

Highline Hi-Lites



People's Cooperative Services

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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The mission of People's Cooperative Services is to provide reliable electricity to our members and communities with superior customer service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

Three years ago I moved to the Rochester community with my family to take this position at People's Cooperative Services. It's been one of the best decisions that I have made in my lifetime --- following closely behind the decision to marry my husband!

We love this area! We live in a beautiful part of Minnesota. We have access to the highest quality medical services in the nation. The City of Rochester is large enough to provide all the necessary amenities and entertainment, yet it and the communities around Rochester are small enough for us to know our neighbors well. The school systems in this area can brag about their test scores and we have access to numerous higher education institutions. The people who live here show great support for local business. What more could we ask for?

People's Cooperative Services provides electric service primarily to the people who live and work in the rural area around Rochester, Stewartville, Byron, Oronoco, Hayfield, Plainview, Elgin, Eyota, Dover, Dodge Center, Kasson, Mantorville, Pine Island, Racine, Chatfield and St. Charles communities as well as several smaller villages. Much of the growth and development that has occurred in the rural area is a result of the success of Rochester. This point was reinforced to me even more so when I read several articles that were recently written about our community.

- *Kiplinger* cited Rochester as one of the 10 best cities for the next decade. "They're prosperous, innovative, and they'll generate plenty of jobs, too." Rochester was ranked sixth. Mayo Clinic's solid foundation along with quality service from the community as hosts and hostesses for our 2.7 million visitors each year was credited for this ranking. The article also cited the synergy among Rochester's business resources for the success.
- Rochester was also recently named by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* as a "Great City for Raising a Family." Kiplinger's search for this list focused on job growth, healthy economies and a vibrant

local culture, as well as quality of public schools, crime rate and park and recreation opportunities. Rochester earned high ratings in nearly every category, and was also noted for a "forward-facing economy anchored by the Mayo Clinic and IBM".

- *Finance and Commerce's* author, Dane Smith, wrote about "the feeling of cohesion rather than tension between government and business and nonprofit leaders." He went on to cite the new Minnesota BioBusiness Center and the new University of Minnesota campus as indicators of our opportunities in the future.
- *The Atlantic* included an article titled "Where the Jobs Will Be" authored by Richard Florida. In the article, Mr. Florida states, "Jobs are the second-biggest issue facing the United States --- second only to the economy, according to a recent Gallup poll..." Mr. Florida used a Martin Prosperity Institute team to apply detailed employment projections of the Bureau of Labor Statistics to United States metro regions. The results, of course, showed the biggest job growth in the largest cities. However, when applying the data using the projected percentage change in overall employment for the U.S. metros, Rochester, Minnesota, is the biggest percentage gainer, with projected job growth of 12-plus percent.

Let's just stop and think about this for a minute. This means we have the best (or at least a better) opportunity for employment than most of the rest of our country. Our businesses have an opportunity to grow and prosper. Our "quality of life" needs are met with the medical, shopping, recreation, and other resources we have available to us. But, probably most importantly, we treat people well. We are a welcoming community.

Our cooperative has benefited from Rochester's success. For example, we have more members per mile of line than many rural electric cooperatives and we exist in a part of the state where the average household income is higher than most in the state.

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UPDATE - New Headquarters

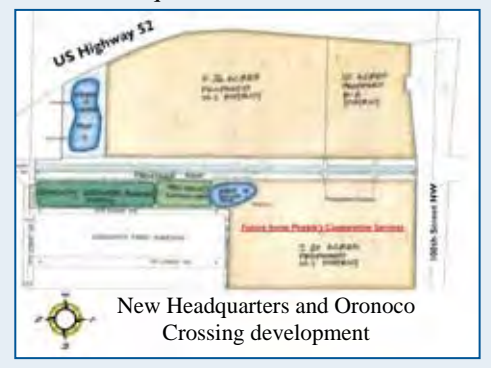


The news from Lake Shady Avenue South, Oronoco (the site of the new People's Cooperative Services headquarters) is -- work is progressing at a steady pace. Mounds of dirt have been moved, and retention ponds and drainage ditches have been constructed. Contractors have finished laying the water lines, and putting in hydrants and wastewater lines so MNDOT's work on the frontage road can begin next month. General site grading will continue over the next several weeks.

