


Highline Hi-Lites



People's Cooperative Services

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Member Owned - Service Driven

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C. E. O. Message

As you are already aware in April our cooperative implemented another rate increase. While no one likes a rate increase, including me, it is unfortunately something that couldn't be avoided. I am hoping this article will provide you with some insight into the decision to increase rates and help answer some of the questions you might have. If you are curious as to how the rate adjustment will impact your individual bill, please call our customer service department at 507-288-4004 and they will do an individual analysis for you.



Elaine J. Garry
President / CEO

What's the primary reason for the rate increase?

To meet the electric needs of our members, we join together with other electric cooperatives to secure generating resources. In doing so, we are able to minimize rate adjustments by gaining economies of scale that otherwise may not be available. Dairyland Power Cooperative supplies 100% of our power needs. However, even with this joint effort, we are still seeing an increase in costs. Primarily these increases are due to the cost to transport the coal, environmental improvements to the generating plants and for renewable energy. A portion of the increase is also due to our needs at People's. We work hard to control our costs while providing you with high-quality, reliable service.

Are the investments that People's is making in the electrical system paying off?

Yes, our data shows that the number and length of outages is going down. We are also seeing an improvement in the number of blinks that some of our members experience.

Are my rates higher than neighboring utilities?

Our rates are very competitive with other utilities serving this area. To meet the energy needs of our members we've recently invested nearly \$15 million dollars in infrastructure improvements including ... 22 miles of new transmission line, 89 miles of new distribution line, one

"Our mission is to provide reliable electricity to our members and communities with superior customer service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices."

new distribution substation and upgrades or improvements to 12 of the 23 other substations.

Is the cooperative doing anything to hold down rates?

People's strives to operate efficiently while sticking to our mission of providing reliable electricity to our members at fair and reasonable prices. We're always looking for ways to manage costs; including a two million dollar reduction in operating expenses in our 2010 Work Plan and Budget.

Why are members receiving conflicting information on the rate increase? The notice in Annual Report shows one amount and my bill shows another. How do you explain the variance?

The example in the Annual Report shows the increase for a homeowner who uses an average of 1,000 kilowatt hours of power per month. If your use is more or less than the average, the amount of the increase may also vary.

When can members expect the next increase?

Lots of things can come into play that can affect rates. Many of these are unplanned and can be tied to rising costs for coal, natural gas, storm damage and other events. We are committed to doing our best to minimize the impacts of these issues by being proactive in our planning, offering education and training on energy efficiency programs and focusing on maintaining the reliability, quality and integrity of our systems. The Board's philosophy as of late is to implement smaller rates increase more frequently rather than wait until a larger increase is needed.

What is the co-op doing to help members manage their bills?

We offer a number of options to help members manage their power bills. Some of the services that our members find valuable are automatic payment options and budget billing. In addition, we offer information to identify how your energy is used, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient equipment and incentives for implementing energy efficiency programs.

Shouldn't the co-op give its members more notice about the increase?

It is our goal to pass along pricing information to our members in a timely manner. Typically, a planned increase al-

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lows more time to tell members when an adjustment can be expected. Unplanned increases due to factors such as rising fuel prices; unexpected, increased purchased power costs; inflation pressures; increased demand during peak generation periods; and power interruptions due to repairing and rebuilding lines due to storm damage, often give us less time to communicate about pricing adjustments. In both instances, we strive to give members as much notice as possible through a variety of methods.

What is the 'facility charge' I see on my bill?

For residential members, there are two components to the bill – the energy charge and the facility charge. Commercial accounts also have a demand component but let's focus on the facility charge.

Your bill has included a facility charge for many years. However, in the past, your cooperative was experiencing growth and there were no governmental mandates to conserve or reduce energy use. So, even though some of the fixed costs were being recovered through the energy charge, all of the cooperatives costs were recovered as needed. While that method did recover our required revenue, it was not the most fair or balanced method.

Every wire, cable, transformer, switch, meter, etc. costs money. All this equipment is needed to bring electricity into your home or your business. Those facilities have to be there, regardless of how much or how little you use them, so you will have the electricity you need when you want to use it. When the facility cost is embedded in the per kilowatt rate those that use a lot of electricity end up paying the majority of the costs for other members electrical facilities. By separating the facility charge from the energy charge, those costs are more fairly distributed among all members.

Also, if the majority of our members adopt conservation efforts, under the past rates, our cooperative would not be able to recover the revenue we need to operate. Consequently the Board has adopted a new rate philosophy to move toward recovering a greater share of our fixed costs through the facility charge.

Why is my facility charge so high?

Each rate class has different facility charges. Current rates do not collect the true cost of facilities related to expenses. For example – the rural residential member pays a \$30 facility charge, while the true cost of facility needed to provide service to rural areas is more than \$44 each month.



People's Welcomes Travis

Mr. Gasser joined People's Cooperative on March 8th, as temporary Clerical Assistant in the Customer Service Department.



Travis Gasser

Travis is currently a student at RCTC in the nursing program and has a four-year degree in youth ministry. He previously worked at JP Morgan Chase as a Collector in the Overdraft Collections Department. He also worked at Heartman Insurance as a document Scanner/Verifier.

Travis resides in Byron with his wife, Rachel, and their daughter. He enjoys spending his time with family and volunteering at church with the youth. Whenever time allows, Travis enjoys playing sports and other outdoor activities.

Next time you stop by the cooperative, introduce yourself, and **welcome Travis** to the cooperative.

Did You Know?

- Electric payments are due by 20th.
- New rates are effective April 1.
(The rate increase will be on May bills for April usage.)
- Save time, save paper, save the environment. Sign up for ebill online at www.peoplesrec.com by creating a login ID and password, view your bill electronically and choose your payment of choice.
- Member Appreciation Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd.

Keep Food Safe During a Power Outage

We've all been there: a summer storm rolls through, toppling trees and damaging power lines. The lights go out. And although it may only be a matter of minutes or hours before your electric co-op gets things up and running again, thawing food in the refrigerator and freezer can make that relatively short time seem like an eternity.

It's important to keep cold food safe during a power outage, and a little advanced preparation and know-how can keep your family safe from food-borne bacteria. First and foremost, keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature: if unopened, a refrigerator will keep food safely cold for about four hours; a full freezer will do so for about 48 hours (24 hours if it's half-full).



A sure-fire way to know if food is safe is to monitor its temperature. Meat, poultry, fish, and eggs should be refrigerated at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and frozen food at or below 0 degrees Fahrenheit. If the power goes out, a digital, dial, or instant-read food thermometer and appliance thermometers will help you know if the food remains at safe temperatures.

