

Next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 beginning at 8 AM.

Upcoming Board Member meetings:

MN District III Meeting – July 9, 2020 – Alexandria, MN

MREA Board Chair Roundtable – August 10, 2020 – St. Cloud, MN

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As there was no further business, Homan made a motion to adjourn. Monson seconded the motion and upon vote motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Mark Pearson, Secretary

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CK	03/02/2020	116515	PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LLC New Billing Stmt Design Progress Billing	1,766.25	1,766.25
CK	03/02/2020	116516	Campbell-Tintah High School Post Prom Donation	200.00	200.00
CK	03/02/2020	116517	Home Bakery Rolls for Safety Meeting	30.00	30.00
CK	03/02/2020	116518	Basin Electric Power Coop Hosting & Domain Renewal - 6 Years	224.95	224.95
CK	03/02/2020	116519	CS DIESEL INC. Annual DOT Inspection	70.00	70.00
CK	03/02/2020	116520	Wesco Receivables Corp. Transformer Tie Downs	96.19	96.19
CK	03/02/2020	116521	WHN Post Prom Post Prom Donation	200.00	200.00
CK	03/02/2020	116522	Locators & Supplies 7'x7' Lifting Tarp	304.00	304.00
CK	03/02/2020	116523	AT&T 800 Service	21.58	21.58
CK	03/02/2020	116524	Dairyland Power Cooperative Inc Dec Billing Stmt & Jan PD Notices	1,782.56	1,782.56
CK	03/02/2020	116525	Milspec Industries 250 Pro Glo Surge Power Strips	1,887.50	1,887.50
CK	03/02/2020	116526	Bell Lumber & Pole Company 33-35' Poles & 25-40' Poles	13,778.00	13,778.00
CK	03/02/2020	116527	Dacotah Paper Company 4 Cases Copy Paper	150.51	150.51
CK	03/02/2020	116528	NRECA Admin Fee	118.56	118.56
CK	03/02/2020	116529	FURTHER March HSA Employee Contributions	1,570.01	1,570.01
CK	03/02/2020	116530	East River Federal Cu March Credit Union	875.00	875.00
CK	03/02/2020	116531	I.B.E.W. Lu 524 March Union Dues	240.00	240.00
CK	03/02/2020	116532	NRECA Total Trust Contributions	14,376.94	14,376.94
CK	03/02/2020	116533	Delta Dental of Minnesota March Premiums	1,288.50	1,288.50
CK	03/02/2020	116534	NRECA Group Benefits Trust Group Insurance	1,582.74	1,582.74
CK	03/02/2020	116535	NRECA Admin Fee	726.54	726.54
WT	03/02/2020	8801551	Internal Revenue Service Feb 29, 2020 payroll FWH & FICA	11,059.32	11,059.32
WT	03/02/2020	8801552	Minnesota Dept Of Revenue Feb 29, 2020 payroll SWH	1,926.35	1,926.35
WT	03/03/2020	8801553	Payment Service Network Inc February Credit Card Payment Fees	1,226.96	1,226.96
WT	03/04/2020	8801550	Natl Rural Elec Assn	5,841.55	

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			Feb 29, 2020 payroll 401K		5,727.74
			Feb 29, 2020 payroll 401K Loan		113.81
CK	03/09/2020	116536	BJ's Parts Depot	103.73	
			Supplies		103.73
CK	03/09/2020	116537	SD DEPT OF REVENUE & REGULATION	491.71	
			SD 2% ST Return - Jan/Feb 2020		491.71
CK	03/09/2020	116538	Sturdevant's, Inc.	491.03	
			Supplies		491.03
CK	03/09/2020	116539	CS DIESEL INC.	704.14	
			DOT Inspection & Adjust Shift Cable #125		322.76
			DOT Inspection & Replace PTO Pressure Val		311.38
			DOT Inspection #126		70.00
CK	03/09/2020	116540	Wesco Receivables Corp.	852.76	
			250W MV Bulbs		852.76
CK	03/09/2020	116541	City Of Wheaton	104.22	
			Utilities		104.22
CK	03/09/2020	116542	TWIN VALLEY TIRE OF WHEATON INC	290.00	
			Tire Balance & Rotate #143		290.00
CK	03/09/2020	116543	Colonial Life	321.86	
			February Colonial Life		321.86
CK	03/09/2020	116544	Hamm Plumbing Inc	85.00	
			Auger Shop Drain		85.00
CK	03/09/2020	116545	Landis & Gyr Technology Inc fka Cellnet Technology	24,766.28	
			Returned 7 Routers		(11,483.72)
			October Monthly Meter Hosting		750.00
			November Meter Hosting		750.00
			December Meter Hosting		750.00
			January Meter Hosting		750.00
			February Meter Hosting		750.00
			2nd 1/2 Pmt of Initial Deployment Services		32,500.00
CK	03/09/2020	116546	Alan Veflin	600.00	
			Heat Pump Rebate		600.00
CK	03/09/2020	116547	Xerox Corporation	368.37	
			March Copier Lease		368.37
CK	03/09/2020	116548	Mike's Cleaning Service	571.78	
			February Janitorial Services		571.78
CK	03/09/2020	116549	NRECA-Coop Benefit Adm	7.50	
			February Cafeteria Exp		7.50
CK	03/09/2020	116550	Mediacom LLC	256.90	
			March Internet Service		256.90
CK	03/09/2020	116551	CLINT & CYNTHIA ARNDT	357.22	
			CREDIT REFUNDS - 3188 10170 COUNTY		357.22
WT	03/09/2020	8801556	EAST RIVER FCU	7,459.45	
			ER Credit Card Charges		7,459.45
CK	03/16/2020	116552	Border States Electric	816.66	
			1 1/4" EMT Bender Head		238.59
			Band Saw Blades for Steve		19.31
			Materials		441.86
			Fan Speed Control for Shop Ceiling Fan		116.90

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CK	03/16/2020	116553	Irby (Stuart C. Irby Company) Annual Rubber Goods Testing	967.91	967.91
CK	03/16/2020	116554	Gazette Publishing Co. Co-Sponsor: GBB, BBB & Wrestling	42.00	42.00
CK	03/16/2020	116555	Home Bakery Rolls for Safety Mtg	30.00	30.00
CK	03/16/2020	116556	SD Rural Electric Ass'n 250 Copies for Annual Mtg, Newsletter Labor	919.21	919.21
CK	03/16/2020	116557	Wesco Receivables Corp. 15 - 250 W MV Bulbs	161.92	161.92
CK	03/16/2020	116558	Curt Alsaker Water Heater Rebate	300.00	300.00
CK	03/16/2020	116559	Star Energy Services Services	10,704.71	10,704.71
CK	03/16/2020	116560	Jean Menden Electric Boiler Rebate	60.00	60.00
CK	03/16/2020	116561	Sag's Hardware Hank LLC Supplies	52.73	52.73
CK	03/16/2020	116562	Dakota Riggers & Tool Supply, Inc. Tools	445.84	445.84
CK	03/16/2020	116563	Big Stone Radio Generator Ads & Season Sports Sponsor	334.00	334.00
CK	03/16/2020	116564	Cenex Fleetcard February Fuel	4,072.41	4,072.41
CK	03/16/2020	116565	Bluecross Blueshield BCBS - March Inv/April Premiums	17,599.42	17,599.42
CK	03/16/2020	116566	Bell Lumber & Pole Company 64 35' Poles	13,824.00	13,824.00
CK	03/16/2020	116567	Verizon Wireless iPad & Cell Service, Joel's Apple Watch Linemen iPads & Dennis New Cell	771.31	331.76 439.55
CK	03/16/2020	Payroll Batch # PR000930		30,049.56	
WT	03/16/2020	8801559	Minnesota Dept Of Revenue March 16, 2020 Payroll taxes SWH	1,898.54	1,898.54
WT	03/16/2020	8801560	Internal Revenue Service March 16, 2020 Payroll taxes FWH & FICA	10,914.72	10,914.72
WT	03/18/2020	8801561	Natl Rural Elec Assn March 16, 2020 Payroll taxes 401K March 16, 2020 Payroll taxes 401K loan	5,553.83	5,440.02 113.81
WT	03/20/2020	8801554	SD DEPT OF REVENUE & REGULATION SD 4.5% ST Return	15,046.35	15,046.35
WT	03/20/2020	8801555	CoBank ACB CoBank Mo Princ & Int Pmt	22,514.84	22,514.84
WT	03/20/2020	8801557	Minnesota Sales & Use Tax MN Mo ST Return	28,477.00	28,477.00
CK	03/23/2020	116582	East River Electric Coop Joel & Mike ER Energize Forum	350.00	350.00
CK	03/23/2020	116583	Aflac March AFLAC	13.70	13.70

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CK	03/23/2020	116584	PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LLC	973.00	
			March Hosting & User Fees		973.00
CK	03/23/2020	116585	Irby (Stuart C. Irby Company)	7,859.34	
			Tools		593.16
			Rubber Glove Protectors		587.96
			Glove Testing & Replacement		251.89
			48 - 2SE RF Single Phase Meters		6,256.04
			Rubber Glove Bags		170.29
CK	03/23/2020	116586	Community Chest	200.00	
			Community Chest Donation		200.00
CK	03/23/2020	116587	EIR Testing & Maintenance	11,789.89	
			OCR Maint & Repairs		11,789.89
CK	03/23/2020	116588	KMRS	321.00	
			GBB, WR & Nat'l FFA Week Sponsor		321.00
CK	03/23/2020	116589	Basin Electric Power Coop	24.00	
			Email Hosting		24.00
CK	03/23/2020	116590	Northern Star	35.00	
			2020 State Wrestling Ad Sponsor		35.00
CK	03/23/2020	116591	Resco	9,884.32	
			Materials		1,232.39
			3 85 Gal & 3 100 Gal Water Heaters		7,514.24
			Materials		1,137.69
CK	03/23/2020	116592	Schultz Welding	65.86	
			Bender Handle for Steve - Metal for Joel's Off		65.86
CK	03/23/2020	116593	Wesco Receivables Corp.	7,637.71	
			25 LED Light Kits & Materials		5,169.54
			Bird Guards		921.80
			Pole Top Pins		1,546.37
CK	03/23/2020	116594	Willy's Super Valu	55.24	
			Board Snacks & Supplies		55.24
CK	03/23/2020	116595	MIDSTATES GROUP	993.78	
			ByLaw Insert for Annual Mtg		993.78
CK	03/23/2020	116596	Valley Lake Boy's Home Inc.	200.00	
			Smelt Fry Donation		200.00
CK	03/23/2020	116597	USIC Locating Services LLC	237.00	
			February SD Locates		61.00
			February MN Locates		176.00
CK	03/23/2020	116598	Pemberton Law PLLP	186.00	
			Legal Services - Employee Issues		186.00
CK	03/23/2020	116599	Adam Lichtsinn	510.00	
			Water Heater Rebate		510.00
CK	03/23/2020	116600	CRC Response Center Inc	973.23	
			February After Hours Service		973.23
CK	03/23/2020	116601	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	83.47	
			Shipping Charges, Nuts & Bolts		83.47
CK	03/23/2020	116602	South Dakota One Call	3.15	
			February SD Locates		3.15
CK	03/23/2020	116603	Mn Dept Of Commerce	316.56	
			4th Qtr FY 2020 Indirect Assessment		316.56

CM - Check Register-Detail**1 Cash - General Fund**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chk Nbr</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Check Amount</u>	Document Detail
CK	03/23/2020	116604	Gopher State One-Call February MN Locates	5.40	5.40
CK	03/23/2020	116605	LegalShield March ID Theft Ins	147.50	147.50
VC	03/30/2020	116606	PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LLC	(50.00)	
VC	03/30/2020	116607	Irby (Stuart C. Irby Company)	(6,256.04)	
VC	03/30/2020	116608	NRECA	(390.00)	
VC	03/30/2020	116609	Amaril Uniform Company	(231.75)	
VC	03/30/2020	116610	Chamberlain Oil Co.	(2,146.90)	
VC	03/30/2020	116611	AT&T	(17.96)	
VC	03/30/2020	116612	Pemberton Law PLLP	(74.00)	
VC	03/30/2020	116613	Dairyland Power Cooperative Inc	(1,879.75)	
VC	03/30/2020	116614	AT & T	(42.57)	
VC	03/30/2020	116615	Frontier	(236.03)	
CK	03/30/2020	116616	PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS LLC Mobile Customer Access Serv for Feb	50.00	50.00
CK	03/30/2020	116617	Irby (Stuart C. Irby Company) 48 CT Meters	6,256.04	6,256.04
CK	03/30/2020	116618	NRECA Sub to Rural Elec Mag	390.00	390.00
CK	03/30/2020	116619	Amaril Uniform Company Replacement Jeans (3) - Dale	231.75	231.75
CK	03/30/2020	116620	Chamberlain Oil Co. Drum of Hydraulic Oil for #130	2,146.90	2,146.90
CK	03/30/2020	116621	AT&T 800 Service	17.96	17.96
CK	03/30/2020	116622	Pemberton Law PLLP Legal Services - Employee Issues	74.00	74.00
CK	03/30/2020	116623	Dairyland Power Cooperative Inc Jan Stmt Printing & Mailing, Past Due Notice	1,879.75	1,879.75
CK	03/30/2020	116624	AT & T 800 Service	42.57	42.57
CK	03/30/2020	116625	Frontier Office Phone & DSL Service	236.03	236.03
CK	03/31/2020	116626	TOM FRISCH Board Check - T Frisch	250.00	250.00
CK	03/31/2020	116627	Russell Armstrong R Armstrong - Board Check	250.00	250.00
CK	03/31/2020	116628	Michael Marks	250.00	

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<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chk Nbr</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Check</u> <u>Amount</u>	Document Detail
			M Marks - Board Check		250.00
CK	03/31/2020	116629	Alan Veflin	284.50	
			A Veflin - Board Check		284.50
CK	03/31/2020	116630	Douglas Diekmann	250.00	
			D Diekmann - Board Check		250.00
CK	03/31/2020	116631	Mark Pearson	250.00	
			M Pearson - Board Check		250.00
CK	03/31/2020	116632	Pat Homan	250.00	
			P Homan - Board Check		250.00
CK	03/31/2020	116633	Karen Kath	250.00	
			K Kath - Board Check		250.00
CK	03/31/2020	116634	Terry Monson	250.00	
			T Monson - Board Check		250.00
CK	03/31/2020		Payroll Batch # PR000933	34,644.58	
WT	03/31/2020	8801558	USDA, Rural Util. Service	144,904.87	
			FFB & RUS Payment		144,904.87
			Total	\$489,432.02	

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Last Modified: 4/16/2020

April 28, 2020 board meeting Office Manager's Report:

1. Accounts Receivable balances as of 04/07/20:
 - a) Current (March 31st statement) \$857,118.26
 - b) 1-30 Days (Feb 29th statement) \$42,983.17
 - c) 31-60 Days (Jan 31st statement) \$10,869.96
 - d) 61-90 Days (Dec 31st statement) \$810.10
 - e) Older than 91 days - \$9,865.45
 - f) 60 disconnect notices were issued for April resulting in 2 disconnects in SD on April 15 (reconnected same day upon guarantee of full payment from energy assistance for one, and reconnected the other with their promise to apply for energy assistance. No reconnection fees charged).

2. New Members Connected:
 - a) Kathleen Snyder
 - b) Lenny Barse
 - c) Tim & Shelly Elkington
 - d) Josh Currence
 - e) Christa Andersen
 - f) Nancy Thissen
 - g) CC Diekmann Family Farm LLC

3. Office response to COVID-19.
 - a) Our lobby remains closed to the public.
 - b) We continue to practice social distancing. No one at Traverse has been affected by COVID-19 to date.
 - c) Joel and I have been working remotely from home, trying to alternate days at home and in the office.

4. Past due accounts affected by COVID-19
 - a) We continue to work with members affected by COVID-19 with making payment arrangements. So far, around 11 members have contacted me to let me know they may not be able to pay their electric balance in full.
 - b) The MN energy assistance program now only looks at 1 month's household income instead of 3 months' income to qualify. If someone lost their job or had their hours reduced in March, they may now qualify for assistance. The program has also increased the crisis dollars for households from \$600 to \$1200 for those that are past due on their electric bills and do not require a disconnection notice to access those funds.

5. Office summer hours of 7:00 am to 3:30 pm will begin on May 1 and go through September 30.
6. We adjusted 24 demand billed accounts in March due to the demand KW reporting incorrectly to bill because of a meter programming issue. Letters were sent to each member affected explaining the adjustment. A few members called with questions and two requested the credit be refunded with a check. The total amount of the billing adjustments was (\$38,826.29) and this amount is reflected on the March 2020 margins. (We received no complaints from the affected members regarding this issue since the result was a bill credit.)

Copy of the letter is below:

Dear Member,

This is to notify you that there is an adjustment on your March 31, 2020 billing statement for your meter number PDR-_____ on your account number _____.