The site design has moved from the schematic, high level, design phase into the detail design or design development phase. The building committee is looking closely at room sizes, windows and door openings and the building's overall appearance. Our engineers, architects, and contractors will be doing the preliminary design work on the geothermal system, the heating and air management systems, selecting building methods and materials, as well as reviewing our electrical system's requirements.



People's Cooperative Services existing headquarters and adjacent land on Highway 14 East, Rochester is listed "For Sale". The Cooperative is also promoting the development of Oronoco Crossings - a 36 acre Commercial/Industrial development adjacent to the new headquarters location in Oronoco.



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One of your cooperative's goals is to increase the number of commercial and industrial accounts that we serve.

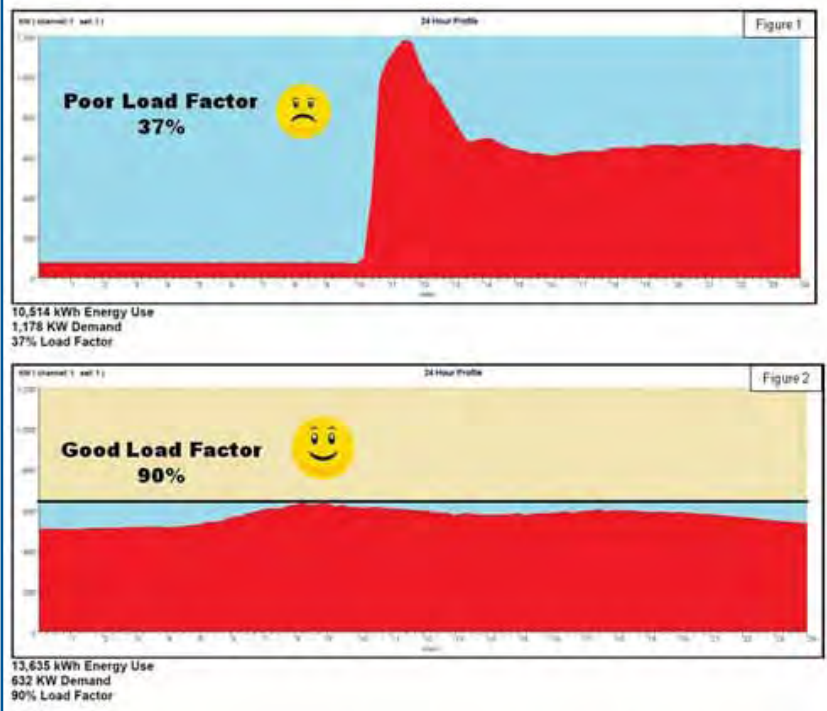
Currently, approximately 85% of our members are residential electric users. If we are able to add more commercial and industrial users, we can improve our load factor, which subsequently, will help maintain or even lower our power costs.

The graphs to the right indicate the difference between good and bad load factor, as it plays an important part in the cost of the supply of electrical energy. The closer the load factor is to 100%, the lower the overall cost of energy.

You can help us! If you know of people looking to move their business or know entrepreneurs who want to start a new business, let them know about our community and all the good things we have going here! Help us give them a reason to look at southeast Minnesota!

Elaine Harry

Load Factor is the ratio of the average load over a designated period of time to the peak load occurring in that period.



Energy Assessments — Commercial, Industrial and Large Agriculture

An energy assessment can be the first step to determine how your business uses energy and help evaluate what measures you can take to make it more energy efficient. An assessment will help you understand how and when you use energy and show you energy efficient measures that, when implemented, can save you significant amounts of money over time.

During an on-site energy assessment, we can pinpoint energy inefficiencies in your operation. Electric load profiles and charts will help you understand your energy usage compared to industry standards. The findings are presented to the member in a report with specific energy savings suggestions and recommendations. Many times we are able to suggest energy efficient upgrades that qualify for a rebate from the cooperative.

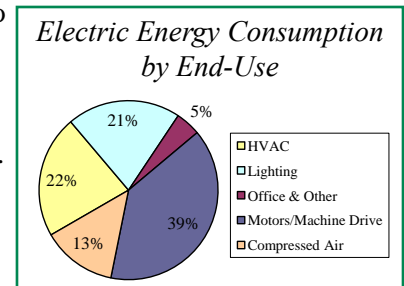
People's Cooperative Services has assisted many members including commercial, industrial, multi-family residential and large agricultural accounts including those with grain dryers and dairy operations. Energy assess-



ments are conducted on site by People's Cooperative Services staff and a Certified Energy Manager (CEM) from Dairyland Power Cooperative. The fee to perform the assessment is \$200 to the member;

this fee is rebated back to the member if over \$200 is spent implementing any measures identified in the energy assessment. These assessments also meet the USDA REAP Grant requirements. Sixteen thousand eight hundred four.