If the power stays out for a prolonged period, there are a few ways to aid your refrigerator and freezer in the fight to keep things cold. The simplest tip is to keep your freezer full. If it's

not full, group items close together to preserve the cold.

Dry ice can help keep freezers chilly: find it by scanning for "ice" or "carbon dioxide" in the phone book. It will take 25 pounds or so to keep a full, 10-cubic foot freezer safe for three to four days. Fifty pounds of dry ice should hold an 18-cubic foot full freezer for two days. Wear heavy-duty gloves or use tongs when handling dry ice—the temperature of dry ice is -216 degrees Fahrenheit—and separate it from food with cardboard to prevent freezer burn.

During cold months, it may be tempting to store food outside. Although this may work for cold drinks, food can spoil in direct sunlight. Curious animals may also take advantage of an outside stash.

Rather than putting the food outside, consider taking advantage of the cold temperatures by making ice. Fill buckets, empty milk cartons, or cans with water and leave them outside to freeze. Then transfer the homemade ice to your refrigerator, freezer, or coolers.

Power back on? Make sure your food is still safe by either checking its temperature or looking for ice crystals. If frozen food is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below or ice crystals are visible, it's safe to refreeze. Discard any perishable refrigerated food (meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers) that have been above 40 degrees for 2 hours. Eighteen thousand four hundred eighty-five.

Be Prepared Before the Storm

Here are some basic items you should store in your home in case of emergency:

- Water:** Three day supply, one gallon per person per day
- Food:** Three day supply, non-perishable, high-energy
- Clothing, bedding, and sanitation supplies**
- Tools:** Can opener, plates, utensils, flashlight, batteries, cash, bleach, hand sanitizer
- First aid supplies, medicine**
- Important documents**

Visit redcross.org/domore to learn more about disaster kits.

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency

The infographic features a yellow header with the title "Be Prepared Before the Storm". Below the title, a list of emergency supplies is presented with red flashlight icons next to each item. The items include water, food, clothing, bedding, and sanitation supplies; tools like a can opener, plates, utensils, flashlight, batteries, cash, bleach, and hand sanitizer; first aid supplies and medicine; and important documents. At the bottom, there is a call to action to visit "redcross.org/domore" to learn more about disaster kits. The source is cited as "American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency". The background of the infographic shows a flashlight beam illuminating various disaster kit items: a yellow duffel bag, a green first aid kit, two large water bottles, and some canned goods.

Keeping Power Flowing

Co-op lineworkers maintain an intricate system of power lines around the clock

We often take electricity for granted. It makes our homes comfortable day-in and day-out, and it's ready with little more than the flip of a switch.

But what goes on behind the scenes once that switch is thrown is far more complex. The power grid, which can be described as the largest, most complex machine ever built, involves an intricate network of power lines crisscrossing neighborhoods and open country, over mountains and through cities, which has evolved over the last century to supply consumers with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

The tricky thing about electricity is that it must be used, or moved to where it can be used, the second it's produced; it generally can't be stored like water or gas. What's more, electricity moves at the speed of light along the path of least resistance. This basic principle calls for a carefully monitored, intricate system to move it 24 hours a day.

Literally millions of miles of power lines span the United States in a complex series of "highways." These lines can be broken into two main categories: transmission, the high-voltage "interstates" supported by steel towers and other similar structures that move electricity over vast distances; and distribution, the "local roads" that run through small towns and neighborhoods and into homes and businesses. Electric cooperatives own and maintain roughly 65,000 miles, or 6 percent, of the nation's transmission lines and 2.5 million miles, or 42 percent, of its distribution lines, according to the Arlington, Va.-based National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. This co-op-maintained system could cover the distance to the moon and back five times over. Nineteen thousand one hundred forty-four.

People's Cooperative Services alone has its own sizeable distribution system to maintain; our lineworkers stay busy keeping over 3,000 miles of line up and running, 24/7.

When there's a problem somewhere on our system, a power outage typically results. Pinpointing the cause of an outage among those thousands of miles of line may seem like trying to find a needle in a haystack; however People's Cooperative line crews have the pinpointing down to a science.



To understand how co-op staff restores power during an outage, think of electricity distribution like a river in reverse. It originates at a single ocean of power—a generation plant—and diverges from there into a series of transmission lines, substations, and smaller feeder lines until it reaches homes and businesses at a trickle of its original strength. So when we start assessing storm damage, we work to fix the biggest problems first (those starting near the "ocean"), prioritizing repairs according to how they can get the most homes back in service the fastest.

It's a big job, but our line crews are up to the challenge. If there is an outage in your area, you can help crews pinpoint damage by calling us at (507) 288-4004,

24/7. Even if your neighbors have already called, every bit of information received helps get the river flowing smoothly again.

2010 Minnesota Youth Cooperative Leadership Conference



*Amanda Johnson
Lake City, MN*

Amanda Johnson, daughter of Michael and Barbara Johnson of Lake City, MN represented People's Cooperative Service at the 2010 Youth Leadership Conference in March.

Ms. Johnson stated, "by attending this conference I am able to strengthen my leadership skills and learn about leadership and the value of cooperation."

More than 70 Minnesota high school students attended the Youth Co-op Leadership Conference hosted by Cooperative Network in Roseville, Minnesota, on March 15 and 16, 2010. The conference is designed to help high school students gain a better understanding of the role and operation of cooperatives. They were also taught to develop leadership skills, discover a problem-solving process they can use, and adjust to the teen issues that they face.

2010 Youth Tour Delegate Selected



*Adam Yotter
Lincoln High School
Lake City, MN*

The Cooperative is pleased to announce Adam Joseph Yotter, junior at Lincoln High School, Lake City has been selected for a trip of a lifetime - an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC in June.

Our selection committee reviewed all applicant's essays, involvement in school and community activities, and letters of recommendation. The committee recognized Adam for his school & community involvement,

and his enthusiasm, that was very apparent in the recommendation letters.

As People's delegate, Adam will tour DC and visit such sights as the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial ... the list goes on.

Other events during the week include a visits with representatives from their congressional districts, and Electric Youth Day Rally where they will join delegates from across the United States, motivational speakers, and much more. The tour is a fast-paced leadership opportunity to see what helps make America tick.

Adam will join more than 1,425 students from 43 states for an unforgettable week in our nation's capital, sightseeing, learning, and having fun!

Congratulations Adam!

Youth are the future. Impacting the lives of the youth of today is extremely important to the cooperative community. The mission of the Youth Tour is built on the belief that textbooks and lectures alone are not enough to help students understand the democratic process and gain the skills necessary to become tomorrow's leaders.