When the new RF meters were installed beginning in the Fall of 2019, there was a programming discrepancy that caused incorrect demand KW to be billed. Once the issue was discovered, Dale Schwagel, Operations Manager, corrected the meter programming so that the correct KW demand for the month is reported for billing. He then downloaded all of the meter usage data from the time the new meter was installed and up to the time the meter program was corrected and determined what the monthly KW demand during a control period was for each of the months during that initial time frame.

Your demand KW for these months was corrected and you will notice a credit adjustment on your March 31, 2020 billing statement for this meter. We apologize for this error. The credit will remain on your account to use against future electric charges unless you notify us that you would prefer this credit be paid to you by check.

7. 2019 capital credit allocations notices mailed on April 20, 2020. We used Dairyland Power to print and mail them.
8. Dairyland and PCS have our August 31 billing statements targeted to have our new statement look.
9. Audit week will be May 18-22. If COVID-19 restrictions are still in place, the audit will be conducted remotely as much as possible. They also visit with one board member each year face to face, but this year it may be via phone call instead.

USDA - RUS FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT			BORROWER DESIGNATION MN 84 Traverse PERIOD ENDED March 2020		
INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1717B-2					
PART B. DATA ON TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION PLANT					
ITEM	YEAR-TO-DATE		ITEM	YEAR-TO-DATE	
	LAST YEAR (a)	THIS YEAR (b)		LAST YEAR (a)	THIS YEAR (b)
1. New Services Connected	4	6	5. Miles Transmission		
2. Services Retired	1	1	6. Miles Distribution- Overhead	1,170	1,167
3. Total Services in Place	3,182	3,222	7. Miles Distribution- Underground	532	555
4. Idle Services (Exclude Seasonal)	0	0	8. Total Miles Energized (5 + 6 + 7)	1,702	1,722
PART E. KWH AND KW STATISTICS					
ITEM	YEAR-TO-DATE		ITEM	YEAR-TO-DATE	
	THIS MONTH (a)	YTD (b)		THIS MONTH (a)	YTD (b)
1. Net kWh Generated			6. Office Use	32,869	139,384
2. kWh Purchased	10,159,510	32,247,100	7. Total Unaccounted For (4 Less 5 & 6)	457,228	1,335,139
3. Interchange kWh - Net			8. Percent System Loss (7/4) x 100	5	4
4. Total kWh (1 thru 3)	10,159,510	32,247,100	9. Maximum Demand (kW)	16,081	
5. Total kWh Sold	9,669,413	30,772,577	10. Mo When Max Demand Occurred	February	18995

PART D. CONSUMER SALES AND REVENUE DATA

Class Of Service	THIS MONTH				YEAR-TO-DATE		
	# Rec'g Service a	kWh Sold b	Amount c	# Min Bills d	Avg # Rec'g Serv e	kWh Sold Cumulative f	Amount Cumulative g
1. Residential Sales	2,550	5,121,921	553,141		2,548	17,736,401	1,813,631
2. Seasonal Sales	398	149,421	29,747		397	544,381	96,015
3. Irrigation Sales	12	4	1,200		12	199	3,615
4. Comm - 50 kVA or less	2	41	-168		2	92	238
5. Comm - over 50 kVA	112	1,175,136	72,544		112	3,748,163	339,645
6. Kinder Morgan	1	429,220	34,875		1	1,160,940	95,827
7. Veblen Dairy	1	1,470,420	97,915		1	3,850,107	295,188
8. WDCE - Graceville Loc	1	191,000	21,788		1	555,000	52,291
9. Dollymount Dairy	3	980,500	67,223		3	2,672,171	186,412
10. Campbell Dairy	1	151,750	14,626		1	505,123	49,068
11. Total Sale of Electric	3,081	9,669,413	892,892		3,078	30,772,577	2,931,931
12. Other Elec Revenue			2,208				-23,887
13. Total (11 + 12)			895,100				2,908,044

1. $5096 + 2550 = 7646 / 3 = 2548$
2. $795 + 398 = 1193 / 3 = 397$
3. $24 + 12 = 36 / 3 = 12$
4. $4 + 2 = 6 / 3 = 2$
5. $224 + 112 = 336 / 3 = 112$

Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc
Financial and Operating Report Electric Distribution
Statement of Operations
For the three months ending 3/31/2020

	2019 <u>YTD Actual</u>	2020 <u>YTD Actual</u>	2020 <u>YTD Budget</u>	2020 <u>March</u>
1. Operating Revenue and Patronage Capital	2,916,966.88	2,908,044.05	2,908,205.00	895,099.73
2. Power Production Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. Cost of Purchased Power	1,784,192.96	1,776,292.83	1,829,135.00	564,529.24
4. Transmission Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5. Regional Market Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. Distribution Expense - Operation	156,941.55	127,718.72	153,323.00	38,868.33
7. Distribution Expense - Maintenance	130,818.61	155,385.28	123,490.00	85,525.45
8. Customer Accounts Expense	44,308.42	45,473.40	45,506.00	12,464.52
9. Customer Service and Informational Expense	11,591.19	16,169.38	25,213.00	5,684.77
10. Sales Expense	515.00	2,836.00	2,126.00	1,670.00
11. Administrative and General Expense	261,513.64	257,408.52	268,444.00	84,233.43
12. Total Operation & Main. Expense (2 thru 11)	2,389,881.37	2,381,284.13	2,447,237.00	792,975.74
13. Depreciation and Amortization Expense	239,653.69	187,182.09	201,345.00	62,965.70
14. Tax Expense - Property & Gross Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15. Tax Expense - Other	0.00	140.00	0.00	0.00
16. Interest on Long-Term Debt	159,664.52	117,575.08	115,653.07	40,861.17
17. Interest Charged to Construction - Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18. Interest Expense - Other	143.38	211.71	60.00	71.93
19. Other Deductions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20. Total Cost of Electric Service (12 thru 19)	2,789,342.96	2,686,393.01	2,764,295.07	896,874.54
21. Patronage Capital & Operating Margins (1 - 20)	127,623.92	221,651.04	143,909.93	(1,774.81)
22. Non Operating Margins - Interest	64,096.58	23,243.92	22,500.00	7,746.94
23. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24. Income (Loss) from Equity Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25. Non Operating Margins - Other	(6,276.00)	(12,548.15)	3,510.00	(4,876.95)
26. Generation and Transmission Capital Credits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27. Other Capital Credits and Patronage Dividends	11,398.23	10,272.51	12,000.00	10,272.51
28. Extraordinary Items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29. Patronage Capital or Margins (21 thru 28)	196,842.73	242,619.32	181,919.93	11,367.69

Income Statement Analysis Ratios

For the three months ending 3/31/2020

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Times Interest Ratio} &= 3 \text{ to } 1 \\ &= \text{Line 29} + \text{Line 16} / \text{Line 16} \\ &= \frac{242,619.32 + 117,575.08}{117,575.08}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Modified Times Interest Earned Ratio} &= 3 \text{ to } 1 \\ &= \text{Line 29} - \text{Line 26} - \text{Line 27} - \text{Line 28} + \text{Line 16} / \text{Line 16} \\ &= \frac{242,619.32 - 0.00 - 10,272.51 - 0.00 + 117,575.08}{117,575.08}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Operating Times Interest Earned Ratio} &= 3 \text{ to } 1 \\ &= \text{Line 21} + \text{Line 16} / \text{Line 16} \\ &= \frac{221,651.04 + 117,575.08}{117,575.08}\end{aligned}$$

Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc
Financial and Operating Report Electric Distribution
Balance Sheet

For the period ending 03/31/2020

	-----2020-----		-----2019-----	
	March <u>Activity</u>	March <u>Balance</u>	March <u>Activity</u>	March <u>Balance</u>
<u>Assets and Other Debits</u>				
1. Total Utility Plant in Service	16,840.76	25,882,181.44	7,103.87	25,257,135.95
2. Construction Work in Progress	34,057.13	531,792.81	32,340.44	964,224.96
3. Total Utility Plant (1+2)	50,897.89	26,413,974.25	39,444.31	26,221,360.91
4. Accum. Provision for Depreciation and Amort	(65,764.27)	(10,469,020.28)	(85,647.41)	(10,936,645.24)
5. Net Utility Plant (3-4)	(14,866.38)	15,944,953.97	(46,203.10)	15,284,715.67
6. Non-Utility Property - Net	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7. Investment in Subsidiary Companies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8. Invest in Assoc. Org.-Patronage Capital	5,173.00	5,901,708.34	2,994.52	5,606,882.81
9. Invest in Assoc. Org.-Other-General Funds	0.00	26,134.57	0.00	23,276.57
10. Invest in Assoc. Org.-Other-Nongeneral Funds	847.82	284,198.38	1,650.09	283,435.36
11. Investments in Economic Development Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12. Other Investments	(5,932.08)	63,936.60	(1,597.05)	78,934.43
13. Special Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14. Total Other Property & Investments(6 thru 13)	88.74	6,275,977.89	3,047.56	5,992,529.17
15. Cash-General Funds	(13,354.60)	431,468.82	191,559.77	615,339.41
16. Cash-Construction Funds-Trustee	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
17. Special Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
18. Temporary Investments	(67,491.60)	3,363,145.68	(60,027.08)	4,153,608.39
19. Notes Receivable - Net	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20. Accounts Receivable - Sales of Energy (Net)	(55,493.75)	952,155.66	(19,736.81)	999,077.06
21. Accounts Receivable - Other (Net)	(3,568.01)	11,831.31	3,133.35	(152,230.58)
22. Renewable Energy Credits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23. Materials & Supplies - Electric and Other	26,790.26	307,658.59	15,494.28	301,905.65
24. Prepayments	(4,291.57)	50,356.33	(3,380.52)	44,193.74
25. Other Current & Accrued Assets	6,132.22	46,809.81	6,019.26	15,836.97
26. Total Current & Accrued Assets (15 thru 25)	(111,277.05)	5,163,427.20	133,062.25	5,978,731.64
27. Regulatory Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28. Other Deferred Debits	(5,397.89)	172,804.09	(5,397.89)	236,517.27
29. Total Assets & Other Debits (5+14+26 thru 28)	(131,452.58)	27,557,163.15	84,508.82	27,492,493.75
<u>Liabilities and Other Credits</u>				
30. Memberships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31. Patronage Capital	1,180,419.72	13,107,949.16	1,854,198.42	12,424,147.56
32. Operating Margins - Prior Years	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33. Operating Margins - Current Year	(1,774.81)	221,651.04	(2,553.51)	127,623.92
34. Non Operating Margins	(1,173,869.70)	20,970.29	(1,834,600.67)	69,220.82
35. Other Margins and Equities	3,262.80	477,253.02	6,184.32	437,180.94
36. Total Margins & Equities (30 thru 35)	8,038.01	13,827,823.51	23,228.56	13,058,173.24
37. Long-Term Debt RUS (Net)	(18,021.74)	4,445,298.56	(15,385.62)	5,159,328.54
38. Long-Term Debt - FFB - RUS Guaranteed	(49,017.88)	7,693,658.13	0.00	9,947,214.34
39. Long Term Debt - Other - RUS Guaranteed	(22,123.99)	66,890.78	(21,112.26)	326,767.08
40. Long-Term Debt - Other (Net)	0.00	598,523.53	0.00	638,453.46
41. Long-Term Debt - RUS - Econ. Devel. (Net)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
42. Payments - Unapplied	0.00	0.00	22,861.20	(2,641,244.65)
43. Total Long-Term Debt (37 thru 41-42)	(89,163.61)	12,804,371.00	(13,636.68)	13,430,518.77
44. Obligations Under Capital Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
45. Accumulated Operating Provisions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
46. Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities (44 + 45)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
47. Notes Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
48. Accounts Payable	(25,699.99)	713,917.63	27,527.12	689,226.91
49. Consumer Deposits	(150.00)	12,250.00	(150.00)	11,750.00
50. Current Maturities Long Term Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
51. Current Maturities - Econ Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
52. Current Maturities - Capital Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
53. Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	(24,476.99)	172,410.95	47,539.82	275,294.39
54. Total Current & Accrued Liab (47 thru 53)	(50,326.98)	898,578.58	74,916.94	976,271.30
55. Regulatory Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
56. Other Deferred Credits	0.00	26,390.06	0.00	27,530.44
57. Total Liab & Other Credits(36+43+46+54 thru 56)	(131,452.58)	27,557,163.15	84,508.82	27,492,493.75

Balance Sheet Analysis Ratios

For the period ending 03/31/2020

Equity as a Percent of Assets = 50.18 %**= Line 36 / Line 29**

$$= \frac{13,827,823.51}{27,557,163.15}$$

General Funds as a Percent of Total Utility Plant = 14.6080 %**= Line 12 + Line13 + Line15 + Line 16 + Line 18 / Line 3**

$$= \frac{63,936.60 + 0.00 + 431,468.82 + 1.00 + 3,363,145.68}{26,413,974.25}$$

Modified Equity as a Percent of Assets = 28.7624 %**= Line 36 - Line 8 / Line 29**

$$= \frac{13,827,823.51 - 5,901,708.34}{27,557,163.15}$$

Current Assets to Current Liabilities Ratio = 5.7462 to 1**= Line 26 / Line 54**

$$= \frac{5,163,427.20}{898,578.58}$$

Total Long-Term Debts as a Percentage of Total Utility Plant = 48.4757 %**= Line 43 / Line 3**

$$= \frac{12,804,371.00}{26,413,974.25}$$

March Comparison 2020

	19-Mar	YTD 19	YTD 20	20-Mar
Revenue	\$ 933,134.24	\$ 2,916,966.88	\$ 2,908,044.05	\$ 895,099.73
Cost of Power	\$ 585,695.81	\$ 1,784,192.96	\$ 1,776,292.83	\$ 564,529.24
Distribution Exp - Oper.	\$ 43,476.45	\$ 156,941.55	\$ 127,718.72	\$ 38,868.33
Distribution Exp. - Maint.	\$ 61,923.10	\$ 130,818.61	\$ 155,385.28	\$ 85,525.45
Interest Paid	\$ 55,443.49	\$ 159,807.90	\$ 117,786.79	\$ 40,933.10
Total Cost of Service	\$ 935,687.75	\$ 2,789,342.96	\$ 2,686,393.01	\$ 896,874.54
Margin Operation	\$ (2,553.51)	\$ 127,623.92	\$ 221,651.04	\$ (1,774.81)
Other Income	\$ 33,640.33	\$ 69,218.81	\$ 20,968.28	\$ 13,142.50
Total Margins	\$ 31,086.82	\$ 196,842.73	\$ 242,619.32	\$ 11,367.69
Total kWh Sold	10,007,917	31,301,809	30,772,577	9,669,413
Line Loss	2%	4%	4%	5%

OPERATIONS REPORT APRIL 2020

As of April 21st, 2020, crews have been busy with the following:

- Pole changeouts
- Tree trimming
- Transformer change outs
- Finished up the last of the OCR maintenance for the year
- Finished up the repairs/maintenance from the underground inspections
- Added a transformer and new 400 amp service on Lake Traverse
- Crews were also able to install most of the cable, 2800 FT, and all of the transformers for the RV park addition, we are waiting on them to finish up some dirt work, so we can finish this project. There will be 5 new services on this site.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- I had STAR come in and test all of the neutral isolators at the 3 dairy sites that have them installed; this will be an annual test.
- I have also been working with our new engineer from STAR, Jacob Goff, We did site visits at all of the substations for verification of equipment and settings at all. Jacob was also able to reprogram the electronic recloser at the Veblen substation, to allow the EAST RIVER SCADA system to work.
- Also working with Moore Engineering with their ditch project along HWY 75, this will require us to move and bury 3 miles of line.
- POLE INSPECTIONS started this year on the 24th, starting south of Breckenridge and heading south. Crews had to change out a danger pole that was found in that area while inspecting.

SAFETY:

- **MREA**
 - We were able to do one of our scheduled safety meetings online, with our Ipads. Topic was "fatigue in operations".
 - Safety Playbook (attached)
- **STAR:**
 - Be Safe topics
 - Safety News letter
- **SDREA:**
 - S.A.F.E TALK (attached)
- **FEDERATED:**
 - Litigation report

OUTAGE REPORT:

- Traverse, attached

- East River, attached

Dale Schwagel

Operations Manager

BOARD REPORT
Safety and Compliance
Traverse Electric Cooperative, Inc.
March 2020

MANAGEMENT

- ✓ Federated No Lost Time Award submitted 03/20
- ✓ Safety Recommendation – Pandemic Business Continuity-Coronavirus on 03/05/20
- ✓ NRECA Guidance on COVID-19 Preparedness on 03/09/20
- ✓ Safety Committee met on 03/12/20
- ✓ AWAIR Plan reviewed and revised on 03/12/20
- ✓ OSHA Inspection Action Plan approved on 03/12/20
- ✓ Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) DOT Guidance on 03/25/20
- ✓ Trust In Us Drug and Alcohol Testing Update on 03/26/20

AWAIR/SIP Goals	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
1. Review OSHA Inspection Action Plan with Employees	✓		
2. Continue Linemen Peer to Peer Inspections of PPE	✓		
3. Inspect All Extension/Electrical Cords	✓		
4. Focus on Improving Safe Work Practices – “What Should We Do that We Aren’t Doing?”	✓		

EDUCATION

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Monthly Newsletter – Driving Safety Tips	All employees	02/12/20	STAR
Cooperative Connections – Extension Cord Safety Tips and Electrical Contact Safety	Members, Public	03/20	TEC
Monthly Poster – Distracted Driving	All employees	03/01/20	STAR
Safety Bulletin Board – Safety Glasses and Hearing Protection	All employees	03/01/20	STAR
Be Safe – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Awareness	All employees	03/05/20	STAR
Annual Compliance Training	All employees	03/12/20	STAR
System Hazard Recognition	All employees	03/12/20	STAR
MREA Download on Safety	All employees	03/25/20	TEC
MREA Safety Pallet	All employees	03/25/20	TEC

INSPECTIONS

No items reported during this period.