For more information about our energy assessment program for commercial, industrial and large agriculture accounts, please contact Tim Clawson CECD, Manger of Economic Development and Key Accounts at (507) 424-6287.



You can perform a simple energy assessment yourself, using Business Questline's "Facility Assessment Wizard". It is free and takes only a few minutes. There are many other useful benchmark tools and energy calculators on Business Questline's "Tools You Can Use".

Business Questline can be found on our website or by entering the following link; www.peoplesrec.com/questionline/.

People's Cooperative Services to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

People's Cooperative Services is getting ready to celebrate a very special anniversary in 2011 -- 75 years of providing electrical service to our members. Do you remember when electricity was first available at your home and/or farm? Has electricity changed your life? Can you share that change? Do you have recollections about how farming and appliance use has changed through the years because of electricity? If so -- or if you have other vivid memories of when the lights came on -- we want to hear from you. We're inviting you to share some of your photographs and stories for our special celebration in 2011.

Contact Marlys Miller at (507) 288-4004 or email mmiller@peoplesrec.com

(Please include your name, address, account number, email address and phone number on all written submissions. Photos will be returned if noted.)

The REA was created to bring electrical power to rural communities through low-interest loans to cooperatives it helped organize.



REA installs power lines, 1936.

Cold Weather Rule starts October 15



Minnesota has a “cold weather rule” that regulates residential electric service disconnections between October 15 and April 15, if disconnection would affect the primary heat source.

If you do not meet **ALL** of the following conditions, you will not qualify for protection from winter disconnection.

- Your account must be current prior to October 15 or you have contacted People’s Cooperative Services and entered into an agreeable payment arrangement.
- You must complete the **Cold Weather Shutoff Protection Application** provided by People’s Cooperative Services. Along with this form, you must provide documentation that your household income is less than 50 percent of the state median income.
- You must receive referrals to energy assistance, weatherization and/or conservation programs that are designed to likely reduce your energy bills.

Should you receive a disconnect notice for nonpayment this winter, you will also be provided with the Minnesota Cold Weather Brochure which includes the cold weather shutoff protection application.

You may request that People’s Cooperative Services notify a third party if your electric service becomes subject to disconnection.



Congratulations 4-H and FFA Youth



Students grow in knowledge, confidence, and develop leadership and life skills through lessons provided by hands-on youth programs such as 4-H and FFA. People’s Cooperative Services salutes the 4-H and FFA youth for their hard work and year-long preparations of their projects and livestock displays. People’s supports the livestock blue ribbon auctions in Dodge, Wabasha, Winona, and Olmsted counties.



Amy Reinhardt with her blue ribbon sheep.

Join us on Twitter & Facebook

To stay connected with our members and let you know what’s happening, People’s Cooperative Services has established Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Twitter and Facebook are free online services that allow you to set up an account to “follow” People’s Cooperative Services and receive automatic updates whenever we post some news, advice or energy efficiency tips.

To check it out, go to: www.peoplesrec.com and click on the “Twitter and Facebook” buttons located on the home page.

Problems paying your electric bill? Energy assistance may be available!

Contact the energy assistance in your area to make an appointment. **You will need documentation of your income and a copy of your heating and electric bill.**

- Olmsted County Energy Assistance
Community Services/Income Maintenance
- (507) 328-6500
 - On Line: www.co.olmsted.mn.us and search for Energy Assistance
 - Application Request Line: (507) 328-6508

- SEMCAC
- Dodge County - Kasson - (507) 634-4350
 - Fillmore County - Preston - (507) 765-2761
 - Mower County - Austin - (507) 433-5889
 - Winona County - Rushford - (507) 864-7515
- Toll Free (800) 944-3281

- Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.
- Zumbrota (507) 732-7391
 - Toll Free (800) 277-8418

- Rochester Salvation Army - (507) 288-3663
- Toll Free (888) 999-1567

DO NOT wait until you receive a disconnect notice, contact your area energy assistance early.