By giving our high school students the opportunity to experience government first-hand and engaging in interactive workshops and discussion, People's Cooperative hopes to promote and inspire responsible and informed participation in the democratic process - in essence, ensuring a stronger future for everyone.

We thank all applicants for their interest in People's Cooperative Services and youth leadership. We wish each of them the best of luck in the future.

Lineworker Scholarship Recipients

Industry forecasts indicate a shortage of electric lineworkers in the coming decade. In response, People's Cooperative Services offers scholarships for individuals planning a career as an electric utility lineworker.

People's is pleased to announce the awarding of lineworker scholarships to:

Corbin Busch and Tim Rasmusson



*Corbin Busch
Lineworkers Scholarship Recipient*

Busch and Rasmusson are students at Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount, MN.

Corbin and Tim expressed their appreciation in receiving the scholarships. Corbin says, "I would like to thank you for the scholarship award and wanted you to know how much I appreciate it. I plan to use these funds to help pay off my student loan. The scholarship helped me get one step closer to my goal - to be a successful Electrical Lineworker. Thank you again for the scholarship and your support."



*Tim Rasmusson
Lineworkers Scholarship Recipient*

Tim expressed the same by saying, "I am honored to be the recipient of the scholarship provided to Dakota County Technical College. I want to thank you for your generous support. This scholarship will be going towards paying off my student loans. I look forward to pursuing a successful career as a qualified and successful craftsman in the lineworker profession. Thank you again for your generous support in helping me achieve my goals."

We congratulate our 2010 recipients and wish them every success. Two thousand four hundred fourteen.

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People's Cooperative offers two \$1,000 scholarships to two applicants who enter into a certified lineworker program at Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount, MN and/or Minnesota West Community & Technical College in Jackson, MN.

Earth Day

“... on April 22, 1970, Earth Day was held, one of the most remarkable happenings in the history of democracy. . . “

People’s Cooperative Services and our wholesale power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative, have the responsibility to provide you with the power you need—and we also have a responsibility to the environment. Since its creation in 1998, cooperative members have voluntarily supported the Evergreen renewable energy program, with only a slight increase to their monthly electric bill.

The program began with a small share in a wind farm. Since then, Dairyland’s “green” portfolio has grown and diversified to include landfill gas, animal waste-to-energy (methane digesters) and much more wind. Dairyland also provides us electricity from a hydroelectric facility.

Dairyland’s power supply plans call for continual, major increases in renewable energy. Roughly seven percent of Dairyland’s energy will come from renewable energy resources in 2010; that statistic will grow to about 11 percent in 2011. By 2025, Dairyland’s goal is to source 25 percent of its electricity from renewable energy generation.

This summer, a new biomass facility will come online in Cassville, Wisconsin. Dairyland has a contract to purchase all the power from the renewable plant, which will meet the energy needs of 28,000 homes, for the next 20 years. The power plant will burn wood waste, such as wood chips and sawdust.

Environmental stewardship is a priority for both Dairyland Power and People’s Cooperative Services. Since 1997, nearly 70 falcon chicks have been hatched at Dairyland’s Genoa and Alma nesting sites via the Peregrine Falcon Restoration Program. Bird Cams are installed to allow anyone interested a close-up view of these raptors via Dairyland’s website, www.dairyland.com.

Other examples of environmental stewardship include the construction of fish habitat structures, prairie restoration and a dredging project to improve boat access at a boat landing on the Mississippi River, as well as a prominent new Peregrine falcon display in the Myrick-Hixon Eco Park in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Dairyland also recycles the majority of coal combustion byproducts (ash) created during the process to generate electricity. The ash is beneficially reused, mainly in road construction and the production of concrete.

American consumers, along with state and federal officials, are increasingly turning to energy efficiency and conservation as an opportunity to save money, reduce dependence on foreign oil and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. For several years, People’s Cooperative Services and Dairyland have been providing programs to help members decrease their energy consumption. Cost effective energy conservation not only helps members save money but also minimizes the environmental impact associated with consuming fossil fuels.

Our load management programs continue to help balance the energy needs of the system. The goal is to keep the amount of electricity used in balance with the amount of electricity generated, which results in a reduced need for future power plants. Load management can involve such techniques as interrupting water heaters or air conditioners for short periods of time, and controlling irrigation pumps or grain drying systems. Dairyland estimates that through load management, the system saves 70 MW of power in the summer and about 155 MW in the winter—the equivalent of a small power plant. This helps preserve our environment and reduces energy costs for all members. Four thousand eight hundred twenty-nine.


Our “Wait ‘til eight” education program encourages members to curtail energy use between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., when people are generally coming home for the day, fixing dinner, running washers, dryers, dishwashers, and air conditioners. During that timeframe—periods of peak electric demand can occur—generally during periods of extreme summer heat or on the coldest winter days.

For more information on conserving energy, efficiency programs, and incentives offered by People’s Cooperative Services contact the office at (507) 288-4004 or visit us online www.peoplesrec.com.

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May is Electrical Safety Month

When you think about your home or neighborhood, chances are you will not think about the overhead power lines. It is easy to overlook their presence, as power lines reside high above your roof, can run alongside property lines or near trees. Nevertheless, power lines can pose serious electrical hazards if completely forgotten.

Trees can be a power line's worst enemy. Strong winds and storms can blow trees over or break branches pulling power lines down from poles or supporting towers. It is possible for the line to remain energized and potentially electrify the tree and nearby objects.

Arcing or flashovers between power lines and trees can also cause potential damage or danger. Additional weight from snow and ice can bend or break tree branches bringing them close enough to power lines to cause an arc or flashover.

A voltage surge on a power line from a nearby lightning strike can cause a tree to become "electrified" as well. During warm weather or when power lines are carrying heavy electrical loads, they can heat up and stretch, making the lines longer. Thus, power lines can sag as much as 15 or 20 feet bringing them even closer to trees.

The electric current caused by arcing or flashovers between power lines and trees can easily injure or even kill an individual caught nearby. It is important to pay attention to power lines in your neighborhood. Five thousand five hundred thirty-two.

Some tips to consider for power line safety in your neighborhood:

Make sure to always look for nearby power lines before you begin to cut down any tree or trim branches. If a tree falls into a power line, stay away from the area and call People's Cooperative Services at 507-288-4004.

Treat all power lines as energized. Never climb or attempt to handle a tree that has a limb caught in a power line. You may not see any visible evidence that the tree is "electrified" or dangerous.

Make sure to maintain required clearances between equipment and power lines.

If a fire starts from a fallen power line, notify the fire department and People's Cooperative. Stay away from the site of the electrical hazard. Make sure others stay clear of the line and treat it as energized.