EVENTS (not including damage to poles/structures by public)

No new events reported during this period. See table below.

- ✓ Year-to-Date Injuries: 0 (includes no OSHA recordables)
- ✓ Year-to-Date Damage: 0 (includes no DOT reportable)
- ✓ Year-to-Date Near Miss: 0

Date	Type	Description	Actions

Safety Playbook 2020

For the game of life



Date Used _____ Co-op/Company _____

Coach _____ Title _____

April 10, 2020



Play of the Week: One thing I enjoy learning is how a person decided to become a lineworker. The interesting thing is there is usually a family connection. "My brother, my dad, my uncle, or my grandfather was one," is what I often am told. So this month, and every month forward, keep your "family" whole and work to make sure everyone goes home tonight to their family. And, thanks for keeping us "Co-op Strong!"

Safety pays!

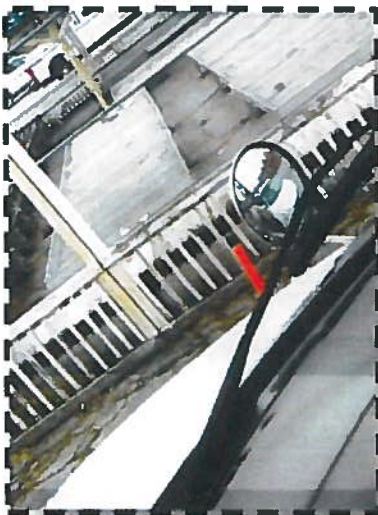
We have our 1st quarter winner of \$75 for 2020 and this lucky person is from Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative. His story paid and so can yours!

Send stories to any SLC Crew member.

What happened?

From NRECA ListServ – I wanted to show you a brand new reason for us to be diligent with our 360 before pulling away from a parking spot. This happened to one of our customers this week. See the hand in the mirror? Well, someone was intentionally lying on the ground with their hand extended waiting for the truck to run over it. Yes, intentionally. It is a scam where a desperate individual is willingly getting hurt so they can file a lawsuit. We do a 360 for many reasons; to make sure children aren't near the truck, to make sure we will not be hitting something, etc. This is one more new thing to watch out for.

From Federated's Near Miss Database – Employee was towing a flatbed trailer, hauling a mini-excavator, when the rear passenger side duals came off. Wheel was inspected after the accident and did not appear to be loose. All lugs were sheared off. No injuries.



Safety Suggestions

Do you need to change your safe work practices today from the stories shared?



I spy something
... hairy? Yes,
that is a pole!



SAFE TALK

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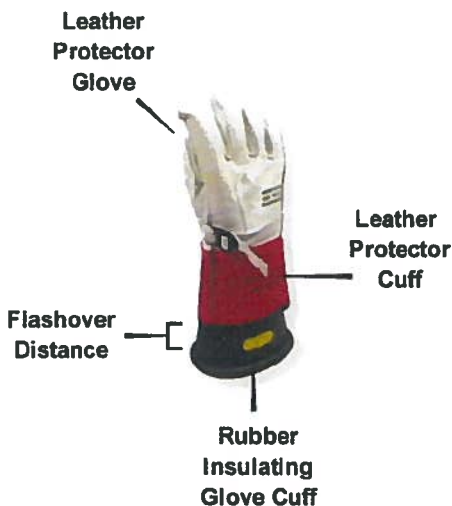
TOPIC - 11:

Leather Insulating Glove Protectors

Incident Summary:

A lineman was in the process of applying line hoses on primary conductor when he felt a tingle in his left hand. He lowered the bucket to the ground, inspected his rubber insulating gloves and found a small hole in one of the fingers. He returned to the shop to replace his rubber gloves. As the lineman was putting the protectors on the new pair of rubber gloves, the safety coordinator noticed the protectors were dirty and had a hole rubbed in one of the fingers.

CLEARANCE TABLE FOR LEATHER PROTECTORS PER ASTM F496	
Glove Class	Minimum Distance Between Protectors and Rubber Gloves
00,0	1/2"
1	1"
2	2"
3	3"
4	4"



Discussion Points:

1. What is the purpose of leather rubber glove protectors?
2. Should leather protectors be inspected?

Recommendations:

Rubber gloves and protectors should be inspected along with all other personal protective equipment prior to each use.

Rubber insulating gloves are one of the most important articles of personal protection for electrical workers. To be effective, rubber insulating gloves must incorporate dielectric properties and physical strength, along with flexibility and durability. Rubber insulating gloves, when in good condition and properly used, will help protect the user from electric shock which can cause burns or other serious physical injury or death.

Leather protector gloves should always be worn over insulating rubber gloves to provide the needed mechanical protection against cuts, abrasions and punctures. The protectors must meet ASTM specification F696.

Do not use leather protectors alone for protection against electric shock. Serious injury or death will result. Always use properly sized and rated insulating rubber gloves.

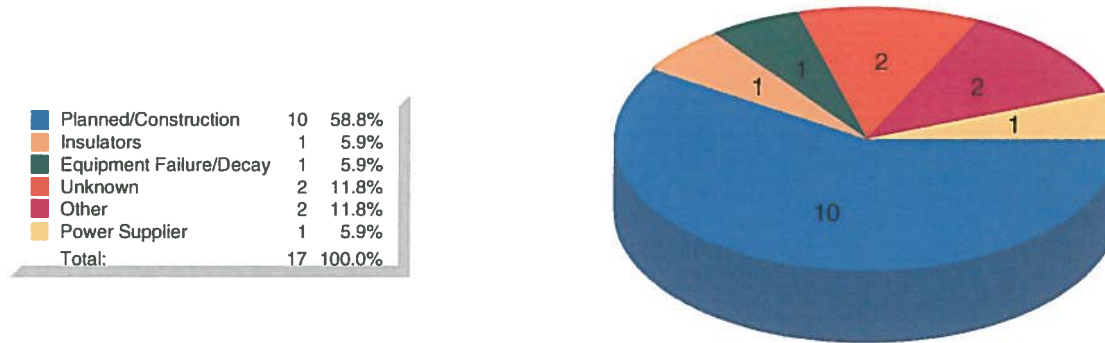
Proper care of leather protectors is important to user safety. Inspect the leather protectors when inspecting rubber gloves. Metal particles, imbedded wire, abrasive materials or any substance that could physically damage the rubber gloves must be removed from the protector before use.

Leather protectors must be properly sized and shaped to avoid deformation or damage.

A flashover distance must be maintained between the end of the leather protector cuff and the end of the rubber glove cuff. Minimum distances between gauntlet and cuff are listed in the table shown.

Outage Summary

3/1/2020 To 3/31/2020



(Major Event Outages Highlighted Yellow)

Outage List

Start Time	End Time	Cause	Equip Code	Device	Substation	Area	Comments	
3/5/20 8:32 am	3/5/20 9:25 am	Power Supplier	Power Supplier		Wendell, Doran, Wheaton	19 -25-3, 05 -22-3, 05 -10-1...	Wendell substation down, OTP problem	Locations Affected 282
3/5/20 10:15 am	3/5/20 12:03 pm	Equipment Failure/Decay	Jumper		Sisseton	43A-04-3A	Jumper burned off between transformer and cut out	Locations Affected 1
3/6/20 12:55 pm	3/6/20 1:20 pm	Planned/Construction			Beardsley	30 -21-4A	Disconnected tap for maintenance	Locations Affected 1
3/10/20 11:07 am	3/10/20 12:07 pm	Unknown	Jumper		Sisseton	52 -34-3	Jumper broke off at hot line clamp	Locations Affected 1

Start Time	End Time	Cause	Equip Code	Device	Substation	Area	Comments	
3/12/20 12:59 pm	3/12/20 2:10 pm	Other	Line Fuse URD		Graceville	07 -05-1	Riser pole fuse blown. Checked transclosure and refused	Locations Affected 1
3/16/20 2:59 pm	3/16/20 3:43 pm	Other	Sub OCR		Wheaton	18 -15-2, 18 -28-4, 26 -01-3...	OCR AT WHEATON SUB DIDN'T FUNCTION (CLOSE IN) DURING LINE SWITCHING	Locations Affected 41
3/24/20 6:48 am	3/24/20 9:17 am	Insulators	Other		Beardsley	33 -29A, 33 -31-2D, 32 -17-3...	Top of 3 phase pole burned off possibly due to insulator getting wet	Locations Affected 47
3/24/20 8:10 am	3/24/20 8:56 am	Planned/Construction	Other		Wheaton	25 -21-4, 25 -28-2	Planned outage to straighten poles in swamp	Locations Affected 2
3/24/20 8:13 am	3/24/20 9:18 am	Planned/Construction	Other		Beardsley	2544, 38 -10-04, 38 -10-0K...	planned outage to shut A & C phases out of Beardsley sub down to replace 3 phase pole with top burned off.	Locations Affected 152
3/24/20 9:57 am	3/24/20 12:30 pm	Planned/Construction	Other		Victor	34 -11-2, 34 -02-4, 34 -02-1...	Planned outage to straighten poles and cut trees.	Locations Affected 4
3/24/20 10:28 am	3/24/20 11:43 am	Planned/Construction	Other		Wendell	4865	Customer needed transformer shut down to get capacitors working	Locations Affected 1
3/27/20 12:47 pm	3/27/20 2:23 pm	Planned/Construction			Wheaton	25 -29-4, 25 -29-3, 25 -31-2...	Shut line off to trim trees	Locations Affected 3
3/28/20 3:47 pm	3/28/20 5:18 pm	Unknown	Jumper		Graceville	15 -08-2, 15 -04-4, 15 -05-1A...	Burnt off jumper, replaced stirup and hot line clamp	Locations Affected 4
3/30/20 10:09 am	3/30/20 10:18 am	Planned/Construction			Beardsley	38 -01A-L1W, 38 -01-21, 38 -01-L3...	outage for line switching	Locations Affected 14
3/30/20 11:12 am	3/30/20 1:42 pm	Planned/Construction			Wendell	516	Retirement pole & replace equipment	Locations Affected 1

Start Time	End Time	Cause	Equip Code	Device	Substation	Area	Comments	
3/30/20 1:49 pm	3/30/20 1:57 pm	Planned/Construction			Beardsley	38 -01A-L2SE, 38 -01-RVW, 38 -01-L1...	Outage for line switching	Locations Affected 14
3/31/20 11:19 am	3/31/20 11:25 am	Planned/Construction			Beardsley	30 -34B3, 30 -33-FD, 30 -20-1...	Shut line off to bypass regulator	Locations Affected 78

Outage Report

04-08-2020

Substation	Off Date	On Date	Outage Duration (Minutes)	Customer Count	Customer Hours Off	Coop	Codes	Comments
Hillhead	04/08/2020 15:02	04/08/2020 15:06	4	693	0	Lake Region	Power Supplier, Unknown	OTPC / Unknown
Veblen	04/08/2020 15:02	04/08/2020 15:17	30	72	0	Traverse, Lake Region	Power Supplier, Unknown	OTPC / Unknown



Outage Report

04-04-2020

Location	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time	Outage Count (Customers)	Consumer Count	Customer Hours	Group	Notes	Comments
Canton	04/04/2020 11:11	04/04/2020 11:17	6	445	0	Southeastern	Ice, Power Supplier	Ice falling off line above KY1A Transformer
Centerville	04/04/2020 11:11	04/04/2020 11:17	12	398	0	Clay/Union, Southeastern	Ice, Power Supplier	Ice falling off line above KY1A Transformer
Davis	04/04/2020 11:11	04/04/2020 11:17	6	521	0	Southeastern	Ice, Power Supplier	Ice falling off line above KY1A Transformer
Hurley	04/04/2020 11:11	04/04/2020 11:17	6	624	0	Southeastern	Ice, Power Supplier	Ice falling off line above KY1A Transformer
Tea	04/04/2020 11:11	04/04/2020 11:17	6	1505	0	Southeastern	Ice, Power Supplier	Ice falling off line above KY1A Transformer
Viborg	04/04/2020 11:11	04/04/2020 11:17	6	842	0	Southeastern	Ice, Power Supplier	Ice falling off line above KY1A Transformer
Worthing	04/04/2020 11:11	04/04/2020 11:17	6	71	0	Southeastern	Ice, Power Supplier	Ice falling off line above KY1A Transformer
Wendell	04/04/2020 19:32	04/04/2020 20:15	43	205	146.92	Traverse	Power Supplier	OTPC has a broken pole.

Effective April 28, 2020

Schedule Q
TRAVERSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC
COGENERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION

AVAILABILITY

Available to all members where the member has qualified small power production or cogeneration facilities connected in parallel with the Cooperative's facilities. The member is required to execute an Interconnection Agreement with the Cooperative. A Qualifying Facility (QF) is a cogeneration and small power production facility that satisfies the conditions in 18 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 292.101(b). The rates listed are for purchasing excess electricity from the QF only.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Alternating current, 60 hertz, at available secondary voltages.

RATE

The Cooperative shall pay the member monthly for all energy furnished during the month at the rate shown in Section 1 - 4 below. In addition, the Grid Access Charge may be applied depending on the cogeneration rate selected.

Grid Access Charge: Pursuant to MN State Statute 216B.164 Subd. 3(a) the Grid Access Charge is applied to all distributed generation systems interconnected after January 1, 2016 that select either Net Energy Billing or Roll Over Credits as a cogeneration rate. The Grid Access Charge is applied against the kW of nameplate capacity of the qualified facility above the first 3.5 kW. System greater than 3.5 will be charged the monthly rate on the additional kW of nameplate capacity, not to exceed the monthly maximum charge.

<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Monthly Charge per kW</u>	<u>Max Monthly Charge</u>
General Service	GS	\$ 3.83	\$ 44.40
Seasonal Cottages	SC	\$14.06	\$ 39.56
Large Power	LGP	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

1. Net Energy Billing: Available to any QF of less than 40 kW capacity that do not select either the Roll Over Credits, Simultaneous Purchase and Sale Billing or Time of Day rates.

The Cooperative shall bill the qualifying facility for the excess of energy supplied by the Cooperative above energy supplied by the qualifying facility

during each billing period according to the Cooperative's applicable retail rate schedule. The Cooperative shall pay the member for the energy generated by the qualifying facility that exceeds that supplied by the Cooperative during a billing period as follows:

<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>ARCER</u>
General Service	GS	\$ 0.1074/kWh
Seasonal Cottages	SC	\$ 0.1072/kWh
Large Power	LGP	\$ 0.0905/kWh

2. Roll Over Credits: Available to any QF of less than 40 kW that do not select either Net Energy Billing, Simultaneous Purchase and Sale Billing or Time of Day rates.

Kilowatt-hours produced by the QF in excess of the monthly usage shall be supplied as an energy credit on the member's energy bill, carried forward and applied to subsequent energy bills, with an annual true-up on December 31. Excess energy credits existing as of December 31 shall default back to the Cooperative with no compensation to the QF.

3. Simultaneous Purchase and Sale Billing: Available to any QF of less than 40 kW capacity that do not select or qualify for either the Net Energy Billing, Roll Over Credits or Time of Day rates and does not receive a time of day retail electric service from the Cooperative.

Cooperative shall pay the member for all energy delivered as follows:

	<u>November - April</u>	<u>May - October</u>
Energy Payment (\$/kWh)	\$ 0.0144	\$ 0.0144
Capacity Payments for Firm Power (\$/kWh)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

4. Time-of-Day Purchase Rate: Available to any QF of 100 kW capacity or less and available to QFs with capacity of more than 100 kW if firm power is provided.

Cooperative shall pay the member for all energy as follows:

	<u>November - April</u>	<u>May - October</u>
On Peak Energy Payment (\$/kWh)	\$ 0.0144	\$ 0.0144
Off Peak Energy Payments (\$/kWh)	\$ 0.0144	\$ 0.0144
Capacity Payments for Firm Power (\$/kWh)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

TAXES

The rates set forth are based on currently effective taxes and the amount of any increase in existing or new taxes on the transmission, distribution or sale of

electricity allocable to sales hereunder shall be added to the rates as appropriate to be paid by the member.