People's Cooperative Services Offers Fall Harvest Safety Tips

During the fall harvest season, People's Cooperative Services (PCS) reminds farmers to be aware of overhead power lines and underground utilities when working near the house or out in the field.

It is essential to use extra care when operating large farm equipment near electrical lines and poles, and underground utility cables and pipelines. If you are using equipment like elevated truck beds, raised conveyors or other large folding farm implements, it is critical to remember to take the time to survey the area, even if you are familiar with it, to be sure that it is free of potential hazards.

In addition to surveying the area for hazards, members can avoid accidents and injury by following these safety tips:

- Be aware of the clearance your equipment needs when truck beds are elevated or harvester arms are fully extended or raised.
- Keep all equipment at least 20 feet away from overhead power lines, guy wires and utility poles.
- Report any activity that might have damaged or undermined the stability of a utility pole, including damaged guy wires or severe erosion.
- If your farm equipment has snagged an overhead power line, remain inside the equipment. If possible, try to drive the equipment away from the hazard. If you cannot drive it away, stay where you are and wait for rescue. Call or signal for someone to call 911 and People's Cooperative Services. Warn others to stay away.
- If you must get off the equipment because of fire or other danger, remember that your body should NEVER contact the ground and the metal equipment at the same time. Jump clear, then hop with feet together or shuffle away. Voltage is highest near the equipment and decreases with distance. Hopping with feet together or shuffling prevents your body from becoming a conductor of electricity from a high to low voltage area.
- Tires are not insulators. Although rubber is not a good conductor of electricity, metal, which also is found in tires, is. If a power line is in contact with your vehicle, electricity will travel through the metal skin and tires into the ground. If you touch both the vehicle and the

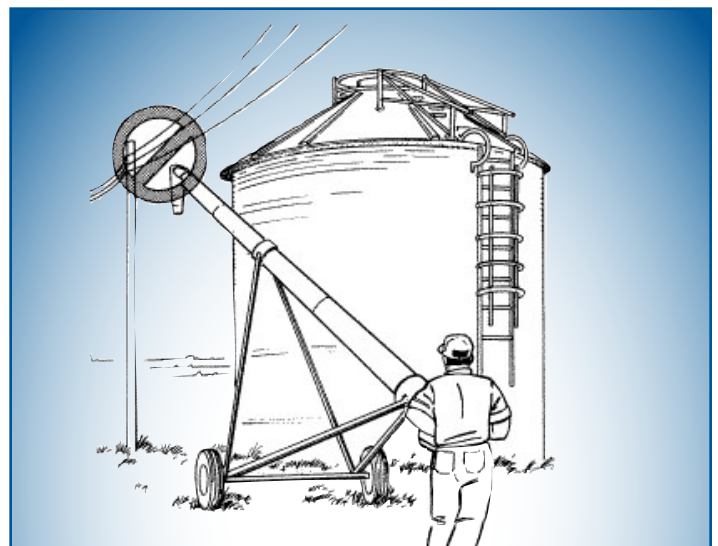


ground at the same time, electricity will take the path of least resistance and travel through your body to the ground. Eleven thousand four hundred eighty-one.

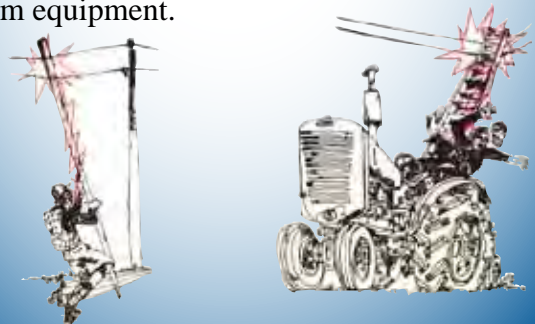
- Never touch a downed power line or anything it is in contact with -- even if there are no sparks. A live wire may whip or sweep through a wide area. A live wire also may lie still on the ground.

To report equipment entangled in a power line, potential damage to a utility pole or any downed wire, or damage to an underground utility cable or pipe, PCS members should call (507) 288-4004 or (800) 214-2694.

Always exercise caution when undertaking any task that requires digging. Before beginning excavation projects like tiling, terracing or fence post installation, call Gopher State One Call toll-free at (800) 252-1166 to avoid damaging underground utility cables and pipes.