Do not use water on or near the fallen power line.

In addition to taking the necessary steps to respond to an electrical emergency, you can help stop potential power line problems before they start by practicing these safety measures:

If you notice anything such as trees or branches that might interfere with power lines or pose a serious threat, inform People's Cooperative Services. If you are planning to plant trees on your property, make sure not to plant them directly under or near power lines.

Shrubs, hedges and other plants should be kept clear of electric towers and poles.



MISC ITEMS

CEDAR chest; Foot locker; Large black trunk; Dresser w/mirror; Nordic Track, \$10 jewelry. 367-2323.

POWER wheelchair, \$700; Household items- Chairs, handy stool & more. 271-3917.

KODAK 4.0 megapixel camera & printer dock, excellent condition, \$50. 398-7769.

ACETYLEN torch kit, tank cart, no tanks, \$300. 365-8453.

PROM dress- Black strapless A-line, size 20, cleaned, \$100/obo. 272-0243 leave message. VERDIN Carillon 340 series w/ive Bell tapes. Best offer. 289-5242.

PERCUSSION kit, including drum pad & drum sticks, stand, 21-note keyboard & mallets, \$35 (\$200 new). 867-3086.

ANTIQUÉ seed potato dicer, \$50/obo. 289-2009.

CRAFT Store supplies- Tables, beads, macrama, books, hats, flowers, wood items, wreaths, styrofoam & more. Cheap. 529-7663. NEWER scrubs, size small-med., prints & solids, \$5 each. 843-5340.

LOCAL Oronoco raw honey & bees wax. Honey is filtered only, all sizes & volumes. 367-4348.

SEED potatoes, early & late varieties. 273-9245.

MIXED firewoods, \$75 pickup load. 533-8078. ANTIQUÉ Starck Cabinet Grand Piano, good condition. 289-7508.

LATE 1800's Story & Clark pump organ, plays nicely, works well, 60"wx88"t, certificate #104454, \$1,650. 292-0441.

OLD Lowrey organ model #P6360, plays well, many features. Nice for home or church, \$190. 288-6243.

(40) USED tarps in various sizes. 288-5649 Steve or Sean C.

HOUSEHOLD

SHOWER/BATHTUB, gray fiberglass, 34x60, includes valves, showerhead, plumbing, excellent condition, \$75. 282-9124.

ANTIQUÉ oak stack bookcase w/lower file cabinet, excellent refinished condition, \$750. 281-3583.

FIVE drawer dresser on legs, \$50; Green/red plaid over-stuffed chair, like new, \$150. 285-5182.

COIN-OPERATED washers & dryers w/ warranty, boxes, keys & slides. 421-1366.

HOSPITAL bed, newer model. 932-4515.

OLDER Sears chest freezer, \$50. 282-7137. 34" RCA color TV, excellent condition; Large gas grill; (3) Sitting chairs. 287-0073.

(2) MATCHING loveseats, decorative pillows, very good condition, \$200 each. 288-1627.

LANE reclining sectional, 3-piece w/4 recliners, 2-drop down tables, mocha, excellent condition. 533-1016.

VEHICLES

1973 MUSTANG H.T. Colorado, salt-free, 351 auto, Fact alum. wheels, tack gauges, PW, air; 1965-1970 Colorado salt-free Mustang bodys. 261-1488.

1988 CUTLAS Ciera wagon, 3.8L, 165k miles, auto, 8-passenger, excellent runner/starter, little rust, \$425. 282-6676.

1996 BERRETTA, black, new brakes/tires, 107k miles, good first car, \$1,200/obo. 208-0882.

1999 BUICK LeSabre Limited, 149k miles, one-owner, 3800/V6, great mileage, \$3,995/obo. 843-2508.

1997 GRAND Prix GTP, 170k miles, red, 4-door, all options, supercharge V6, runs great/looks good, no radio, \$1,000. 282-9057.

2001 CHEVY Camaro Z28 coupe, silver, 5.7/V8, 6-speed, original owner, clean, 110k miles, \$7,800. 753-2592.

2002 CHRYSLER Concorde Limited, loaded, very nice, 90k miles, \$5,300/obo; 1998 Toyota Camry LE, auto, 4-cyl, no rust, \$3575/obo. 226-2225.

1986 FORD F250 Lariat XLT, extended cab, 2WD, 460/4-speed, stored winters, no rust, 125k miles, loaded, new parts. 272-3626.

1994 CHEVY Astro ext. van, 115k miles, 4.3, 4-speed overdrive, rally wheels, good tires, white. 281-3042.

1995 CARAVAN, 7-passenger, towing package, new tires, 180k miles, runs good, \$1,500/obo. 281-3282.

1997 PLOW truck- Chevy 3/4 ton w/Western plow, good shape, \$6,900. 254-1100.

(2) PS2 steering wheel sets w/foot pedals, \$20 each. 533-8025.

1983 F250 FORD, alum. bed, diesel, 4x4, 175 gallon tank, DC pump, 5th wheel hitch, 1-owner, low miles, nice. 545-2402.

SET of (4) Goodyear Eagle RS-A 245/45R18 tires on premium Nissan Maxima rims, good tread, low miles, \$350. 287-0158.

FARM

USED 14' & 16' livestock gates in serviceable condition. 352-6162.

SEVEN shank Glenco chisel plow in good shape, \$4,500; Small square bales of hay & straw. 533-9434.

HEAVY-DUTY Roto cultivator, 8HP, good condition. 289-1505.

CHI 900 planter, 12-row, VF Thumper pump Red Ball early rise mont, \$4,000/obo. 374-2838.

1952 FORD 8N tractor, \$3,250; 1954 Ford tractor, \$4,850; Woods 3-point finish mower, \$600. All excellent condition. 289-2904/259-5117.

12" GRAIN drill w/grass seed attachment, steel wheels, \$375; 26", 6HP, 2-stage snowblower, \$195. 753-2119.

JD 530 w/Du-AI loader, PS, NF, good rubber, no dents, \$6,500. 843-5565.

1947 FORD 2N w/full hydraulic loader, Hi/Lo trans, 12 volt, newer overhaul, chains/dirt/snow buckets, fair rubber, \$3,000/obo. 356-8712.

JD Van Brunt grain drill; Grass seeder; Yearling reg. Red Angus bulls. 534-2677.

WD Allis, \$1,150; 1980 F350, 34k actual miles, \$6,500; Rolltop mini-desk, \$750. 282-5903.

2000 20' KFFBLT Sik Trailer, used 12 months, center gate, access door, spare tire, stl, excellent condition, \$3,500. 269-8925/foxfirecc@msn.com.