2020 COGENERATION REPORT			
Account	Facility Capacity (kW AC)	Year Interconnected	Estimated Production (kWh)
SOLAR			
NET ENERGY BILLING			
11894	39.9	2017	45,438
27161	39.9	2019	45,438
TOTAL SOLAR (Net Energy Billing)	79.8		90,876
OTHER BILLING RATE			
TOTAL SOLAR (Other Billing)	-		-
TOTAL SOLAR	79.80		90,876
WIND			
NET ENERGY BILLING			
37671	39.6	2016	52,034
TOTAL WIND (Net Energy Billing)	39.6		52,034
OTHER BILLING RATE			
TOTAL WIND (Other Billing)	0		-
TOTAL WIND	39.6		52,034
ALL DISTRIBUTED GENERATION			
TOTAL	119.40		142,911
TOTAL NEW DISTRIBUTED GENERATION			
Net Energy Billing			
Solar	39.9		45,438
Wind	0		-
TOTAL	39.9		45,438
Other Billing Rate			
Solar	0		0
Wind	0		0
TOTAL	0		0
TOTAL NEW DISTRIBUTED GENERATION	39.9		45,438
WHEELING			

TRAVERSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**Wheaton, Minnesota****BOARD POLICY NO. 109****COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS****I. OBJECTIVE**

To provide fair and equitable compensation for attendance of Traverse Electric Cooperative's Directors at Board, member and other meetings and to encourage their attendance and participation as appropriate.

II. POLICY**A. Per Diem**

1. Per diem of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) per day will be paid to Directors when attending regular monthly meetings of the Board.

In the event that a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors is held via conference call, video conference call, or at a location other than the office of the Cooperative for reasons outlined in Policy 114, a per diem of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) per day will be paid.

2. Per diem of one half (1/2) of the regular board meeting per diem will be paid to Directors unable to attend a regular monthly board meeting if the board member attends via speaker phone. This is limited to one paid per diem for attending by phone per year per director. Permission should be obtained from the board chairman 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

3. Per diem of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) per day, or fraction thereof on a half-day basis will be paid to Directors when attending special meetings of the Board or other meetings on official Traverse Electric business. The per diem is paid for each day attending the meeting based on the scheduled dates of that meeting. Travel to/from meeting will be paid at a rate of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) when travel is necessary the day before or after the meeting. If more than one meeting is held the same day, only one day's per diem will be paid.

4. For meetings outside the State where commercial air travel is available and the Director(s) elect not to travel by air, per diem will be paid based on the time required to travel by air.

B. Expenses (Out-of-Pocket)

1. Directors shall be reimbursed for the full cost of travel, hotel, meals, and other out-of-

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pocket expenses for attendance at such meetings upon submission of an expense voucher with receipts attached as appropriate

2. Expenses will not be paid for spouses and family members of Directors accompanying them to meetings.

C. Travel Expense (outside the Traverse Electric service area)

1. If commercial air travel is available and the Director elects not to travel by air, then the Director shall be reimbursed (without regard to the mode actually used for travel and out-of-pocket expenses actually accrued) for an amount equal to the lowest round trip air coach fare available. The Director will also be paid the equivalent of the cost of transportation to and from the airport and other expenses related to air travel.

2. If commercial air travel is available, and this mode is used, Directors shall be reimbursed for an amount including coach fare and transportation costs to and from the airport and other out-of-pocket expenses.

3. If commercial air travel is not readily available, then the Director(s) shall select the means of travel which in his/her judgment is the most satisfactory under the circumstances, giving due consideration to factors of time and cost. If air charter is used, reimbursement shall be for actual expenses incurred.

4. First class accommodations on commercial airlines may be authorized under the following conditions: (1) trips over two hours flight time; (2) emergencies; (3) if coach seating is not available.

D. Travel Expenses (within Traverse Electric's service area)

1. Directors will receive mileage expense from home when attending regular and special Board meetings or other meetings on official Traverse Electric business plus any automobile parking costs.

2. Mileage reimbursement for use of personal automobile shall be at the IRS rate.

E. General

1. It is recognized that the President of the Board, as spokesperson for this body, is mandated to be familiar with the over-all program and organizations related to it and their affect on Traverse Electric, and to keep informed of the latest Director precepts. The President is therefore authorized and encouraged to attend meetings of related organizations, director institutes and such other meetings or seminars which in his/her judgment would be in the best

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interest of Traverse Electric.

2. Per diem, out-of-pocket expenses and travel, as described above, will only be paid for those Directors authorized to attend NRECA regional and annual meetings, and such other meetings where attendance is authorized herein or by the Board.

3. Any Director authorized by the Board of Directors to attend a conference or training program will be paid per diem, travel and out-of-pocket expenses as described above. Traverse Electric will also pay any fees charged for such meetings.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

A. It shall be the responsibility of the President to ensure that the provisions of this policy are carried out.

B. The Board will consider any questions which may arise on the application of this policy.

Date Adopted: 12-02-1986

Date Reviewed: 12-31-2007

Date Reviewed: 12-01-2010

Date Reviewed: 06-24-2014

Date Revised: 09-27-2016

Date Revised: 05-30-2017

Date Revised: 10-30-2018

Date Revised: 04-28-2020

Mark Pearson, Secretary

TRAVERSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Wheaton, Minnesota

BOARD POLICY NO. 114

BOARD MEETINGS

I. OBJECTIVE

To fix the time, place and conditions under which the meetings of the Board of Directors will be held so that Directors, employees and members may know and be able to plan and schedule their participation.

II. POLICY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without notice other than the By-laws immediately after, and at the same place as the annual meeting of the members. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the office of the Cooperative, 1618 Broadway Ave., Wheaton, Minnesota 56296. During the months of April through October the Board shall have the option of starting the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Should the date of the regular Board meeting be in conflict with other meetings, and it is considered in the best interest of the Cooperative that the conflicting meeting require the attendance of officers, Directors, or General Manager of Traverse Electric, an alternate date for the regular meeting shall be set for the regular Board meeting. Such alternate date shall be acted on by the Board of Directors at a previous meeting.

In the event of an emergency, inclement weather, or a declared Federal, State or Local emergency, including a stay at home order that would prohibit travel or require social distancing, an exception may be made when approved by the full Board, to allow for the regular monthly board meeting to be held via conference call, video conference, or at a designated location other than the office of the Cooperative.

Special meetings

Shall be held in accordance with Article II, Section 3 of the By-laws of the Cooperative.

Quorum

Shall be as designated in Article II, Section 5 of the By-laws of the Cooperative.

Visitors

Members of the Cooperative may attend any meeting of the Board of Directors as long as the reason to attend meets the requirements set forth in Board Policy 115, and the request to attend a Directors Meeting process is complete per Board Policy 115. Members with questions or comments not related to any item on the agenda will be heard before the conduct of any other business. Members who wish to participate in the discussion of an item on the agenda will normally be heard at the time the Board takes up such item. The Board reserves the right to hear

or discuss any agenda item in executive session.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

Board President is responsible for seeing that this policy is carried out.

IV. REFERENCE

By-laws -- Article II

Date Adopted 12-02-1986

Date Reviewed 8-19-1996

Date Reviewed 12-18-2018

Date Revised: 04-28-2020

Mark Pearson, Secretary

Effective October 1, 2017

SCHEDULE P

LARGE POWER-DOLLYMOUNT-CAMPBELL DAIRY-NORTH OTTAWA

TYPE OF SERVICE

Multiple delivery of alternating current, three-phase at a voltage of 12,470 volts.

MONTHLY RATE

The customer shall pay the Cooperative for services hereunder at the following rates and conditions:

Fixed Charge	\$76.00 PER MONTH
Demand Charge	\$18.65per KW
Energy Charge	\$0.0450 per kWh

**These rates are not guaranteed and may be adjusted, if necessary, at the time the rate actually goes into effect. Additionally, the Cooperative's Board of Directors may adjust rates throughout the term of this Agreement.*

**Campbell Dairy will pay an additional \$3,571.43 in monthly facility charge for 84 months beginning on Jan 31, 2018 statement and ending on Dec 31, 2025 for a total of \$300,000. Beginning on Jan 31, 2026 statement, only the monthly fixed charge will apply.*

BILLING DEMAND

The monthly demand charge will be based on the actual demand of the customer over a 30 minute period coincident with East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.'s, monthly 30 minute peak and may be adjusted for power factor.

MINIMUM CHARGE

The minimum charge per billing period shall be the Fixed Charge, which is made up of \$76.

POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT

The Customer agrees to maintain a minimum power factor of 95%. The demand charge may be adjusted to correct for average power factors less than five percent (5%) unity (lagging) or greater than five percent (5%) unity (leading) by increasing the measured demand one percent (1%) for each one percent (1%) by which the average power factor is less than five percent (5%) unity (lagging) or more than five percent (5%) unity (leading).

TERMS OF PAYMENT

The above charges are net. Payment of the bill is due ten days after the bill is printed and sent. All accounts not paid by due date shall pay one and one-half percent late charge on the unpaid balance of the account, minimum penalty of one dollar (\$1.00).



Minnesota Rural Electric Association

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions committee members

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	MREA
Roger Winter Wild Rice Electric Chair	Nancy Utke Itasca-Mantrap	Barbara Johnson Runestone	Deborah Erickson MN Valley Electric	David Meschke Federated	Jenny Scharmer MiEnergy	Janet Lekson Dakota Electric	Joyce Peppin Darrick Moe Jenny Glumack

Proposed revisions

<p>Resolution 3: Educational & Safety Programs – The Community (S) Informational programs, communication with the public, and visible and active participation in the community are important to the successful operation of electric cooperatives.</p> <p>The MREA is also concerned with injuries and fatalities resulting from contact with energized electric lines. Therefore, a concerted effort should be made to foster the cultural safety changes needed to achieve zero contacts.</p> <p>The MREA shall make available to its member-systems, information and resources designed to educate the general public to the potential dangers and safety procedures involved in providing electricity.</p>	<p>Resolution 5: Support for Broadband & Telecommunications (F/S) The MREA supports investments and additional funding for rural broadband internet infrastructure and telecommunications. This enables better connections between rural communities, local governments, farmers, businesses, and their customers. The MREA supports cooperatives having the ability and appropriate tools to provide broadband voluntarily, on their own or in partnership with others. This would include legislation that clarifies that electric cooperatives can use their existing easements for the provision of broadband internet services.</p>
<p>Resolution 7: Farm & Rural Economic Development (F/S) Many parts of Minnesota suffer from stagnant or declining local economies and a decrease in population.</p> <p>The MREA supports the efforts of the USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service with its rural utility service and rural community development divisions. The MREA encourages the agency to work in partnership with electric cooperatives and state programs to stimulate economic development and retention of existing businesses and farms.</p>	<p>Resolution 10: Federal Support to Electrify Rural America (F) The MREA supports continued access to an appropriately funded RUS loan program and restoration of loan funds for coal, natural gas and nuclear generation to meet the needs of the cooperatives. The MREA supports statutorily defining all hydroelectricity as a renewable resource.</p>
<p>Resolution 14: Electric Power Reliability & the Environment (S) The MREA believes it is imperative that generation, transmission, and distribution facilities be built in a timely fashion to meet the needs of the consumers members.</p> <p>The MREA realizes the need for an adequate supply of reliable electric power as well as the need to protect and enhance our environment. Except for licenses to cross unnamed waters, the MREA does not object to filing for permits and approvals, but strongly feels prolonged and extensive delays are unnecessary, costly, and can be avoided.</p> <p>The MREA membership applauds the 2001 state energy reliability law and the 2005 state CAPX 2020 law. The MREA supports legislation that will streamline the handling, in a timely fashion and reduce the cost, of permits and licenses, including land and water crossings, which are required for the construction of generation, transmission, and distribution facilities.</p>	<p>Resolution 18: Customer Energy Usage Data (CEUD) (S) Electric cooperatives throughout Minnesota have deployed innovative metering solutions that collect energy usage data for the purpose of creating a more efficient electric grid, and readily provide that data to account holders. The account holder can then provide the data to whomever they wish. The current method of sharing information ensures both physical and cyber security, and still allows members access to their own data.</p> <p>The MREA respects the privacy and security of our member-owners, and opposes legislation or regulations that would require electric cooperatives to provide Customer Energy Usage Data (CEUD) to third parties without member consent.</p>
<p>Resolution 198: Coal Energy (F/S) The MREA supports the use of coal-based electricity as part of a broader, all-of-the-above energy policy that ensures reliable and affordable energy for all electric</p>	<p>Resolution 2019: Renewable Energy (F/S) The MREA supports continued research, development, and the use of cost-effective renewable energy sources where practical. The use of renewable energy sources is</p>

<p>cooperative members. The MREA supports advances in clean coal technologies that lead to more efficient combustion of coal with reduced emissions.</p>	<p>dependent upon their cost, reliability, availability, technical feasibility, and environmental effects. The MREA considers renewable energy as an intermittent resource energy energy produced from wind, solar, hydroelectric, biomass, biogas, recovered energy, and geothermal.</p> <p>The MREA supports local economic development through renewable energy development, but programs must be balanced with other factors and should not singly determine statewide energy policy.</p> <p>The MREA supports the current legislative policy of allowing market forces to determine which renewable technologies are adopted to meet any new Minnesota's aggressive 25% new Minnesota's aggressive 25% renewable energy standard (RES). The MREA opposes mandates, goals, carve-outs, feed-in tariffs, expansion of the RES and other regulatory and legislative mechanisms which require adding new resources that raise energy costs and are designed to force result in consumers members to further subsidize non-competitively priced energy projects.</p> <p>The MREA's renewable energy support also includes other resources, including conservation, efficiency, coal, nuclear, natural gas, and others. Diversity and flexibility of resources is paramount in providing the reliability, safety, affordability, and environmental stewardship our members expect.</p>
<p>Resolution 210: Average Retail Rate Payments & Net Metering (S) State law and regulations currently provide the average retail energy rate of each electric utility be paid on a net metering basis to small power producers under 40 kW capacity. The MREA supports the move to an avoided cost structure to eliminate the cross subsidization resulting from the average retail energy rate concept. The MREA supports distributed energy resources (DER) being sized appropriately to offset the member's electric load.</p> <p>The MREA strongly opposes an increase in the 40-kW level for applying the average retail energy rate and net metering and opposes a state renewable energy payment through a special assessment on all electric utilities.</p> <p>The MREA supports that the following principles be included in any legislative and/or regulatory changes to the State's net metering laws and policies: Net metering and distributed generation should be cost-neutral for our members. The purpose of net metering needs to be clarified in statute and/or regulation. The purpose of net metering is to allow electric consumers-members to offset their individual loads, not become independent power producers.</p> <p>Payments for excess generation should be eliminated and replaced with rolled-over credits or paid out at an avoided cost that expire after a year.</p> <p>Generation should be properly sized to a consumer's member's load. Net-metered customers members have a responsibility to pay for the services they use.</p> <p>A system-wide cap on net metered accounts (based on overall system capacity) needs to be established to maintain the reliability and affordability of the electric distribution system.</p>	<p>Resolution 221: Regional Haze (F) Only change was numbering of resolution</p>
<p>Resolution 232: Ethanol, Biodiesel, & Renewable Fuels (F/S) The MREA supports programs for ethanol, biodiesel, and renewable transportation fuels. The MREA also encourages all members and affiliated associations to consider the use of</p>	<p>Resolution 243: Electric & Magnetic Fields (F/S) Only change was numbering of resolution</p>

biofuels in their fleets. Much of the state's rural economy relies on robust renewable fuel standards, and policies to advance those standards should be advanced.	
Resolution 254: Beneficial Electrification (F/S) The MREA supports Beneficial Electrification. Beneficial Electrification, or the smart use of electricity, is the application of electricity to end uses that would otherwise use fossil fuels, where doing so satisfies at least one of these conditions without adversely affecting the other two: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benefit the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. 2. Save consumers members money over time. 3. Foster a more robust and resilient grid. 	Resolution 265: Energy Efficiency (F/S) The MREA should continue to investigate regulatory and/or legislative reform alternatives that would improve the practicality and productivity of the Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) for its members. Beneficial E lectrification efforts should be supported and CIP should be reformed to allow for the application of B eneficial e lectrification concepts within the program.
Resolution 276: Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel (F) The federal government's failure to formulate and implement specific programs for the processing of spent nuclear fuels and for the permanent storage of nuclear wastes is inconsistent with policies in place when rural electric cooperative nuclear generating facilities were built. Federal law has named Yucca Mountain as the site of the nation's spent fuel repository, but due to politics progress on the Yucca Mountain project has been brought to a standstill. This policy change has burdened utilities, such as Dairyland Power Cooperative, with substantial unexpected costs of prolonged storage of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel. Dairyland currently incurs millions of dollars of annual expenses to safeguard the spent fuel.	Resolution 287: Electric Vehicles (F/S) Only change was numbering of resolution
Resolution 298: Pending & Current Environmental Regulations (F) The MREA has concerns with EPA's regulatory process. The number and volume of changes being proposed and the current pace at which they are being proposed make it difficult to determine the impacts those rules will have. There needs to be MREA supports an adequate review of the economic impacts of any new environmental regulations, considering both their individual and cumulative costs. The time frame for Short time frames for implementing controls is short and could result in the installation of costly controls on existing power generation facilities that could negatively impact customer members' rates. The MREA supports a more measured approach to these EPA environmental regulations that will not jeopardize electric reliability or impose burdensome costs on utility customers members. The MREA strongly supports the position that any legislation or regulation addressing the issue of climate change must be fair, affordable and achievable within a reasonable time frame.	Resolution 3029: EPA Rule 111(d) (F/S) With the Administrative decision made to repeal the Clean Power Plan the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must work to develop a common-sense replacement plan. The MREA supports the Affordable Clean Energy Rule, which focuses The MREA supports an approach focused on improvements that can be achieved by a variety of possible measures at individual power plants. This "inside the fence" approach would ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act and with decades of policy precedent, result in greater regulatory certainty for electric cooperatives and reduce the likelihood of protracted litigation. The MREA supports responsible carbon dioxide regulations an approach that can be implemented at the power plant; that protects the reliability of the energy supply to cooperative-members and businesses; minimizes undue economic impact for cooperative-members; maximizes substantial plant investment and provides electric cooperatives with more long-term regulatory clarity and certainty. An approach that focuses on flexibility to pursue a diverse fuel mix for power generation will allow cooperatives to respond to local and regional factors and member preferences while ensuring affordable and reliable power.
Resolution 310: Combined Heat Power (CHP) (F/S) Only change was numbering of resolution	Resolution 321: Low Income Energy Assistance (S) Only change was numbering of resolution
Resolution 332: Utility Taxes (S/F) Only change was numbering of resolution	THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The MREA bylaws were last updated in 2014, and the recommended adjustments are mostly to continue to keep the bylaws up to date.