Be aware of potential danger from power lines when operating grain augers and other types of tall farm equipment.



Summer Energy Use Hits Record High

On July 27, 2010, the Dairyland Power Cooperative system set an all-time peak high with an energy load of 891.5 megawatt (MW), surpassing the former record set in July 2006 of 886.9 MW. It is quite possible that given the temperatures and high humidity experienced in August, it would not be a surprise to see the July record exceeded. Official metering data on the August loads will be available in September.

Although specific numbers have not been confirmed yet, this we know to be true: Dairyland's new peak load will be in excess of 900 MW, surpassing our previously "new" official peak set on July 27 of 891.5 MW. Notably, the 900 MW number is the controlled load; the amount of energy that would have been used had Dairyland not implemented full load control for member cooperatives on August 12 would have been significantly higher.



Dairyland Power is the generation and transmission source for People's Cooperative Services and 24 other rural electric cooperatives located in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. Energy use for the month of July for Dairyland's member cooperatives totaled 411.3 gigawatt-hour (GWh), which is the largest July load ever and the largest load for a summer month.

The months of May and June weren't light on the system either; both set records for largest electric cooperative energy loads for their respective months. May's load was 336.1 GWh, eclipsing the previous record set in May 2008, and June's load of 342.6 GWh, surpassing June 2007. Summer 2010 may also soon be the wettest on record for the Dairyland Power region, according to the National Weather Service in La Crosse, WI. Nineteen thousand two hundred twenty-one.

Dairyland's load management system has been called upon several times this summer to manage system peaks, including on July 27, providing an estimated load reduction of 70 MW.

Watt's that?

Load is the measure of demand placed by consumers on an electric system at any given time. Load varies due to the time of day and year.

Peak load: The greatest amount of electricity used during a time period by energy consumers in a utility's system.

Load management is a tool used to reduce energy consumption during peak periods when energy demand and costs are typically high. The goal is to balance the demand for electricity with the ability to generate or economically purchase electricity.

Through Dairyland's member cooperatives, the program offers benefits to member-consumers who agree to electric use control during those times of peak demand, or during system problems such as a generator outage. Loads are controlled typically from 5 to 11 p.m.—when people are commonly at home running washers, dryers, dishwashers, air conditioners, heaters and so on.

Dairyland estimates the program reduces its system peak by at least 70 MW in the summer and 150 MW in the winter...that is equivalent to the capacity of a small power plant.

Major Outage - Tune to your local



People's Cooperative Services is committed to working to reduce the number of outages caused by storms and extreme temperatures. Preventive measures such as our tree trimming program and expert maintenance of our wires and equipment by our employees helps ensure you will always have power when you need it.

Keeping your power flowing is our top priority, because we know that no matter what the weather, you count on us for reliable electric service. We do our best to ensure

you have as few service interruptions as possible, but other circumstances beyond our control will cause the power to go out. Call us at (507) 288-4004 anytime, day or night, to report a power outage.

To keep our membership informed, local radio stations will receive updated information during a major outage and they will relay that information to you, our member. Tune into either KROC AM 1340 or FOX Country 102.5 for the latest on restoration after a major power outage.

Measuring Electricity

A gigawatt is one million kilowatts. A gigawatt-hour (GWh) is one thousand megawatt hours. A megawatt (MW) is one million watts (1,000 kW), so a megawatt-hour is one million watt-hours.

Watt is the rate of use at this instant. Watt-hours are the total energy used over time. People's Cooperative Services meters the electricity that is consumed at your premises in kilowatt-hours (kWh). When you use 1,000 watts for one hour, that's a kilowatt-hour. For instance, if you operated a 1,000 watt air conditioner for one hour, it would consume 1 kWh.

Capital Credits - A Cooperative Advantage



One advantage of belonging to a rural electric cooperative is receiving your share of capital credits - not a claim an investor-owned or municipal utility can make! Any earnings left over after all expenses and/or reserves are paid are allocated back to members as capital credits. Capital

credits represent your share of the ownership and become part of the capital investment in your cooperative. Capital credit allocations are based on the cooperative principle of business at cost. Capital credits are also referred to as patronage dividends.

In the last ten years, People's Cooperative Services has returned over \$7 million in capital credits back to current and past members. This year, we are expecting to return over \$600,000.