ROUND grass hay bales, stored inside, \$40; Hypro hydraulic sprayer pump & hose, excellent condition. 208-0032.

(2) BULK feed bins; IHC narrow front-end for IHC tractor. 651-345-3155.

WAGON w/flare box & hoist; Wagon & box (poor), hoist good. 365-8228.

DUAL loader Mod 3000, 8' wide bucket, 20-1/4 frame width, \$1,500. Ask for Ed after 5 pm. 951-0183 Plainview.

CUSTOM round baling & hay mowing. 250-0919.

CATTLE squeeze chute w/head gate, \$600; 18.4-46 tires, \$150 each. 269-0876.

JD 700 planter, 4-row, DF monitor; NH 489 hay brine; WANTED: Male peacock. 534-2731.

SHOP/YARD

RIDGID 36" alum. pipe wrench; 42" Round glass table. 289-6500.

(4) PATIO chairs, (1) Chaise lounge, white. 282-5542 evenings.

REAR tine garden tiller, runs good. First \$300 takes. 951-0223.

LAWNMOWER repair & used lawnmowers & snowblowers: Will buy snowblowers & lawnmowers. 533-4359.

25HP MTD garden tractor, 46" mower, 46" front blade, 42" snowblower, \$475/obo. 282-9919.

4,000 watt generator w/electric start. Bought for Y2K, never used, \$900. 285-9453.

HANDYMAN Special- 9N Ford tractor, new rear tires/rims, always shedded, not running, \$2,000. 282-1478.

POWER washer, 5.0 Honda engine, like new, \$300. 252-1309.

(2) SNOWBLOWERS- 2 & 1 stage, \$85-\$285; (2) Chainsaws- Mac 1605, 16", Homelite 240, 16", \$55-\$65. 282-5921.

WHITE pine and Black Hills spruce, 2', \$10 each or (12) for \$100, in pots. 358-4312.

CRAFTSMAN 4" bench-top jointer, like new, \$100. 289-4876.

GRAY retaining blocks, 3x8x27 w/hardware. Enough for large wall or flower bed, \$2 each. 932-4891.

HOMES/LAND

NINE acre hobby farm, 6 miles SW of Rochester on blacktop road. All set up for horses or cattle. 398-3662.

BEAUTIFUL 5 bdrm, 3 bath home on 2 1/2 acres, natural gas fireplace, new shingles, vinyl siding, 4-car garage. 288-7327.

200 WOODED acres close to Mille Lacs. Cabin, deer & bear hunting, trails, recorded access, touches state land, \$250,000. 273-7953.

HOUSE on 10 acres of woods near Elgin, secluded, shop, 3,800 sq. ft. 421-3481.

4.09 ACRES, buildable in Mazeppa. Some trees, nice, \$58,000. 292-7891.

CONDO- Bright secure SW main floor, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, den, LR, formal DR, appliances, eat-in kitchen, attached garage, no pets, \$149,900. 288-5379.

3200 SQ. ft. commercial building, 1 1/3 acre lot, CA, 3-phase electric. Kasson, currently cabinet shop. 634-6775.

CLOSE-IN buildable acreage lots, ranging from 5-40 acres. Private, wooded, south-facing walkouts. 951-4298.

2.7 ACRE lot, spectacular view, perfect south walkout, electric w/RPU, shared well, \$174,000. 252-8735.

5 ACRES, 1970's 2+ bdrm, 2 bath, garage, mature trees, nice lawn, 15 NW of Mayo, \$190,000. 356-4806.

16 ACRES w/4 bdrm, 2 bath home, garage, workshop, cottage, barns, pasture, woods, gamefish ponds, trails. 365-8081.

10 PRIVATE acres, 4 bdrm home, barn, sheds, \$369,900. See forsalebyowner.com Kasson. Add'l 1.25 acres available. 259-0742.

1996 DUTCH 16x80 mobilehome, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, heated garage, deck, new shed, entryway, excellent condition, \$38,000. 269-0780.

10-ACRES approved building site, mature windbreak, 9-miles SE of Rochester, abstracted, \$187,000. 545-2662/876-2208.

9.84 ACRES w/Civil War era farmhouse, updated throughout, barn w/riding arena, out buildings & pasture. 365-8220.

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3.6 ACRE lot, choose builder, includes shared well, natural gas, & cable, excellent view, woods & wildlife, \$115,000. Arlington Lane SE. 288-3077.

4 ACRE lot, choose builder, includes shared well, natural gas, & cable, excellent view, woods & wildlife, \$118,500. Eisenhower Lane SE. 289-7682.

RECREATIONAL

VACATION Week- Mexico, PV, Cancun, Acapulco. Weeks still available at 5 Star resort. Sleeps 4, kitchen, \$850. 288-6047.

2009 KUBOTA 4x4 500 UTV, windshield, roof, camo, low hours, like new, \$7,500. 495-5322.

ELDORADO motorhome, good condition. 282-8042.

2001 ROCKWOOD Ultralite 26' camper w/slide, great condition. All camping gear included, 21' awning, \$9,500/obo. 280-8599.

PERMANENT campsites- North Branch Whitewater River, Dorothy's at Fairwater. Reasonable rates, utilities included. 433-4980.

2006 NEWMAN sled bed snowmobile trailer, 8.5'x10', great condition, \$800. 367-2277.

ARCTIC Cat 250 ATV, low hours, excellent condition, \$1,500. 867-5216.

1993 HARLEY FLHTCU Ultra Classic, 48k miles, black w/red accent stripe, loaded, new tire, cover, nice, \$7,995. 634-4492.

17' TUFFY Marauder, 50 HP Mariner, (2) Minn-Kota trolling motors, Eagle depth finder, onboard charger, splash guards, great boat! 254-9486.

2004 YAMAHA Zuma scooter, 49cc, red, \$1,250. 281-1497.

15 HP Evinrude Outboard motor, standard shaft, used twice. Bought different boat, don't need, \$1,275. 867-3143.

1992 Viking Spirit popup camper, frig, furnace, range, electric, new tires, sleeps 6-8, \$1,800. 282-3137 Mark, after 3pm.

1986 HONDA Shadow 1100cc motorcycle, 48k miles, great condition, newer tires, windshield, backrest, \$1,900. 876-2448.

2004 ADVENTURER, 38.5', 13.6k miles, 2-slides, generator, W/D, all options, garaged, showroom condition, NS/NP, well below bluebook. 272-5850.

FOR RENT

EASTSIDE Storage- New buildings, fenced, well-lit, paved, inside/outside storage. 6584 Hwy 14 East. 288-4793.