The MREA dues formula that sets the distribution method is set forth in Article VIII, Section 3 of the Association's bylaws. After the G&Ts split the first ten percent of the funds allocated to dues, the current formula calls for the remaining portion to be split by allocating 45% equally across all distribution cooperative members and 55% allocated based on the ratio of members served at each cooperative. The recommended bylaw change would shift this split to be 50/50 between these two categories. This proposal was recommended and approved by the MREA Board at the October 2019 board meeting. A 2/3 vote of the members is required to pass a bylaw change.

Proposed revisions

<p>Article II: Membership</p> <p>Section 1. Any electric cooperative association operating in the State of Minnesota may make application for membership with the Minnesota Rural Electric Association. All applications for membership are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, which application shall be accompanied by a membership fee of \$5.00. Membership in this Association shall be subject to the provisions of these bylaws and such amendments as may hereafter be legally adopted. In addition, the Board of Directors may establish a class or classes of nonvoting, associate members upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.</p> <p>Section 2. Membership in this Association shall not be transferable.</p> <p>Section 3. All certificates of membership shall be signed by the Chair and the Secretary, and shall be sealed with the corporate seal.</p> <p>Section 4. The Board of Directors may cancel a membership whenever a member violates these bylaws or any contract or agreement, which exists between the member and this Association. Any canceled membership may be reinstated only upon application and the payment of the membership fee specified in Section 1 of this article. In the event a member ceases to be eligible as a member of this Association or fails to perform any of the covenants, terms or conditions contained in any contract or agreement between the members of this Association, including the timely payment of membership dues, or at any time knowingly or intentionally violates the provisions of the statutes under which this Association is organized or any provision of these bylaws it shall, at the option of this Association, as expressed by resolution of the Board of Directors, be expelled from this Association, and its membership terminated. No member shall be entitled to vote at membership meetings if its dues are not paid as determined by the MREA Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Article III: Membership Meetings</p> <p>Section 3. Notice of location, date, and time of the Annual Meeting and all special membership meetings shall be mailed or e-mailed by the Secretary, or by such other authorized person, to each member not later than fifteen (15) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date thereof. In case of special membership meetings, all notices shall state the purpose of the meeting. Waiver of notice signed by sixty percent (60%) of the members prior to the opening of the business session of a special membership meeting of this Association shall constitute legal notice for the holding of a special meeting of the members.</p>																					
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		<p>Article VI: Board of Directors</p> <p>Section 7. The Board of Directors shall require all officers, agents, and employees having custody of funds or property to give to the Association a bond conditioned on the faithful discharge of the duties of each such person in an amount and with such company as authorized be covered by appropriate Director and Officer insurance policies. The cost of such a bond insurance shall be an expense borne by this Association.</p> <p>Section 8. The funds of this Association shall be deposited in such bank or banks, financial institutions, and trust companies as the in compliance with policies approved by the Board of Directors shall designate, and shall be withdrawn only upon the check or order of the officers or employees designated by the Board of Directors policies.</p> <p>Section 10. Members of the Board of Directors, or any lawfully constituted committee, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting can simultaneously hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this section shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.</p>	<p>Article VII: Officers</p> <p>Section 3. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors; shall have collaborate with the President & CEO in general supervision over carrying out the affairs of this Association; shall sign all contracts, deeds, and documents requiring the corporate seal; and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office or as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Section 6. The Secretary shall maintain a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors, and shall attest the same by their signature. The Secretary shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all papers, documents, and the corporate seal of this Association, which properly belong to the office, and all of the same shall be kept at the principal offices of this Association, unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall attest certificates of membership and all instruments requiring the corporate seal and shall affix the seal thereto and shall issue notices of meetings as required by these bylaws.</p> <p>Section 7. The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept an account of all monies, funds, and other property which may come into the hands of this Association and shall prepare or cause to be prepared the general audit of the books and accounts of this Association, which audit shall be submitted for examination and approval to a recognized accountant. The Treasurer shall supervise the depository of all monies of this Association, which shall be deposited in such bank or banks as authorized by the Board of Directors. All checks, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other instruments calling for the payment of money, which shall be issued by this Association, shall be signed by the Treasurer or such employees or officials as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.</p>
		<p>Article VIII: Budget, Dues and Assessments</p> <p>Section 3. After consideration of the sources of funds to be received by the Association from non-dues sources, the Board of Directors shall determine the dues to be paid by the regular members for the next year.</p> <p>Ten percent (10%) of the dues shall be paid by the generation and transmission cooperatives based on the ratio which the number of Minnesota member cooperatives served by each generation and transmission cooperative bears to the total number of Minnesota members served by all generation and transmission cooperatives. Of the remaining dues, forty-five fifty percent (450%) of the dues shall be paid in equal amounts by the distribution cooperatives, and fifty five percent (5550%) of the dues shall be paid by the distribution cooperatives based on the ratio which the number of members in Minnesota served by each distribution cooperative bears to the total number of members in Minnesota served by all distribution cooperatives.</p>	<p>Article X: Corporate Seal</p> <p>The corporate seal for this Association shall be a circular die, in the center of which shall appear the words "Corporate Seal" and around the edge of which shall appear the words "MINNESOTA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION."</p>



Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association

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Articles of Incorporation of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association

We, the undersigned persons of full age, acting for ourselves as agents of cooperative associations for the purpose of forming a cooperative association under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 326, Laws of Minnesota, 1923, and Laws amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, do hereby associate ourselves as a body corporate and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be MINNESOTA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION.

Section 2. The conduct of the business of this Association shall be upon the cooperative plan. The general nature of its business and purpose or purposes for which it is formed are to act as an agency through which its members can take such action or conduct such programs as are from time to time authorized and assigned to it; to promote and provide a medium for unity of efforts and exchange of ideas among cooperative associations engaged in the distribution or generation of electricity; to make available information and services for, and encourage the conduct of, electric cooperatives so that they promote the welfare of the communities and areas which they serve and so that they establish and apply management principles and practices to continually assure efficient and economical performance; to create and maintain amicable relations with the legislature and legislators and governing regulatory agencies in order to promote and protect the welfare of its members and to represent its members in legislative matters when duly authorized; to acquire, use and dispose of real and personal property.

The enumeration of the foregoing powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers of this Association. This Association shall be authorized to exercise and enjoy all powers, rights and privileges granted to or conferred upon associations of the character of this Association by the Laws of the State of Minnesota now or hereafter in force.

Section 3. The principal place of transacting the business of this Association shall be in St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, or such other place or places as the Board of Directors may determine.

Article II

The period of duration of this Association shall be perpetual.

Article III

Section 1. This shall be a non-profit non-stock cooperative association. The property rights and interests of each member shall be equal. Any cooperative association composed of consumers and users of electricity may be admitted to membership upon payment of the membership fee and by complying with the terms and conditions of the bylaws of the Association. In addition, the Board of Directors may establish a class or classes of nonvoting, associate members upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.

Section 2. The net income (which does not refer to dues collected from its members) of this Association, except such amounts as are required to be set aside as a reserve fund or permanent

surplus or may be set aside by the vote of the members of the Association available for distribution among its members shall be distributed only on the basis of patronage.

Article IV

(Deleted by the membership at their annual meeting on February 21, 1986.)

Article V

The names and places of residence of the incorporators of this Association are:

NAME		RESIDENCE
1.	A. P. Zschetzsche, Agent of Brown County Rural Electric Association,	Sleepy Eye, Minnesota
2.	Matt O. Wilson, Agent of Lake Country Power,	Kettle River, Minnesota
3.	Elmer Jacobson, Agent of Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Association,	Kenyon, Minnesota
4.	John Phillips, Agent of Lyon-Lincoln Electric Company,	Marshall, Minnesota
5.	I. J. Clinton, Agent of Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association,	Watkins, Minnesota
6.	O. W. Mueller, Agent of Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative,	Prior Lake, Minnesota
7.	E. L. Smith, Agent of Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association,	Montevideo, Minnesota
8.	Ancher Nelsen, Agent of McLeod Cooperative Power Association,	Hutchinson, Minnesota
9.	Frank Keller, Agent of Nobles Cooperative Electric,	Slayton, Minnesota
10.	P. J. E. Peterson, Agent of South Central Electric Association,	Truman, Minnesota
11.	Donald G. Sommers, Agent of Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric,	Northfield, Minnesota
12.	L. H. Kerr, Agent of Stevens-Big Stone Cooperative Power Association,	Holloway, Minnesota

Article VI

Section 1. The government of this Association and the management of its affairs and business shall be vested in a board of directors consisting of fourteen (14) directors who shall be elected by the members in such time, place, and manner as the bylaws of this Association may prescribe.

Section 2. The names and places of residence of those who shall compose the first board of directors and who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the members and until their successors shall be elected and shall have qualified are as follows:

NAME		RESIDENCE
1.	A. P. Zschetzsche,	Sleepy Eye, Minnesota
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Section 3. The board of directors shall have power to make and adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with these articles of incorporation or the bylaws of this Association or the laws of the State of Minnesota as it may deem advisable for the management, administration and regulation of the business and affairs of this Association.

Article VII

The bylaws of this Association may define and fix the duties and responsibilities of the members, officers and directors, and may also contain any other provision for the regulation of the business and affairs of this Association not inconsistent with the articles of incorporation or the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Article VIII

The fiscal year of this Association shall commence on the first day of January of each year and end on the thirty-first day of December of each year.

Article IX

This Association reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals this 17th day of December, 1940.

	/s/ ARTHUR P. ZSCHETZSCHE Agent of Brown County Rural Electric Association.
	/s/ MATT O. WILSON Agent of Lake Country Power.
	/s/ ELMER Jacobson Agent of Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Association.
In Presence of:	/s/ JOHN PHILLIPS Agent of Lyon-Lincoln Electric Company.
/s/ D. B. RUMBLE	/s/ IRVING J. CLINTON Agent of Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association.
/s/ ANN M. PREBEG	/s/ O.W. MUELLER Agent of Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative.
	/s/ E.L. SMITH Agent of Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association.
	/s/ ANCHER NELSEN Agent of McLeod Cooperative Power Association.
	/s/ FRANK KELLER Agent of Nobles Cooperative Electric.

/s/ P. J. E. PETERSON

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/s/ DONALD G. SOMMERS

Agent of Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric

/s/ L. H. KERR

Agent of Stevens-Big Stone Cooperative Power Association.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

On this 17th day of December, 1940, before me personally appeared A. P. ZSCHETZSCHE, Agent of Brown County Rural Electric Association, MATT O. WILSON, Agent of Carlton County Cooperative Power Association, ELMER JACOBSON, Agent of Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Association, JOHN PHILLIPS, Agent of Lyon-Lincoln Electric Company, I. J. CLINTON, Agent of Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association, O. W. MUELLER, Agent of Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative, E. L. SMITH, Agent of Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association, ANCHER NELSEN, Agent of McLeod Cooperative Power Association, FRANK KELLER, Agent of Nobles Cooperative Electric, P. J. E. PETERSON, Agent of South Central Electric Association, DONALD G. SOMMERS, Agent of Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric, and L. H. KERR, Agent for Stevens-Big Stone Cooperative Power Association, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

/s/ D. B. RUMBLE Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn. My commission expires January 12, 1941.

(Notary Seal)

The foregoing proposed articles of incorporation are hereby approved as to form and legality this 18th day of December, 1940.

J. A. A. BURNQUIST, Attorney General

By /s/ VICTOR GRAN, Assistant Attorney General.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Department of State

FILED January 2, 1941

/s/ MIKE HOLM, Secretary of State.

Bylaws of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association

Article I: Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be MINNESOTA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION.

Section 2. The principal offices of this Association shall be located in the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, area, or such other place or places as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Other offices for the transaction of business may be located at such places as the Board of Directors from time to time may determine.

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Section 1. Any electric cooperative association operating in the State of Minnesota may make application for membership with the Minnesota Rural Electric Association. All applications for membership are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, ~~which application shall be accompanied by a membership fee of \$5.00.~~ Membership in this Association shall be subject to the provisions of these bylaws and such amendments as may hereafter be legally adopted. In addition, the Board of Directors may establish a class or classes of nonvoting, associate members upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.

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Article III: Membership Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the members of this Association shall be held at its principal offices during the month of February of each year unless a different time and place is by resolution designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special meetings of the members of this Association may be called at any time by the Chair, or in the Chair's absence, the Vice Chair, or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Chair, or the Vice Chair, or the Board of Directors calling the special membership meeting shall determine the location, date, and time for holding the special meeting of the members of this Association.

Section 3. Notice of location, date, and time of the Annual Meeting and all special membership meetings shall be mailed or e-mailed by the Secretary, or by such other authorized person, to each member not later than fifteen (15) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date thereof. In case of special membership meetings, all notices shall state the purpose of the meeting. Waiver of notice signed by sixty percent (60%) of the members prior to the opening of the business session of a special membership meeting of this Association shall constitute legal notice for the holding of a special meeting of the members.

Section 4. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence, the Vice Chair shall preside over all business sessions at membership meetings of this Association.

Section 5. Unless otherwise provided, the "Robert's Rules of Order" shall prevail in conducting the business of this Association at all meetings.

Section 6. Each member of this Association shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on any matter, motion, resolution, amendment, or election properly presented at any membership meeting of this Association. The vote cast by each member of this Association shall be cast by the duly authorized voting delegate. Proxy voting is prohibited in this Association. The MREA Board of Directors may authorize voting by mail on any matter, motion, resolution, or amendment. A vote by mail shall be acceptable if properly certified and signed by the Chair and Secretary of the member cooperative so voting. A notice containing the exact text of the matter, motion, resolution, or amendment and a copy of the same is forwarded with and attached to the vote so mailed by the absent member. The Board of Directors may cause a referendum vote to be taken by mail upon any action or recommendation of the Board of Directors, subject to the same regulations as above prescribed.

Section 7. The quorum requirements for the transaction of business at any meetings of this Association shall be:

1. The Annual Meeting – a quorum shall be a majority of the total number of members holding membership with this Association.
2. Special Membership Meeting – a quorum shall be a majority of the total number of members holding membership with this Association.
3. District Membership Meetings – a quorum shall be a majority of the total number of members of this Association located in the district holding the district membership meeting.
4. Board of Directors – the quorum necessary for the transaction of business by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting shall consist of a majority thereof.

The fact of the attendance of sufficient number of members to constitute a quorum shall be established either by roll call of the voting delegates or by the registration of the voting delegates of the members of this Association present at such meeting, which registration or roll call shall be verified by the Chair and/or Secretary of this Association and shall be reported in the minutes of such meeting.

Section 8. Each district of this Association as established in Article IV, Section 2 of these bylaws shall hold a meeting during the Annual Meeting of this Association, when necessary, for the purpose of electing directors to the Board of Directors of this Association. Nominations and elections of directors shall be by written ballot, and directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the district, provided that if an election for director results in a tie vote on the first

ballot, a second ballot shall be taken. If the second ballot results in a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

The duly elected directors for each district of this Association shall be responsible for calling all meetings of their respective districts and shall conduct the business of the meetings. The two directors from each district of this Association shall be designated by the members of their respective district as "District Chairman" and "District Secretary." Minutes of district meetings shall be placed on file at the offices of this Association. In the absence of district directors, a temporary chairman shall be named by those in attendance, who will conduct the meeting and be responsible for forwarding a report to their respective district directors.

Section 9. The district directors may call additional meetings in their respective districts for the purpose of discussing the business of this Association. Notice of the call of a district meeting shall be the responsibility of the district directors and they shall notify the membership of this Association located in their respective districts of the location, date, and time of the district meeting.