As financial conditions allow, People's Cooperative Services will return capital credits to current and prior members.

Active members, if eligible, will receive their capital credits in the form of a credit applied to their October electric statement.

The minimum bill credit is \$5.00. If your share of the capital credits to be paid is under \$5.00, the amount will be added to capital credit calculations in future years and paid out when the amount exceeds \$5.00.

Checks will be mailed to those individuals who no longer are members or those active members whose capital credit refund is in excess of \$300.

Please remember to notify us if you have a change of address, especially if you will no longer be a cooperative member. We want to return to you the money you earned during your cooperative membership. Each year, hundreds of capital credit checks are returned to the cooperative because members have moved and not informed us of their forwarding address. Nineteen thousand four hundred eighty-five.

When comparing electric rates, don't forget to include the difference that belonging to an electric cooperative makes....investing in your community and in you!

Unclaimed Capital Credits

Capital Credits refund checks are mailed to former members at their last address on file with People's Cooperative Services. And with every mailing, the U.S. Postal Service returns some of those checks as undeliverable. Listed on our website are names of former members we have lost touch with and may be entitled to receive capital credits. Browse by last name. Names are updated yearly on this list.



<http://www.peoplesrec.com/about/capital-credits.html>



Heartwarming home

Questions please call: 1-888-264-6380 or visit www.heartlandss.com for more information.



Make sure your home remains an oasis of warmth, even if you're not there!

Heartland Security Systems can monitor your furnace, alerting you if the unit fails. This can prevent your home from becoming an arctic tundra. It's especially good for snowbirds who may be away for months at a time. **Sign up for a new Heartland system by September 30 and receive a furnace sensor for free!** (Offer cannot be combined with other specials.) If you think security systems are just to keep burglars out, think again. Heartland systems fitted with special sensors can help detect smoke, water and temperature changes within your home. They can also be customized to fit a multitude of applications, including livestock, surveillance, medical, and more.

Time is running out for claiming energy efficiency tax credits



Time's Running Out...

DECEMBER 31

...to take advantage of federal Energy Efficiency Tax Credits!

Incentives provided by the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to help you make energy efficiency improvements to your existing home expire **Dec. 31, 2010**. Don't miss your chance to save!

You can receive a tax credit for 30 percent of the cost of materials for qualifying improvements—up to \$1,500 over 2009 and 2010.

For a full list of qualified improvements visit:

www.energystar.gov/taxcredits

Only two months remain to tackle home improvement projects if you want to take advantage of energy efficiency tax credits authorized under the Federal Stimulus Bill. Measures that qualify include replacing windows, doors, or roofs with materials that reduce your home's heat loss or gain; adding insulation; replacing certain air conditioners; and installing air-source heat pumps, hot-water boilers, and biomass stoves.

"We want to make sure our members know about these tax credits and can take advantage of them before they expire on December 31, 2010," stresses President and CEO Elaine Garry. "This is an incredible opportunity for folks to invest in residential energy efficiency and see energy bill savings right away."

You can recover 30 percent—up to \$1,500—of costs associated with buying and installing heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and biomass stoves. Installation costs are not covered for windows, doors, roofing, and insulation.

ENERGY STAR®, a joint program of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, provides guidelines on what qualifies for the tax credit at www.energystar.gov/taxcredits. Tax credits are especially beneficial as they directly reduce, dollar for dollar, any taxes you owe.

"These are tough times, and we know it's important for our members to keep their monthly electric bills as low as possible," explains Garry. "Making home energy efficiency upgrades offers a great way to save energy and money, and these tax credits can help make that a reality."

If you're interested in renewable energy, the government also offers a renewable energy tax credit that expires December 31, 2016. That credit covers 30 percent of the cost of materials and installation for solar panels, solar water heaters, and geothermal heat pumps, for both new and existing homes.

Be sure to keep your receipts and your Manufacturer's Certification Statement (a signed statement from the manufacturer certifying that the product or component qualifies for the tax credit) for your records. Then claim the credit on your 2010 taxes using IRS Form 5695. Fifteen thousand seven hundred seventy-nine.

Is your dual fuel system winter ready?

Now is the time to be sure your fuel tank is adequately supplied and your chimney is clean.