INSIDE storage- Snowmobiles, RV's, cars; FOR SALE: Kitchen table w/leaf, (4) chairs. 288-5302.

CLEAN indoor storage space for cars, boats, RV's, etc. Very reasonable rates. Chuck 634-3409.

HOUSE- 2 Bdrm, 2-car garage, no pets, no smoking, \$850 plus utilities. 208-1670.

WAREHOUSE- Rent or sell. 500-6,300 sq. ft., overhead door, loading dock, offices. 1-mile off I-90, Dover. 319-2886.

SECURE inside storage for summer season, snowmobile only \$50 per sled. Large pole building. 6-miles E of Rochester. 269-9987.

FREE

(2) WHITE storm doors, 30½"x80", good condition. 365-8026.

WANTED

FEEDER pigs: Post hole auger to fit 3-point. 282-1137.

33 1/3 ALBUMS; Old wood Zenith radios; Wood-grained Pioneer stereo equipment. 867-4868.

318, 319 John Deere tractors, any condition, and attachments. 533-4303.

SCRAP vehicles for recycling or repair. Will haul. 272-9149.

JOHN Deere lawn tractors and attachments, running or need work; 3-Wheel bikes. 529-8850.

PUSSY Willow plants to trade my Heritage raspberry bushes for your Latham berry bushes. 282-3634.

FOR recycling- old cars, tractors, farm machinery/equipment, scrap iron. Free hauling, fair prices. 254-2468/867-4441.

FOUR frame or larger honey extractor, either hand crank or motorized. Call weekends/evenings 367-2665/jshonyo@pitel.net.

METAL chicken egg nests. 282-5663.

2-ROW John Deere cultivator w/hand lift. 282-0662.

SNOW White doll, fullsize not Barbie doll. 281-1636.

USED cross-bow: Fly tying kit. 282-2768.

RECYCLING- Campers, dryers, stoves, furnaces, air-conditioners, lawn tractors, tillers, gas grills, outboards. 269-6402.

CARS, iron, copper, batteries, inner tubes, farm machinery, lawnmowers, alum. cans for recycling. 378-4332.

RIDING mowers, 3&4 wheelers & misc. Will haul free. 273-7960.

GOOD condition chain link fence. 365-8669. FREE or inexpensive piano in nice condition. Must hold a tune. 282-6174.

HONDA CRF 230 dirt bike in good condition. 533-6563.

USED silo block-cheap. Amount needed depends on price, will haul, prefer approx. \$1 each. 280-8272.

ANVIL about, 75 lbs. 282-8868.

ROOMMATE, ½ rent, utilities, available now; FOR SALE: Full-size alum. topper w/lites, \$275. 216-1104.

USED swing set/play set w/slide & fort. Call after 6 pm 867-3399.

LOOKING for pasture & hay ground to rent or looking to bale on shares. 254-1751.

VOLUNTEERS for RideAbility (equine assisted activity center). Fun is therapy! Have fun working w/kids & horses. 356-8154.

BEDDING chopper, any condition; FOR SALE: One each- 11.2x38 & 12.4x38 tractor tires. 534-3406 leave message.

USED metal detector. Grandpa has to much time on his hands. 753-2400.

MISC SERVICES

PORTABLE welding of all metals, inspection, & consulting. Ornamental railings, lawn & garden decorations. 358-0410 Tom.

PORTABLE sawmill, custom sawing at your location; WANTED: Looking for walnut logs & large pieces. 285-0983 Tom.

GET your jobs done right, call Integrity. Integrity Electric & Communications. 424-2911 Wade Hamilton.

EXCAVATING- Sewer, water hookup & repair, water hydrants, basements, trucking. Twernbold Excavating 545-9924.

FERTILIZING, weed control, mowing, edging, core aeration, shrub trimming, gutter cleaning, property cleanup. 208-2778.

47th YEAR in uptown Oronoco! Berg's Antique Store. Tues-Sat, 9-5. 367-4413.

FAMILY Tree Landscape Nursery. Get your plans together for your spring landscaping. 289-0557 for appt.

SHEA'S Way Installation- Cabinetwork, new, remodels, repairs, adjustments, hardware, crown, doors, drawers. Free estimates. 273-5356.

HANDYMAN Services- Carpentry, doors, plumbing, masonry, electrical, hauling, misc. 951-5510.

CLARK'S Seamless Gutters- Wet basements, buckling cement, landscape damage protection. Free estimates. 281-2770.

COMPUTER Repair- Hardware/software. Spyware/virus removal, reformat. 15+ years computer experience. 867-8671 Keith.

Will trim trees, shrubs, grind stumps; FOR SALE: Dry oak firewood & sawmill boards. 288-8287 Michael Logan.

ENGEL Painting- Residential/commercial, interior/exterior. Painting, staining, faux finish, powerwash decks. Insured since 1958. 258-1962.

COUNSELING Services provided through exciting Equine assisted psychotherapy, powerful, effective. Sharon Davern, LP 534-2668.

THEEL Sandblasting- Painting, body shop repair, steel & alum. welding. 282-2887.

PHANTOM Runner Cleaning- Needs one fulltime family to clean/laundry. Weekly or biweekly. Reference. Liz 696-7660.

TREES transplanted up to 12" diameter. Purchase ours or will move yours. Call Monnier 754-5900.

GARDEN tilling- Large or small. Charge by the size. 259-7093.

MAX Ferguson- Building, remodel, addition, kitchens, finish lower level, decks. Licensed & insured, top quality. 867-1690.

EXCAVATION- Basements, additions, site prep, septic system installation, tree clearing, trucking, etc. DeCook Excavating 208-2068.

BLACK Angus beef- Halves, quarters, or hamburger by the pound. A&J Angus 273-6859.

ENGRAVED gifts personalized for weddings, anniversaries, etched glassware, awards, drumsticks, pet memorials, signs. 287-8494/ www.3Dcarving.com.

CONCRETE Work- Driveways, sidewalks, pole sheds. 28 years experience, licensed, insured, free estimates. Clark Concrete 281-3709.

MICHAEL'S Custom Cabinets- Kitchens, bathrooms, bars, bookcases, laundry room, closet organizers, office, entertainment centers. 533-9880/www.michaelscustomcabinets.com.

T&H Handyman Services- Spring cleanup, lawn dethatching, household repair, odd jobs and more. 202-9015.

NEED Lawn Care? Mowing, fertilizing, landscaping, etc. Free estimates, fully insured. MC Outdoor 285-5255.

SEPTIC tank pumping, design, installation, backhoe. Bruce Bucknell Construction 533-8830.