Article IV: Organizational Structure by Districts

Section 1. For organizational purposes the membership of this Association shall be divided into seven (7) Districts.

Section 2. The State of Minnesota shall be divided into seven (7) Districts as follows:

DISTRICT I		
1.	Bagley	Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2.	Baudette	North Star Electric Cooperative
3.	Bemidji	Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc.
4.	Grand Forks, ND	Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
5.	Halstad	Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association
6.	Mahnomen	Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc.
7.	Red Lake Falls	Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc.
8.	Roseau	Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc.
9.	Warren	PKM Electric Cooperative, Inc.
DISTRICT II		
1.	Aitkin	Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative
2.	Bigfork	North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc.
3.	Brainerd	Crow Wing Power
4.	Grand Rapids	Lake Country Power
5.	Park Rapids	Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative Electrical Association
6.	Lutsen	Arrowhead Electric Cooperative, Inc.
7.	Two Harbors	Cooperative Light & Power Association
DISTRICT III		
1.	Alexandria	Runestone Electric Association
2.	Benson	Agralite Electric Cooperative
3.	Bismarck, ND	Basin Electric Power Cooperative
4.	Litchfield	Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association
5.	Melrose	Stearns Electric Association
6.	Montevideo	Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association
7.	Pelican Rapids	Lake Region Electric Cooperative
8.	Wadena	Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative
9.	Wheaton	Traverse Electric Cooperative, Inc.
10.	Spicer	Kandiyohi Power Cooperative

DISTRICT IV		
1.	Braham	East Central Energy
2.	Maple Grove	Great River Energy
3.	Jordan	Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative
4.	Rockford	Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association
DISTRICT V		
1.	Clements	Redwood Electric Cooperative
2.	Danube	Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association
3.	Glencoe	McLeod Cooperative Power Association
4.	Jackson	Federated Rural Electric Association
5.	Madison, SD	East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
6.	Colman, SD	Sioux Valley Energy
7.	Rock Rapids, IA	L & O Power Cooperative
8.	Saint James	South Central Electric Association
9.	Sleepy Eye	Brown County Rural Electrical Association
10.	Tyler	Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc.
11.	Worthington	Nobles Cooperative Electric
DISTRICT VI		
1.	Albert Lea	Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services
2.	La Crosse, WI	Dairyland Power Cooperative
3.	Mankato	BENCO Electric Cooperative
4.	Owatonna	Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric
5.	Oronoco	People's Energy Cooperative
6.	Rushford	Tri-CountyMiEnergy Electric Cooperative
7.	Zumbrota	Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Association
DISTRICT VII		
1.	Ramsey	Connexus Energy
2.	Farmington	Dakota Electric Association

Article V: Government of this Association

Section 1. The government of this Association and the management of the business and affairs of this Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of fourteen (14) directors who shall exercise all of the powers of this Association except such as are by law or by the Articles of Incorporation of this Association or by these bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

Section 2. All directors of this Association shall be elected in accordance with Article III, Section 8 hereof and shall serve a three-year term or until their successor shall have been elected and qualified. Directors' terms shall commence at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 3. In the event of sickness, death, resignation or absence from serving, the Board of Directors of this Association shall immediately declare that a vacancy exists and may appoint a qualified director from the district for which the vacancy exists to serve until the next district meeting for that district when an election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Should any district fail to elect a director as required to the Board of Directors of this Association, the members of this Association shall nominate and elect the director for that district. No member cooperative shall have more than one director elected to serve on the Board of Directors of this Association.

Section 4. All directors elected to serve on the Board of Directors of this Association shall at all times be and remain duly elected directors serving on the Board of Directors of a member of this Association.

No director elected to serve on the Board of Directors of this Association shall represent more than one district of this Association.

Section 5. Any director of this Association may, for cause, be removed from office at any special membership meeting called for that purpose, upon the affirmative vote of fifty-one percent (51%) of the members present, provided that a notice in writing of the proposed action containing a brief description of the charges against the director shall have been mailed to each member of this Association at least fifteen (15) days before such meeting. At any such meeting the director whose acts are in question shall have the right to be heard in person, to be represented by counsel, and to produce and interrogate witnesses.

Section 6. The Board of Directors by resolution may authorize reasonable compensation for services as a member of the Board of Directors of this Association.

Section 7. A director from an electric cooperative that is not a member of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) is not eligible to run for or serve as a director of the MREA Board.

Section 8. An NRECA Director from an electric co-op that is not a member of the MREA may not serve on the MREA Board as either a director or ex-officio member.

Section 9. The Minnesota National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Director, who is not a member of the MREA Board of Directors shall become an ex-officio member of the MREA Board of Directors during active tenure on the NRECA Board of Directors. An NRECA Director who is from an electric co-op that is a member of the MREA, but who is not a director on the MREA Board of Directors, shall become an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the MREA Board during active tenure on the NRECA Board.

Article VI: Board of Directors

Section 1. A meeting of the Board of Directors of this Association shall be held following the Annual Meeting of this Association and at the same place for the purpose of electing the officers of this Association, which shall consist of a Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and a Treasurer. No person shall be eligible to hold two offices.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of this Association shall regularly convene at least bimonthly to conduct the business affairs of this Association, provided, however, a special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the Chair or by any three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Notices and agendas of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be mailed to each director by the Secretary, or such other designated person, at least five (5) days previous to the time fixed for the meeting. All notices of meeting shall state the time, date and location of the meetings.

Section 4. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting shall consist of a majority thereof, however, a majority of those present at any regular or special meeting shall have the power to adjourn the meeting to a future time.

Section 5. Any officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall require and authorize an audit of the books and accounts of this Association. The audit report, an operating statement and the general financial condition of this Association shall be submitted to the members at the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall require all officers, agents, and employees having custody of funds or property to ~~give to the Association a bond conditioned on the faithful discharge of the duties of each such person in an amount and with such company as authorized~~ be covered by appropriate Director and Officer insurance policies. The cost of such ~~a bond insurance~~ shall be an expense borne by this Association.

Section 8. The funds of this Association shall be deposited in ~~such bank or~~ banks, financial institutions, and trust companies ~~as their compliance with policies approved by the~~ Board of Directors ~~shall designate~~, and shall be withdrawn only upon the check or order of the officers or employees designated by ~~the Board of Directors~~ policies.

Section 9. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to employ a President/CEO, and shall delegate such authority, responsibilities, and duties to the President/CEO as they determine. The compensation of the President/CEO shall be determined by the Board of Directors of this Association.

~~**Section 10.** Members of the Board of Directors, or any lawfully constituted committee, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting can simultaneously hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this section shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.~~

Article VII: Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and a Treasurer. No person shall be eligible to hold two offices. All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and each shall hold office until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may appoint additional assistant officers such as, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, and may combine such positions in one person who may or may not be a member of the Board of Directors, who shall serve for such period and perform such duties as the Board of Directors prescribe.

Section 3. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors; shall ~~have~~ collaborate with the President & CEO in general supervision over ~~over~~ carrying out the affairs of this Association; ~~shall sign all contracts, deeds, and documents requiring the corporate seal;~~ and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office or as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The First Vice Chair shall, in the absence of the Chair or upon the Chair's inability to act, have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chair.

Section 5. The Second Vice Chair shall, in the absence of the Chair and the First Vice Chair, or upon their inability to act, have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chair.

Section 6. The Secretary shall maintain a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors, and shall attest the same by their signature. ~~The Secretary shall be~~

~~responsible for the safekeeping of all papers, documents, and the corporate seal of this Association, which properly belong to the office, and all of the same shall be kept at the principal offices of this Association, unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall attest certificates of membership and all instruments requiring the corporate seal and shall affix the seal thereto and shall issue notices of meetings as required by these bylaws.~~

Section 7. The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept an account of all monies, funds, and other property which may come into the hands of this Association and shall prepare or cause to be prepared the general audit of the books and accounts of this Association, which audit shall be submitted for examination and approval to a recognized accountant. ~~The Treasurer shall supervise the depository of all monies of this Association, which shall be deposited in such bank or banks as authorized by the Board of Directors. All checks, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other instruments calling for the payment of money, which shall be issued by this Association, shall be signed by the Treasurer or such employees or officials as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.~~

Article VIII: Budget, Dues and Assessments

Section 1. For purposes of this section, a regular member means an electric cooperative operating in the State of Minnesota which is a member of this Association.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall annually adopt a budget for this Association for the next year. The proposed budget shall be mailed to the regular members at least thirty (30) days prior to the December meeting of the board of directors.

Section 3. After consideration of the sources of funds to be received by the Association from non-dues sources, the Board of Directors shall determine the dues to be paid by the regular members for the next year.

Ten percent (10%) of the dues shall be paid by the generation and transmission cooperatives based on the ratio which the number of Minnesota member cooperatives served by each generation and transmission cooperative bears to the total number of Minnesota members served by all generation and transmission cooperatives. Of the remaining dues, ~~forty-five~~fifty percent (~~45~~50%) of the dues shall be paid in equal amounts by the distribution cooperatives, and ~~fifty-five~~ percent (~~55~~50%) of the dues shall be paid by the distribution cooperatives based on the ratio which the number of members in Minnesota served by each distribution cooperative bears to the total number of members in Minnesota served by all distribution cooperatives.

The annual statistical report compiled by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS Financial and Operating Report Electric Distribution), or the business records of any distribution cooperative which is not an RUS borrower, shall be used for determining the number of members in Minnesota served by the distribution cooperatives.

Section 4. The regular members, by a vote of at least 3/4 of the regular members, may levy from time to time assessments upon the regular members to meet any extraordinary or unusual financial requirements of this Association.

Article IX: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this Association shall commence on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December in each year.

~~Article X: Corporate Seal~~

~~The corporate seal for this Association shall be a circular die, in the center of which shall appear the words "Corporate Seal" and around the edge of which shall appear the words "MINNESOTA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION."~~

Article XI: Amendments to Bylaws

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting or any special membership meeting if the proposed amendment has been recommended by the Board of Directors or by a resolution adopted at a previous meeting of the members and the proposed amendment has been distributed to the members with the notice of the call of the meeting.

Addendum of Amendments to these Bylaws

DATE	ARTICLE / SECTION / NOTES
February 25, 1994	Article VIII Section 1 part 2 Generation and Transmission Cooperatives. The annual dues were increased from \$500 to \$1,000.
February 17, 1995	Article VIII Section 1 part 1 Distribution Cooperative. The fixed charge increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
February 23, 1996	Article III, Section 8. Each district of this Association as established in Article IV, Section 2 of these bylaws shall hold a meeting during the Annual Meeting of this Association, when necessary, for the purpose of electing directors to the Board of Directors of this Association. Nominations and elections of directors shall be by written ballot, and directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the district, provided that if an election for director results in a tie vote on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken. If the second ballot results in a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin. With respect to the terms of directors beginning in 1979, each district shall also determine which term each director is elected to as specified in Article V, Section 2.
February 23, 1996	Article V, Section 2. All directors of this Association shall be elected in accordance with Article III, Section 8 hereof and shall serve a three-year term or until their successor shall have been elected and qualified. With respect to terms of directors of this Association beginning in 1979, however, District I shall elect directors for one one-year term and one two-year term. District II shall elect directors for one two-year term and one three-year term. District III shall elect directors for one one-year term and one two-year term. District V shall elect directors for one two-year term and one three-year term. District VI shall elect directors for one one-year term and one three-year term. Directors' terms shall commence at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Association.
February 23, 1996	Article V, Section 3. In the event of sickness, death, resignation or absence from serving, the Board of Directors of this Association shall immediately declare that a vacancy exists and may appoint a qualified director for the district for which the vacancy exists to serve until the next district meeting for that district when an election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Should any district fail to elect a director as required to the Board of Directors of this Association, the members of this Association shall nominate and elect the director for that district. No member cooperative shall have more than one director elected to serve on the Board of Directors of this Association.
February 14, 1997	<u>Article III Section 1 of the Articles of Incorporation (Associate Membership Amendments)</u> Article III Section 1. This shall be a non-profit non-stock cooperative association. The property rights and interests of each member shall be equal. Any cooperative association composed of consumers and users of electricity may be admitted to membership upon payment of the membership fee and by complying with the terms and conditions of the bylaws of the Association. In addition, the Board of Directors may establish a class or classes of nonvoting, associate members upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.
February 14, 1997	Article II Section 1: Any electric cooperative association operating in the State of Minnesota may make application for membership with the Minnesota Rural Electric Association. All applications for membership are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, which application shall be accompanied by a membership fee of \$5.00. Membership in this Association shall be subject to the provisions of these bylaws and such amendments as may hereafter be legally adopted. In addition, the Board of Directors may establish a class or classes of nonvoting, associate members upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.
February 14, 1997	<u>Article V Section 6 of the Bylaws (Amendment to allow MREA Directors to establish board compensation.)</u> Article V Section 6: The Board of Directors by resolution may authorize reasonable compensation for services as a member of the Board of Directors of this Association.
February 26, 1998	<u>7th District</u> Article VI Section 1 of the Articles of Incorporation deleting the reference to "twelve (12) directors" and substituting "fourteen (14) directors".
February 26, 1998	<u>7th District</u> Article IV Section 1 of the Bylaws, delete the words "six (6) Districts" and substitute the words "seven (7) Districts". Article IV Section 2 of the Bylaws, delete the words "six (6) Districts" and substitute the words "seven (7) Districts". Article IV Section 2 of the Bylaws, delete Anoka Electric Cooperative and Dakota Electric Association from the District IV members, and add a new District VII with Anoka Electric Cooperative and Dakota Electric Association as the members of that District.

February 26, 1998	<p><u>7th District</u> Article V Section 1 of the Bylaws, deleting the words "twelve (12) directors" and substituting the words "fourteen (14) directors".</p> <p>Article V Section 2 of the Bylaws, add the following sentence at the end: "Effective with the 1998 annual meeting, each member in District VII shall elect a director, one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term."</p>
February 26, 1998	<p><u>7th District</u> The Association's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws will be further amended to reflect cooperative consolidations, mergers and name changes. Please notify MREA if your cooperative's name or headquarters location has been changed.</p>
December 18, 1998	(Co-op names edited; Article VIII, Section 3 removed 1994 non-voting provision not passed or needed - SAB)
February 22, 2001	Article VI Section 10. Members of the Board of Directors, or any lawfully constituted committee, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting can simultaneously hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this section shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
February 20, 2002	<p>Article VIII: Budget, Dues, and Assessments</p> <p>Section 1. For purposes of this section, a regular member means an electric cooperative operating in the State of Minnesota which is a member of this Association.</p> <p>Section 2. The Board of Directors shall annually adopt a budget for this Association for the next year. The proposed budget shall be mailed to the regular members at least thirty (30) days prior to the December meeting of the board of directors.</p> <p>Section 3. After consideration of the sources of funds to be received by the Association from non-dues sources, the Board of Directors shall determine the dues to be paid by the regular members for the next year. The annual dues payable by each generation and transmission cooperative shall be the sum of \$2,000 for each of its Minnesota member cooperatives. The annual dues payable by each distribution cooperative shall consist of (1) a fixed amount of \$3,000 and (2) an additional amount determined by adding together the amounts derived from subparagraphs (a) and (b):</p> <p>(a) one-half of the total dues amount to be paid by the regular members, minus one-half of the dues to be paid by the generation and transmission cooperative and minus the amount of one-half of the fixed dues to be paid by each distribution cooperative, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of consumers served by the distribution cooperative and the denominator of which is the total number of consumers served by all distribution cooperatives in Minnesota, and</p> <p>(b) one-half of the total dues amount to be paid by the regular members, minus one-half of the dues to be paid by the generation and transmission cooperative and minus the amount of one-half of the fixed dues to be paid by each distribution cooperative, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the kilowatt hours sold to consumers at retail by the distribution cooperative and the denominator of which is the total kilowatt hours sold to consumers at retail by all distribution cooperatives in Minnesota.</p> <p>The maximum annual dues for a distribution cooperative shall not exceed 9.5% of the total dues determined by the Board of Directors to be payable by the regular members. Any amount that exceeds the maximum annual dues for a distribution cooperative shall be reallocated to the other distribution cooperatives according to the formula in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above.</p> <p>The annual statistical report compiled by the Rural Utilities Services (RUS Bulletin 1-1), or the business records of any distribution cooperative which is not an RUS borrower, shall be used for determining the number of consumers served and the kilowatt hours sold to consumers at retail by the distribution cooperatives in Minnesota.</p> <p>Section 4. The regular members, by a vote of at least 3/4 of the regular members, may levy from time to time assessments upon the regular members to meet any extraordinary or unusual financial requirements of this Association.</p> <p>(Revision of Article VIII- TMC)</p>
February 21, 2007	Amendment to Article VIII, Section 3. After consideration of the sources of funds to be received by the Association from non-dues sources, the Board of Directors shall determine the dues to be paid by the regular members for the next year.