ORDER graduation, confirmation, and wedding quilts. 287-6885/951-6901/www.quiltsfromthehill.com.

STUMP Grinding Plus- ANDSTAR has the answer to your stump grinding needs. Free estimates. 259-6214; FREE: Wooden playpen; Roller Skates, mens 10, womans 7½. 273-5352.

LUMBER, direct from the sawmill. Dunage, mulch, sawdust; WANTED: Logs, timber; Custom lumber sawing. 273-6751.

PRAIRIE Walls- Indoor rock climbing gym. Birthday parties, lessons, & group events. 292-0511/www.prairiewalls.com.

Ronningen Roofing- Free estimates. Roofing & siding. Top quality, best products. Schedule now and save 5% off total. 281-8899.

SEWING, alterations, bridal included. 30 years experience. 533-8470/533-4627.

NEED foundation? Skin issues? Face scars to cover? Call for a free custom blend mineral liquid or powder foundation sample. 951-5906.

LAWN Care- Residential, commercial. Full service mowing, trimming. Save dollars, free estimates. 259-9696 Roger.

PROFESSIONAL Lessons- Guitar, piano, violin. NW of Rochester. Adults encouraged. Jazz, classical, folk styles. 280-4218.

CAMPION Antenna Service- Antenna installation, HDTV, free estimates. 25 years experience. 254-0724 Dan.

SMITH Tree Service- Tree stump removal. Licensed, insured, free estimates. 944-6003.

HIGH Forest Automotive Equipment- Sell Rotary brand car lifts, air compressors and oil equipment. 533-8065.

MASTER Builders- Specializing in major remodeling, additions, kitchens. High quality, exceptional service. 280-8856/www.masterbuildersmn.com.

TREE trimming/removal, landscaping, outdoor services, fence clearing, walnut buyer. Free estimates/insured. 259-4367.

CARPET installation, free estimates, repairs, vinyl, tile; FOR RENT: Basement apartment, cheap living. 367-2612.

JUDY'S Country Daycare- Openings infant-school age. Douglas area on 60th Ave NW. 281-8246/jmurray21@peoplepc.com.

CRESCENT Covers in Rochester- Unicolor toppers/lids. New/used. Installation, parts, accessories. Dave 536-9057.

CRIS Peterson seal coating & striping, fill sand & dirt. Thank you for calling 288-7424.

DECKS, additions, finished basements, remodeling & general contracting. Licensed & insured. 358-7084 Cory.

WOODSHED Recording Studio, 24 track digital recording at an affordable price. Demos, mixing, duplication. 288-8361.

DOUG & Linda's DJ/Karaoke- Weddings, graduations, indoor/outdoor parties. Great prices. 281-3580.

MD Concrete Doctors, LLC. We raise sunken or slanted concrete sidewalks, floors, patios. Free estimates. Marty Dorn 450-7390.

SEPTIC tank pumping, design, installation, backhoe. Bruce Bucknell Construction 533-8830.

TREE Moving- Large or small. Buy & sell trees; Skidloader work. 30 years experience. 876-2866.

GREG'S Lawn Care- All your lawn & landscape care; Available Bobcat work, spring cleanup. 261-7597.

CHRIST Lutheran Church Rummage Sale- 20th St./Marion Rd. April 22-23, 8am-4pm, 24th, 8am-12pm. 289-0271.

JAY-BEE'S Tile Installation & Restoration- Ceramic, porcelain & more. Caulking & regrouting available. Jeff 273-0118.

ANIMALS

IRIE Kennels- A quiet country dog boarding facility w/daily-weekly boarding rates available. Check us out. 289-2480.

BUNNIES- Black and white ones, pets only, \$5. 259-0037.

SHOW Goats- Half siblings to the Grand & Reserve champion wither & grand champion doe at 2009 Wabasha Fair. 753-2013.

PYGYMY goat, breeding male, black/gray/white colors, \$40. Can email pics. 533-6068/els_2014@msn.com.

REG. polled hereford bulls. High quality with exceptional breeding, yearling & (2) year olds. 864-3330.

PUREBRED simmental and angus bulls, A1 sired, good disposition, low birth weights. Reasonable price. Can deliver. 259-8784.

MARE APHA 12 solid bay 14/2, great trail horse, flexible smooth trot, trailers well, Black Hills, MN trails, \$1,700. 282-7820.

REG. Arabian, 19 yrs old, great beginner horse, kid broke; Reg. Paint, tri-color, 9 yrs old, broke. 867-4966.

REG. 7 year old Paint, 15.2h, Sorrel gelding. Well broke, flashy, good bloodlines, UTD on vac, confident rider. 365-8938.

PASTURE for six horses, summer only. 356-4184.

HORSE Boarding- Indoor/outdoor arenas, heated lounge/tack rooms, trails, quality care, \$185 and up. 867-3661/www.RiverNorthStables.com.

HORSE Boarding- Stewartville. Indoor/outdoor arenas, box stalls, tack room, pasture, shelters. Nice facility. 273-9699.

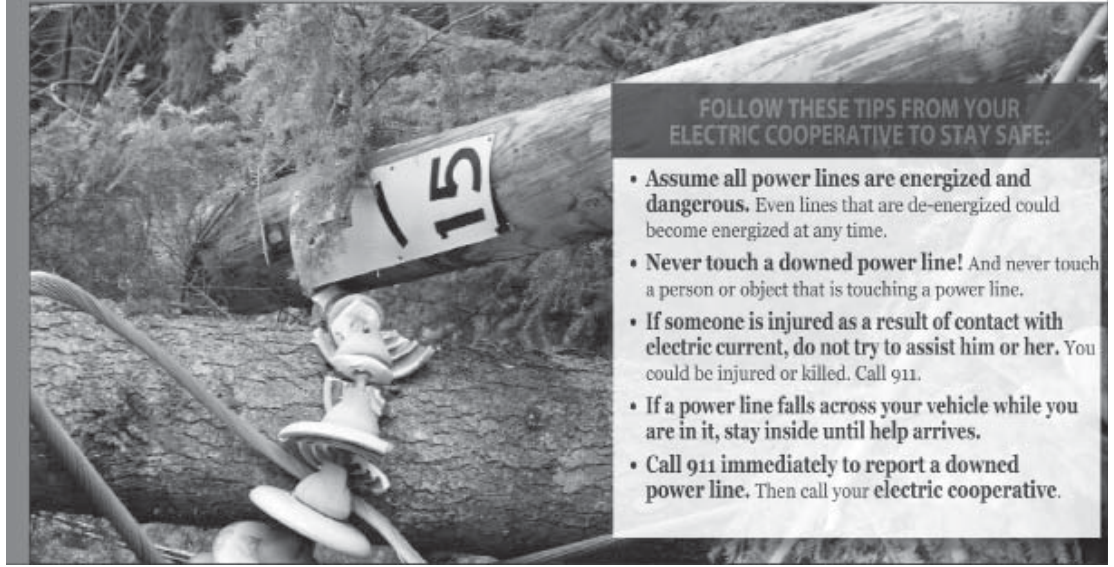
HORSE Boarding- Rochester. Pastures, shelters, box stalls, turnouts, indoor/outdoor arenas, round pen, tack rooms, trails, experienced. 536-3852.

16" SIMCO saddle, great shape. Good old time leather, better than new cheap, \$290. Can email pics. 545-2048.

SADDLES- 14½", & equipment, never used. (2) Saddles, bags, bits, cinches, breast straps. \$400 takes all. 876-2550.

Stay Clear!

A downed power line may not be a dead line. It could cause serious injury or death.



FOLLOW THESE TIPS FROM YOUR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO STAY SAFE:

- **Assume all power lines are energized and dangerous.** Even lines that are de-energized could become energized at any time.
- **Never touch a downed power line!** And never touch a person or object that is touching a power line.
- **If someone is injured as a result of contact with electric current, do not try to assist him or her.** You could be injured or killed. Call 911.
- **If a power line falls across your vehicle while you are in it, stay inside until help arrives.**
- **Call 911 immediately to report a downed power line.** Then call your electric cooperative.

Avoid Electrical Accidents On The Farm

As we approach the planting season, farm-related accidents involving power lines are always a concern. Farmers are urged to take extra time to locate all electrical facilities before moving farm equipment.

Many types of farm equipment can come in contact with overhead power lines. Tractors, planters and tillage equipment can easily become an electrical hazard and should be operated with care near power lines.



Today's larger farms require transporting tractors and equipment to fields several miles

away. Before transit, avoid raising the arms of planters and cultivators near power lines.

Make sure everyone who works on the farm knows the location of power lines and keeps farm equipment at least 10 feet away from them. The minimum 10 foot distance should be maintained in all directions.

A safe planting season begins with the prevention of accidents.

The Value of System Improvements

Each month your bill reflects a facility charge for \$30 (new charge effective April 1, 2010). Perhaps you've wondered why there's a monthly fee for your electric service. To answer your question, the "fixed" or basic charge is a flat fee designed to recover a portion of the cost of delivering electricity to all members. The facility charge is reflective of the investments in poles, wires, transformers, and other electrical equipment that's required to provide you with safe and reliable electric service.

It also supports fleet, facility, and customer service functions, such as line maintenance, right-of-way clearing and general administrative responsibilities and is similar to service or facility charges that other co-ops and utilities charge to help pay for equipment and services over time. Regardless of how often you flip the light switch, the computer or TV, these costs are part of the bill you pay so that electricity is available to you whenever you want it.

If you use only one kilowatt-hour of electricity and another members uses 100 kWh, People's Co-operative Services still incurs the same cost to build the line, maintain the distribution system and deliver electricity to each of you. It takes just as much equipment to deliver one kilowatt-hour as it does a 100 kilowatt-

hours. This is why the monthly facility charge is important to

recover a portion of the cost of delivering electricity to all members and help maintain the financial health of the cooperative.



Tracking the Electricity You Use

Eat potato chips straight out of the bag and they'll be gone in no time. Pour them into a bowl first and they disappear a little slower.

The same goes for electricity. Learning to track how much electricity your home consumes remains a good way to start managing electric use—billed by your electric co-op in kilowatt-hours (kWh).

Devices are appearing in stores that provide a constant, digital reading of how much electricity your home or even individual appliances are using. One type, like the Kill A Watt™, fits between an electrical outlet and an appliance to give you an instant reading of how much electricity an appliance draws.

Another type connects to your electricity meter and wirelessly relays use information to a small screen inside. Called an in-home display, the device looks similar to a wireless weather monitor and can help make consumers more aware of energy being used day to day. Research conducted by the Arlington, VA-based Cooperative Research

Network (CRN), the research arm of Arlington, VA-based National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, shows that most consumers who have an in-home display use less energy than those without one. And even after homeowners stop paying attention to the devices, most still use 1 to 3 percent less energy than before.

“The question of whether in-home displays catch on and become permanent fixtures in the American home is still open,” explains Brian Sloboda, program manager with CRN. “However, for anyone wanting to take a proactive approach to understanding electric consumption, the in-home display may be worth exploring. You could use the knowledge that an in-house display provides to change the way you use electricity in your home and save some money.”

There's also the old-fashioned way of tracking electricity use: reading your meter.



As your home draws current from power lines, your electricity meter keeps a steady record of every watt being used. Many meters today are digital, replacing the older—though still reliable—design that uses spinning disks and dials.

Digital versions make tracking energy use a breeze: jot down the number you see, and check it again in a month. The difference between the two represents the amount of electricity that has been used for that month, or a typical billing period. Check it more frequently to get an idea of how you use electricity in a given week, or even day by day.

Kill A Watt™ meters are available to check out for up to seven days by contacting the People's Cooperative Services office or they are available for purchase in the amount of \$31.25+ tax.

It's easy being “GREEN” with our Cycled Air Program!

Doing what's right for our environment has never been more important than it is today. People's Cooperative Services makes it easy with our Cycled Air Conditioning Program that allows our members to save energy while cutting their cooling bill.

When you make the decision to allow us to cycle your central air off and on in 15-minute increments during peak energy use times, you'll be doing your part to conserve energy and save money! In fact, the nearly 1,000 members already on the program save up to 50 percent or more on their cooling cost during the summer!

When we combine your con-

servation with the efforts of other members, we are able to keep our power cost low and help protect our environment, which benefits all of us.



Enroll by May 31, 2010 and receive a one-time credit of \$25 off your electric bill, plus, receive \$5 off your June, July, & August bills every year you remain on the program! There was a bill insert in your March electric bill, this insert gave you all the details as well as an opportunity to join us. Or visit the PCS website at www.peoplesrec.com for full details and print off the application form.

One-time \$25 applies to new applicants only.



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LOOKING FOR EASY MONEY? FIND YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER AND RECEIVE \$30 OFF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL!

Each month we hide five account numbers within the pages of the Highline Hi-Lites. If you find your account number, call the office at (507) 288-4004 by the last day of the current month and you will receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.

David Storm found his account number in the February issue. Account numbers not found: James Dolan Jr, Bradley Hood, Clyde Vehrenkamp, and Nicholas Fogelson.