	<p>Ten percent (10%) of the dues shall be paid by the generation and transmission cooperatives based on the ratio which the number of Minnesota member cooperatives served by each generation and transmission cooperative bears to the total number of Minnesota members served by all generation and transmission cooperatives. Of the remaining dues, forty-five percent (45%) of the dues shall be paid in equal amounts by the distribution cooperatives, and fifty-five percent (55%) of the dues shall be paid by the distribution cooperatives based on the ratio which the number of members in Minnesota served by each distribution cooperative bears to the total number of members in Minnesota served by all distribution cooperatives. The dues formula described above shall be phased in ratably over a five year period beginning with the year 2008.</p> <p>The annual statistical report compiled by the Rural Utilities Services (RUS Bulletin 1-1), or the business records of any distribution cooperative which is not an RUS borrower, shall be used for determining the number of members in Minnesota served by the distribution cooperatives.</p> <p>(Revision of Article VIII & co-op names edited... SAB)</p>
March 4, 2009	<p>ARTICLE IV, Section 2. Organizational Structure by Districts Members of MREA Districts I and II changed by removing Itasca-Mantrap Electrical Cooperative as a member from District I and inserting it instead as a member in District II.</p> <p>(Revision of Article IV, Section 2-ACD)</p>
March 12, 2014	<p>ARTICLE II, Section 3 Membership, title of the President to Chair.</p> <p>(Revision of Article II, Section 3-AYY)</p>
March 12, 2014	<p>ARTICLE III Sections 2, 4, 6 and 7 Membership Meetings, title change of the President to Chair, title change of the Vice President to Vice Chair and change of the word "his" to "the Chair's".</p> <p>(Revision of Article III, Sections 2,4,6 & 7-AYY)</p>
March 12, 2014	<p>ARTICLE IV, Section 2 Organizational Structure by Districts, name of P.K.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc. changed by removing the periods in PKM, name of Cooperative Light & Power changed to Cooperative Light & Power Association, name of Lake Region Cooperative Electrical Association changed to Lake Region Electric Cooperative, location of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative changed from Willmar to Spicer, location of Great River Energy changed from Elk River to Maple Grove, name of BENCO Electric changed to BENCO Electric Cooperative location of People's Cooperative Services changed from Rochester to Oronoco and name of People's Cooperative Services changed to People's Energy Cooperative,</p> <p>(Revision of Article IV, Section 2-AYY)</p>
March 12, 2014	<p>ARTICLE VI, Sections 1, 2 and 9 Board Directors, title change of the President to Chair, title change of the Vice President to Vice Chair and title change of the General Manager to President/CEO.</p> <p>(Revision of Article VI, Sections 1,2 & 9-AYY)</p>
March 12, 2014	<p>ARTICLE VII, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Officers, title change of the President to Chair, title change of the Vice President to Vice Chair, change of the word "his" to "a", change of the word "his" to "the" and change of the word "his" to "their".</p> <p>(Revision of Article VII, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6-AYY)</p>
February 18, 2015	<p>Article II Section 4 Membership: Revisions made as follows: In the event a member ceases to be eligible as a member of this Association or fails to perform any of the covenants, terms or conditions contained in any contract or agreement between the members of this Association, (added here: "including the timely payment of membership dues.") or at any time knowingly or intentionally violates the provisions of the statutes under which this Association is organized or any provision of these bylaws it shall, at the option of this Association, as expressed by resolution of the Board of Directors, be expelled from this Association, and (added here: "its membership terminated.") in any of such cases, this Association shall be entitled to purchase the membership certificate of such member at its face value, or, in the event that the book value thereof be greater than the face value, the book value thereof, and upon payment or tender of such amount said membership certificate shall become the property of this Association, and the certificate representing it shall be surrendered to this Association. No member shall be entitled to vote at membership meetings if its dues are not paid (added here: "as determined by MREA Board of Directors". Membership in this Association shall automatically terminate as to any member whose dues are not paid within six (6) months after they become due and payable. (Revision of Article II Section 4-AYY)</p>

February 18, 2015	<p>Article III Section 6 Membership Meetings: Revisions made as follows, "The (added here: "MREA") Board of Association Directors may provide (added here: "authorize") for voting by mail on any matter, motion, resolution, or amendment. in which event a. A vote by mail shall be acceptable if properly certified and signed by the Chair and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the member (added here: "cooperative") so voting. , provided, however, that a A notice containing the exact text of the matter, motion, resolution, or amendment and a copy of the same is forwarded with and attached to the vote so mailed by the absent member."</p> <p>Article III Section 8 Membership Meetings: Removed the last sentence of the paragraph reading, "With respect to the terms of directors beginning in 1979, each district shall also determine which term each director is elected to as specified in Article V, Section 2." (Revision of Article III Sections 6 & 8-YYY)</p>
February 18, 2015	<p>Article V Section 2 Government of this Association: Removed the sentence reading, "With respect to terms of directors of this Association beginning in 1979, however, District I shall elect directors for one one year term and one two year term. District II shall elect directors for one two year term and one three year term. District III shall elect directors for one one year term and one three year term. District IV shall elect directors for one one year term and one two year term. District V shall elect directors for one two year term and one three year term. District VI shall elect directors for one one year term and one three year term." Removed the last sentence of the paragraph reading, "Effective with the 1998 annual meeting, each member in District VII shall elect a director, one for a two year term and one for a three year term." (Revision of Article V Section 2-YYY)</p>
February 18, 2015	<p>Article VIII Section 3 Budget, Dues and Assessments: Removed the last sentence in the second paragraph reading, "The dues formula described above shall be phased in rotably over a five year period beginning with the year 2008". Changed the name of Rural Utilities Services to Rural Utilities Service. Changed the name of RUS Bulletin 1-1 to RUS Financial and Operating Report Electric Distribution. (Revision of Article VIII Section 3-YYY)</p>

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Business & Operations

Resolution 1: Focus on Energy (F/S)

The Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) strongly urges both local and national staff to focus their time and resources on issues which pertain to core electric energy issues. Other matters of *interest* to electric cooperatives should be monitored but not elevated to the detriment of the core agenda. All resolutions, both local and national, should reflect this priority.

Resolution 2: Cooperation among States (S)

The MREA supports states sharing and developing energy resources and urges government and business leaders to develop and promote closer cooperation in commerce, industry, and energy that best serves the interests of electric cooperatives and their member-owner consumers.

Resolution 3: Educational & Safety Programs – The Community (S)

~~Informational programs, communication with the public, and visible and active participation in the community are important to the successful operation of electric cooperatives.~~

The MREA is ~~also~~ concerned with injuries and fatalities resulting from contact with energized electric lines. Therefore, a concerted effort should be made to foster the cultural safety changes needed to achieve zero contacts.

The MREA shall make available to its member-systems, information and resources designed to educate the general public to the potential dangers and safety procedures involved in providing electricity.

Resolution 4: Capper-Volstead Act (F)

The Capper-Volstead Act provides that agricultural producers may act together in collectively "processing, preparing for market, handling, and marketing" their products. This 1922 law provides anti-trust protection to electric cooperatives working in concert to market their products.

The MREA supports the act. The anti-trust provision is a mainstay for electric cooperative operations.

Resolution 5: Support for Broadband & Telecommunications (F/S)

The MREA supports investments ~~and~~ additional funding for rural broadband internet infrastructure and telecommunications. This enables better connections between rural communities, local governments, farmers, businesses, and their customers. The MREA supports cooperatives having the ability and appropriate tools to provide broadband voluntarily, on their own or in partnership with others. This would include legislation that clarifies that electric cooperatives can use their existing easements for the provision of broadband internet services.

Resolution 6: Diversified Services (F/S)

The MREA supports the right of electric cooperatives to participate in business activities that meet the interests of the electric cooperative membership.

Resolution 7: Farm & Rural Economic Development (F/S)

Many parts of Minnesota suffer from stagnant or declining local economies and a decrease in population.

The MREA supports the efforts of the USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service with its rural utility service and rural community development divisions. The MREA encourages the agency to work in

partnership with electric cooperatives and state programs to stimulate economic development and retention of existing businesses and farms.

Resolution 8: Support for International Cooperatives (F/S)

The MREA pledges to work with other cooperatives to raise awareness of the strength of our cooperative business model.

Cooperatives around the globe have empowered people to improve their lives through economic and social progress. Cooperatives are a major economic force in developed countries and a powerful business model in developing ones. Millions of cooperatives operate in every region of the world and are owned and controlled by more than one billion members.

Utility & Regulatory

Resolution 9: Stray Voltage (S)

Electric cooperatives, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Midwest Rural Energy Council, the US Department of Agriculture, and others have worked to address stray voltage issues through training, research, investigations, consumer education, and an inter-utility task force.

The MREA supports the use of the *Minnesota Stray Voltage Guide*, developed through broad stakeholder input and published in September 2015, to facilitate common best practices to be used in addressing stray voltage concerns across the state. Collaborative efforts should continue, and further consideration should be given to constructive regulatory or legislative activities based on experience gained applying the *Minnesota Stray Voltage Guide*. The following organizations developed and endorsed the Minnesota Stray Voltage Guide:

- Minnesota Farm Bureau
- Minnesota Farmers Union
- Cooperative Network
- Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association
- Minnesota Power
- Minnesota Rural Electric Association
- Otter Tail Power Company
- Xcel Energy
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry

Resolution 10: Federal Support to Electrify Rural America (F)

Congress has long embraced the principle of assisting electric cooperatives through loans and developing public water resources for the public benefit. Consumer-owned utilities have had preference rights for hydro-electric power generated by federal irrigation projects since at least 1906.

More than 30 federal statutes now require preferential treatment for public bodies and rural electric cooperatives.

There have been serious attempts to weaken the Preference Principle. More than 600 rural electric systems, including 27 Minnesota member systems, obtain part of their power supply from the federal power marketing agencies authorized by the principle provisions contained in federal law.

The MREA supports the Preference Principle and cost-based pricing of federally generated power and encourages the development of broad public understanding and congressional support for the Preference Principle clause. The MREA opposes the privatization of federally-owned hydroelectric generating facilities, supports the proper allocation of costs associated with

addressing infrastructure safety under the Safety of Dams program, and supports federal appropriations, which are repaid with interest, to repair and upgrade federal hydro and transmission facilities.

The MREA supports continued access to an appropriately funded RUS loan program ~~and restoration of loan funds for coal, natural gas and nuclear generation to meet the needs of the cooperatives.~~ The MREA supports statutorily defining all hydroelectricity as a renewable resource.

Resolution 11: Rate Regulation & Over-Regulation (S)

The MREA supports the continuation of electric cooperatives in Minnesota being member regulated and opposes any provision which would result in burdensome procedures.

Duplicative regulation by the Minnesota PUC and/or other state regulatory agencies imposes unnecessary costs, burdens, and erodes cooperative board authority to balance member interests.

Resolution 12: Service Territory Integrity (S)

Minnesota Statute, Sections 216B.37 through 216B.47, provides for assigned service areas, large load extensions, and municipal service territory extensions and compensation.

These service areas were assigned to ensure stability and predictability in the industry and to avoid uneconomical duplication of expensive capital facilities. The integrity of service territory is the foundation of our long-standing regulatory framework and is essential to ensuring power grid stability.

Electric cooperatives should have the right and responsibility to continue serving those areas in which they initiated service. The loss of service territory, or loss of load due to third party energy sales, results in adverse economic impact on the cooperative, and the membership.

The MREA strongly supports just compensation for electric cooperatives affected by municipal acquisitions and will actively support appropriate efforts to protect the interest and investment of electric cooperative members.

Resolution 13: Nuclear Energy (S)

The MREA supports nuclear energy and calls on the State Legislature to rescind the moratorium on the building of nuclear plants in Minnesota. Nuclear energy should be considered an energy resource within the constraints of Minnesota energy policy to give power producers another option in reducing carbon emissions.

Resolution 14: Electric Power Reliability & the Environment (S)

The MREA believes it is imperative that generation, transmission, and distribution facilities be built in a timely fashion to meet the needs of ~~the consumers~~ members.

The MREA realizes the need for an adequate supply of reliable electric power as well as the need to protect and enhance our environment. Except for licenses to cross unnamed waters, the MREA does not object to filing for permits and approvals, but strongly feels prolonged and extensive delays are unnecessary, costly, and can be avoided.

~~The MREA membership applauds the 2001 state energy reliability law and the 2005 state CAPX 2020 law.~~ The MREA supports legislation that will streamline the handling, in a timely fashion and reduce the cost, of permits and licenses, including land and water crossings, which are required for the construction of generation, transmission, and distribution facilities.

Resolution 15: Rail Transportation (F)

Bulk commodity shippers such as coal-burning electric utilities and grain producers are very often captive to railroads because of their lack of economic transport alternatives.

The MREA urges the Administration, the Congress, and the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to consider the captive nature of utility coal and other rail movements, and to protect those with no economic transport alternatives from monopolistic pricing practices. We further recommend Congress repeal the railroads' anti-trust exemption, direct the STB to promote rail competition, require railroads to quote rates to shippers upon request, facilitate a shipper's access to a competing railroad, remove the unnecessary market dominance showing in captive rail cases at the STB and require the STB to review all rules covering rate complaints by small shippers.

The MREA supports the expansion and upgrade of new and existing infrastructure that leads to lower rates, enhanced service, and increased competition.

Resolution 16: Rail Crossings (S)

The MREA supports legislative and regulatory action leading to fair and consistent costs associated with utility lines crossing rail facilities.

Resolution 17: Economy & Rate Impacts (F/S)

The MREA opposes state and federal legislation or regulations that would increase electric rates and put Minnesota at an economic disadvantage compared to other states. The MREA requests NRECA work to ensure the economy is not disadvantaged by actions taken by Congress or Federal agencies (i.e., EPA) which could impact the cost of electric service to our members.

Resolution 18: Customer Energy Usage Data (CEUD) (S)

Electric cooperatives throughout Minnesota have deployed innovative metering solutions that collect energy usage data for the purpose of creating a more efficient electric grid, and readily provide that data to account holders. The account holder can then provide the data to whomever they wish. The current method of sharing information ensures both physical and cyber security, and still allows members access to their own data.

The MREA respects the privacy and security of our member-owners, and opposes legislation or regulations that would require electric cooperatives to provide Customer Energy Usage Data (CEUD) to third parties without member consent.

Energy & Environment

Resolution 198: Coal Energy (F/S)

The MREA supports the use of coal-based electricity as part of a broader, all-of-the-above energy policy that ensures reliable and affordable energy for all electric cooperative members. The MREA supports advances in clean coal technologies that lead to more efficient combustion of coal with reduced emissions.

Resolution 2019: Renewable Energy (F/S)

The MREA supports continued research, development, and the use of cost-effective renewable energy sources where practical. The use of renewable energy sources is dependent upon their

cost, reliability, availability, technical feasibility, and environmental effects. ~~The MREA considers renewable energy as an intermittent resource energy energy produced from wind, solar, hydroelectric, biomass, biogas, recovered energy, and geothermal.~~

The MREA supports local economic development through renewable energy development, but programs must be balanced with other factors and should not singly determine statewide energy policy.

The MREA supports the current legislative policy of allowing market forces to determine which renewable technologies are adopted to meet ~~any new Minnesota's aggressive 25% new Minnesota's aggressive 25%~~ renewable energy standard (RES). The MREA opposes mandates, goals, carve-outs, feed-in tariffs, expansion of the RES and other regulatory and legislative mechanisms which require adding new resources that raise energy costs and are designed to force result in consumers members to further subsidize non-competitively priced energy projects.

The MREA's renewable energy support also includes other resources, including conservation, efficiency, coal, nuclear, natural gas, and others. Diversity and flexibility of resources is paramount in providing the reliability, safety, affordability, and environmental stewardship our members expect.

Resolution 210: Average Retail Rate Payments & Net Metering (S)

State law and regulations currently provide the average retail energy rate of each electric utility be paid on a net metering basis to small power producers under 40 kW capacity. The MREA supports the move to an avoided cost structure to eliminate the cross subsidization resulting from the average retail energy rate concept. The MREA supports distributed energy resources (DER) being sized appropriately to offset the member's electric load.

The MREA strongly opposes an increase in the 40-kW level for applying the average retail energy rate and net metering and opposes a state renewable energy payment through a special assessment on all electric utilities.

The MREA supports that the following principles be included in any legislative and/or regulatory changes to the State's net metering laws and policies:

- Net metering and distributed generation should be cost-neutral for our members.
- The purpose of net metering needs to be clarified in statute and/or regulation. The purpose of net metering is to allow electric consumers members to offset their individual loads, not become independent power producers.
- Payments for excess generation should be eliminated and replaced with rolled-over credits or paid out at an avoided cost that expire after a year.
- Generation should be properly sized to a consumer's member's load.
- Net-metered customers members have a responsibility to pay for the services they use.
- A system-wide cap on net metered accounts (based on overall system capacity) needs to be established to maintain the reliability and affordability of the electric distribution system.

Resolution 221: Regional Haze (F)

States are charged under the Clean Air Act with developing State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to address regional haze that impairs visibility in Class 1 areas. The MREA asks the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to recognize states' broad discretion in developing SIPs, especially regarding a state's findings for Best Available Retrofit Technology and in establishing Reasonable

Progress Goals. The MREA believes that EPA's review of SIPs must reflect the purpose of the Regional Haze Program – that is, to improve and protect visibility in Class 1 areas.

Resolution 232: Ethanol, Biodiesel, & Renewable Fuels (F/S)

The MREA supports programs for ethanol, biodiesel, and renewable transportation fuels. The MREA also encourages all members and affiliated associations to consider the use of biofuels in their fleets. Much of the state's rural economy relies on robust renewable fuel standards, and policies to advance those standards should be advanced.

Resolution 243: Electric & Magnetic Fields (F/S)

Generation and transmission electric cooperatives are committed to generating and transmitting electricity in a way that protects the health and safety of the public.

Extensive scientific research on the health effects of electric and magnetic fields (EMF) has been conducted. Scientific findings from completed research have been reviewed by several national and international science commissions. These commissions found no conclusive scientific basis of adverse health effects from exposure to power frequency electric and/or magnetic fields. Some studies report no association and others a weak association between EMF and health impacts. The inconsistencies in the research lead most scientists to agree a cause-and-effect relationship has not been established.

The MREA encourages ongoing field research supported by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and supports the development and distribution of educational and communication material to provide factual information about this issue and refute statements which have caused unnecessary concern.

Resolution 25: Beneficial Electrification (F/S)

Resolution 254: Beneficial Electrification (F/S)

The MREA supports Beneficial Electrification. Beneficial Electrification, or the smart use of electricity, is the application of electricity to end uses that would otherwise use fossil fuels, where doing so satisfies at least one of these conditions without adversely affecting the other two:

- 1) Benefit the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- 2) Save ~~consumers~~ members money over time.
- 3) Foster a more robust and resilient grid.

Resolution 265: Energy Efficiency (F/S)

The MREA should continue to investigate regulatory and/or legislative reform alternatives that would improve the practicality and productivity of the Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) for its members. Beneficial ~~E~~lectrification efforts should be supported and CIP should be reformed to allow for the application of ~~B~~eneficial ~~e~~lectrification concepts within the program.

Resolution 276: Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel (F)

The federal government's failure to formulate and implement specific programs for the processing of spent nuclear fuels and for the permanent storage of nuclear wastes is inconsistent with policies in place when rural electric cooperative nuclear generating facilities were built. Federal law has named Yucca Mountain as the site of the nation's spent fuel repository, but ~~due to politics~~, progress on the Yucca Mountain project has been brought to a standstill. This policy change has burdened utilities, such as Dairyland Power Cooperative, with substantial unexpected costs of prolonged storage of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel. Dairyland currently incurs millions of dollars of annual expenses to safeguard the spent fuel.

The MREA urges the Department of Energy, Congress, and the President to fulfill their obligation under federal law to open a federal repository in a timely fashion and work on creating a reprocessing option. Until a permanent storage facility or reprocessing option is available, our federal elected officials should work with utilities to develop alternatives, including public or private centralized interim storage for spent nuclear fuel – giving special consideration to those nuclear facilities that are shut down, particularly nuclear power demonstration facilities such as Dairyland Power Cooperative's La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor (LACBWR).

Resolution 287: Electric Vehicles (F/S)

Electric miles produce lower carbon dioxide emissions than gasoline miles, even when the electricity is produced from coal.

Plug-in hybrids and all electric vehicles have far fewer total energy losses than a gasoline-fueled system, and they can be charged overnight without the need to build additional electric generation capacity.

The MREA supports the thoughtful development and deployment of plug-in hybrids and all electric vehicles and policies that encourage off-peak charging.

Resolution 298: Pending & Current Environmental Regulations (F)

~~The MREA has concerns with EPA's regulatory process. The number and volume of changes being proposed and the current pace at which they are being proposed make it difficult to determine the impacts those rules will have. There needs to be~~ MREA supports an adequate review of the economic impacts of any new environmental regulations, considering both their individual and cumulative costs. ~~The time frame for~~ Short time frames for implementing controls ~~is short and~~ could result in the installation of costly controls on existing power generation facilities that could negatively impact customer-members' rates.

The MREA supports a more measured approach to ~~these EPA~~ environmental regulations that will not jeopardize electric reliability or impose burdensome costs on utility customersmembers.

The MREA strongly supports the position that any legislation or regulation addressing the issue of climate change must be fair, affordable and achievable within a reasonable time frame.

Resolution 3029: EPA Rule 111(d) (F/S)

With the Administrative decision made to repeal the Clean Power Plan the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must work to develop a common-sense replacement plan. The MREA supports the Affordable Clean Energy Rule, which focuses ~~The MREA supports an approach focused on~~ improvements that can be achieved by a variety of possible measures at individual power plants. This "inside the fence" approach would ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act and with decades of policy precedent, result in greater regulatory certainty for electric cooperatives and reduce the likelihood of protracted litigation.

The MREA supports responsible carbon dioxide regulations ~~an approach~~ that can be implemented at the power plant; that protects the reliability of the energy supply to cooperative-members and businesses; minimizes undue economic impact for cooperative-members; maximizes substantial plant investment and provides electric cooperatives with more long-term regulatory clarity and certainty. An approach that focuses on flexibility to pursue a diverse fuel mix for power generation will allow cooperatives to respond to local and regional factors and member preferences while ensuring affordable and reliable power.

Resolution 310: Combined Heat Power (CHP) (F/S)

The MREA supports the inclusion of CHP where it is cost effective in any future carbon related legislation and regulation:

- The inclusion of all CHP derived power in state and federal carbon compliance plans.
- Ongoing programs to encourage the usage of CHP in any future power plant projects.
- Encourage the EPA to include any energy savings/efficiency options (CHP) in future EPA rulings.
- Discourage the "singling out" of any fuel source in regard to CHP production.
- Oppose any mandates or goals that would require the construction of CHP.

Finances, Taxes & Fees

Resolution 321: Low Income Energy Assistance (S)

Low-income energy assistance, like other human service programs, should be funded through general tax revenues, not by any tax or fee on electricity.

Resolution 332: Utility Taxes (S/F)

The MREA will continue to engage in the development of any tax legislation which would impact the membership.

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CIP Reform - ECO



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BACKGROUND

Minnesota's Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) establishes annual goals for all utilities to reduce their electricity sales by at least 1.5% every year, and requires spending at least 1.5% of their revenue on such measures. This program was put in place in 2007. The industry has changed substantially, and continued success depends on modernizing the program. Many of the things it incentivizes have now been deployed to the point of saturation. People buy energy-efficient appliances based largely on their market availability and competitiveness, making the CIP induced rebates less influential. LED lighting is increasingly not only the preferred option but the only option.

Perversely, efficient (beneficial) electrification opportunities, such as the adoption of electric vehicles, is discouraged by CIP, since the current program cannot be used to encourage them and EVs result in higher energy sales. The transportation sector now emits more carbon than electric power generation, and every vehicle converted to electricity results in a net reduction in emissions.

CURRENT STATUS

MREA and the MN Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) succeeded in passing a CIP Reform bill in the Senate during the 2019 legislative session, which became a key element in the Senate energy omnibus bill. However, agreement could not be reached between this version on the House version of CIP reform, which we opposed.

Since then we have been in negotiations with the Department of Commerce and numerous other entities to develop a bill supported by a broad group of stakeholders to maximize the chance of CIP reform becoming law. These negotiations have led to a bill that is an improvement for cooperatives. The bill is known as the Energy Conservation and Optimization Act of 2020 (ECO).

The Investor Owned Utilities have also been working on this issue. An ECO bill that includes support from the IOUs and others will be moving forward this session.

MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE ECO ACT

- Emphasizes end-use total energy efficiency rather than narrowly focusing on reducing electricity use. Recognizes total energy system efficiency improvements across sectors (E.g., Transportation, Agriculture, Public, etc.).
- Specifically, the goal will remain at 1.5% annually, but a portion of this can be achieved with efficient electrification programs, such as incentivizing electric vehicles.
- Eliminates the spending requirement – focus on results – unless the efficiency goals is not met.
- Retains the exemption for small cooperatives and municipals that is in current law.

TALKING POINTS

The ECO Act of 2020 modernizes and the state's outdated Conservation and Improvement Program (CIP) to allow for more energy efficiency programs. The ECO Act of 2020 will:

- Allow co-ops more flexibility to meet their annual energy savings goals by allowing them to count electric vehicle incentives, electric storage water heaters, and air source heat pumps toward part of their goal.
- Benefit the environment, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and foster a more resilient grid.
- Encourage innovation with tomorrow's technologies.
- Reduce consumers' total energy bills and provide better tools for reducing carbon.

REQUESTED ACTION

Please sign onto and vote for the ECO Act of 2020.



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BROADBAND EASEMENTS

BACKGROUND

In 2014 there was a federal lawsuit in Missouri (Barfield et al. v. Sho-Me Power) in which landowners sued their electric co-op for trespass when the co-op used their existing electrical easements for commercial telecommunications purposes. The court found the co-op had a limited utility easement and awarded the plaintiffs \$130 million. The case was appealed and it eventually settled out of court.

Since then, several states have introduced legislation ensuring that existing electric co-op easements may be used for broadband purposes without co-ops having to obtain permission from each individual landowner to attach fiber to existing poles.

Indiana was the first state to pass broadband/fiber easement legislation in 2017 with its Facilitating Internet Broadband Extension (FIBRE) Act. Since then, several states have passed similar legislation including Missouri and Tennessee in 2018; and Georgia, North Carolina, Colorado and Alabama in 2019. Michigan passed broadband easement protections in March 2020, and several other neighboring states are contemplating similar legislation.

CURRENT STATUS

HF 4268/SF 4198 would help remove barriers to broadband in Minnesota. It would limit co-op exposure to liability by clarifying that co-ops may use existing co-op easements that they already have with landowners for the secondary purpose of deploying broadband.

Rep. Ecklund is the chief author of HF 4268. Sen. Draheim is the chief author of SF 4198.

TALKING POINTS

Border to border broadband is a state priority. HF 4268/SF 4198 removes hurdles to electric co-ops participating in broadband deployment by:

- Clarifying that co-ops may use existing electric co-op electrical easements for installing fiber;
- Limiting co-op exposure to liability when they make dual use of their fiber for both electricity and fiber;
- Closing the rural-urban digital divide by supporting electric co-ops as one of the most promising options for improving rural Internet access;
- Putting electric co-ops on a level playing field with other businesses that deploy broadband.

REQUESTED ACTION

Please add your name as an author and vote for HF 4268/SF 4198.



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BACKGROUND

Electrical energy is a form of energy that cannot effectively or consistently be stored for a later time. It must be generated, distributed and consumed immediately. When the load on the system approaches the maximum generating capacity, utilities must either find additional supplies of energy, which increases costs for both the consumer and the utility, or find ways to curtail load.

Utilities can curtail load through load management programs. Radio receivers (often called load control receivers or load management receivers) allow them to reduce demand for electricity during peak usage times by remotely controlling levels of electrical load. Load management programs not only reduce the cost of electricity for businesses and homeowners, they also reduce emissions by shifting loads to times when more renewables are available.

When load control receivers are initially installed, electric co-ops file a permit and the unit is inspected. The work is done by a licensed electrician. Electric utilities replace load control receiver technology routinely as equipment becomes obsolete. Hundreds of thousands of units will need to be replaced in the next few years. A typical replacement is completed by an electrician and takes about 15 minutes. Co ops have historically not been required to pull permits or be subject to inspections for these subsequent replacements.

Beginning in 2019, the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) began notifying electric co-ops that co-ops must start pulling permits and be subject to inspection each time they replace a load control receiver. This new requirement will not provide any additional safety benefit, and is estimated that it will cost electric co-ops throughout Minnesota more than \$10 million. The cost will either be passed onto consumers, or will negatively impact the viability of load management programs in the future.

LOAD CONTROL RECEIVERS

CURRENT STATUS

HF 4249/SF 3962 is currently awaiting committee action in both the House and Senate. Rep. Sundin is the chief author of HF 4249. Sen. Rarick is the chief author of SF 3962.

TALKING POINTS

Load management equipment allows utilities to reduce demand for electricity during peak usage times, which reduces the cost of electricity for consumers.

HF 4249/SF 3962 allows electric cooperatives to do their part to provide load management programs that clean the grid and keep electricity affordable for consumers by:

- Removing a new requirement that electric cooperatives pay for additional costly permits and inspections on replacement load management equipment that was initially installed by a licensed electrician and inspected by a licensed inspector;
- Reducing the need for peaking power plants
- Allowing electric cooperatives to grow and improve their load management programs.

REQUESTED ACTION

Please add your name as an author and vote for HF 4249/SF 3962.

MINNESOTA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) Act

The Energy Conservation and Optimization (EPO) Act of 2020, modernizes and reforms the state's outdated Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) to allow for more energy efficiency programs.

The Eco Act will:

Allow cooperatives more flexibility to meet their annual energy savings goals by allowing them to count electric vehicle incentives, electric storage water heaters, and air source heat pumps toward part of their goal.

Benefit the environment and reduces greenhouse gas emissions and foster a more robust and resilient grid.

Encourage Innovation with tomorrow's technologies.

Reduce consumers' **total energy** bills and provide better tools for reducing carbon.

Deploying Broadband

Border to border broadband access is a state priority.

HF/SR removes hurdles to electric cooperatives participating in broadband deployment by:

Clarifying that it is permissible to use existing electric cooperative electrical easements for the secondary purpose of installing high-speed Internet fiber;

Limiting co-op exposure to liability when they make dual-use of their infrastructure for both electricity and Internet;

Closing the rural-urban digital divide by supporting electric cooperatives as one of the most promising options for improving rural Internet access;

Putting electric cooperatives on a level playing field with other businesses that deploy broadband.

Load Control Measures

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Minnesota electric cooperatives' commitment to transparency and accountability

MINNESOTA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES PROMOTE PRACTICES THAT PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNANCE.

Good governance includes abiding by a strong code of ethics, disclosing and/or avoiding potential conflicts of interest, operating transparently, and keeping member data confidential. We are committed to the transparency and accountability measures listed below:

7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



- Voluntary and open membership
- Democratic member control
- Members' economic participation
- Autonomy and independence
- Education, training and information
- Cooperation among cooperatives
- Concern for community

COOPERATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURES



- Provide board meeting updates and key staff and director contact information to members
- Announce board vacancies and promote board elections
- Make information about our energy mix available
- Welcome member input

COOPERATIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES



- Avoid dealings that diminish our ability to act in the interest of the cooperative
- Recuse ourselves from voting on items that could benefit us personally
- Avoid business transactions or ventures creating a conflict of interest
- Disclose any situation which may violate our cooperative's conflict of interest policy

COOPERATIVE STANDARD OF CONDUCT



- Act in the best interests of our membership
- Exercise a duty of loyalty, care and obedience
- Keep member information private
- Never use member data for personal or cooperative financial gain
- Are prepared for cooperative meetings

COOPERATIVE CODE OF ETHICS



- Adhere to our cooperative's code of ethics
- Refuse quid pro quo gifts, fees, loans or favors from suppliers, contractors, or lenders per our cooperative's policies

COOPERATIVE SERVICE



- Provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity
- Fairly and equitably return capital credits to our membership while maintaining our loan covenants



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MINNESOTA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Minnesota's electric cooperatives are independent of each other but work together to provide power in rural areas covering 1/3 of the state.

EMPLOY about **2,974 PEOPLE**

per year, which is about 22.9% of Minnesota's electricity

SERVE 855,002
meters or about
1.7 MILLION
of Minnesota's 5.1 million residents

Are home to **44 DISTRIBUTION** cooperatives, which are served by **SIX GENERATION** and transmission cooperatives

THE MEDIAN-SIZED CO-OP IS 8,296 members and range in size between 1,878 to more than 132,289

Operate the largest distribution network in the state, with more than

Average **6.6 CONSUMERS PER MILE** of distribution line. According to current national statistics, all other utilities (including investor-owned and municipal services) average **32 CUSTOMERS** per mile of distribution line.



Grassroots Advocacy Platform

information and download instructions

ABOUT THE VoterVoice PLATFORM / MOBILE APP

MREA is instituting a new **grassroots advocacy platform** which will enable us to:

- Quickly alert you of legislative issues
- Match you to your elected officials
- Allow easy access to elected official directory
- Craft messages to effectively communicate with elected officials
- Guide you through the message sending process (which you'll be able to do instantly upon receiving alerts from us)
- Stay engaged in the public affairs process

There is a dedicated webpage and a mobile app for this streamlined process. You'll want to sign up one of two ways:

- 1) Through our [website \(www.mrea.org/take-action\)](http://www.mrea.org/take-action) or
- 2) Through the [VoterVoice](#) mobile app (download instructions below).

VOTERVOICE MOBILE APP DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS

FOR APPLE DEVICES:

Follow this link to the [App Store](#)

FOR ANDROID DEVICES:

Follow this link to [Google Play](#)

THEN:

- Download [VoterVoice](#)
- Enter your email address and zip code
- Enter the verification code sent to your email
- At the 'Find organization' prompt, type the following:
Minnesota Rural Electric Association
- Sign up for alerts



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