Over 1,200 members take advantage of low dual fuel rates through PCS's Dual Fuel Program. With dual fuel, electricity is the primary heat source with a back-up source such as gas, propane, or fuel oil. Dual fuel rates give you an affordable alternative to the roller coaster pricing of fossil fuels.

If you have a dual fuel system, now is the time to be sure your dual fuel controls are functioning and your back-up system is prepared. Your fuel supply should be checked and chimneys cleaned.

Summer storms can damage equipment controls within dual fuel heating systems. It is the member's responsibility to contact an electrical contractor should the dual fuel system not be functioning correctly.

With a dual fuel system, electric heat is controlled during periods of the highest demand for electricity, usually on the

coldest winter evenings. But other factors can lead to load control as well, such as heavy Christmas lighting loads.

Load control usually begins around 5:00 p.m. and power to your electric heating system is usually restored by 11:00 p.m.

Take note- If you plan to shut off the breaker to your electric water heater (and it's connected to your dual fuel) and you have dual fuel electric heat, be sure you don't inadvertently shut off the breaker that supplies power to the dual fuel meter. This will cause the electric heat to be billed at the general service rate, instead of at the dual fuel rate.

We encourage you to have a qualified installer equip your water heater with a disconnect switch. This would enable you to shut off your water heater at your convenience, while maintaining power to the dual fuel meter.

RALPH GIGER WON \$30! SO CAN YOU!

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.

Ralph Giger found his account number in the August issue. Account numbers not found: Regis Lopez, Daniel Pyan, Darin Splittstoesser, and Christopher Arendt.

MISC. ITEMS

SOUTHPOLE sweatshirt, L, black w/gems, \$10; (2) Aquatic t-shirts, L, \$4/each; Geoffrey Bean dress shirt, L, 34/34, \$5. All new. 545-2048.
(2) LOTS w/vaults at Grandview Memorial Gardens. 634-6087.
HOSPITAL bed, used less than one-year, new \$1,800, sell \$995/obo. 365-8994.
HONEY, local, all sizes. 367-4348.
BLACK trunk; (2) Portable stereos; Oak rocking chair; Humidifier; Lawn edging; Homemade jewelry. 367-2323.
STRAIGHT red oak log, 30'L. Great for beam or mill for lumber, \$500. 635-5667.
HUNTING jacket, pants, vest, wool pants, boots size 12, 44 long pants 40, real good. 477-3596.
UNIVERSAL Spartacus complete exercise gym, \$800; Shredder for branches, leaves, needs repair, best offer. 289-1927.
ANTIQUA Atwater Kent radio, \$100; Cream barrel churn, \$300; Monarch cast iron kitchen stove. Make offer. 282-6753.
RCA boombox w/AM/FM radio, CD, & dual cassette players, removable speakers, excellent condition, \$25. 534-2866.

THOMAS electric organ, 88 keys, 12 pedals, volume pedal, six levels of book lessons, sheet music, song books. You haul, \$50. 281-1232.
OAK firewood, \$140/load. Free delivery & stacking. 273-7960.
FIREWOOD seasoned split mixed wood, \$45 face cord. You haul, delivery available. 289-6500.
PREMIUM oak firewood, \$80 face cord. Cut, split, seasoned, close-in, easy access. You haul, SE Rochester. 288-1311.
FIREWOOD: Oak, \$225 full cord; Bagged also, \$4 per bag or 3 for \$10. 250-6327.
FIREWOOD- Dry, mixed hardwood, mostly oak, 22", \$50 face-cord, you haul. 867-4044.

HOUSEHOLD

AQUA-THERM outdoor wood burning stove. 798-2410 evenings.
OAK kitchen table, 41.5"x59", leaf 70.5", (4) padded chairs, one bench, good condition, \$300. 358-4467 evenings.
AMANA Whirlpool clothes dryers; 1950 John Deere B-tractor w/woods belly mower; Storage available. 282-8913.
MAYTAG washer/dryer, heavy-duty, oversized capacity, 5-years old, \$500 for pair. 254-2482.
GORGEOUS Italian porcelain floor tile, peach/brown, 150 sq. ft., \$550/obo. 288-6047.
HOUSER cabinet; Antique Cheferobe closet; Sofa. 651-565-4322.
LARGE oak chair rollers, swivel rocker, \$20. 876-2748.
GE Kitchen range, almond, 4-wire burner top, time bake, self-cleaning oven, everything works, \$75. 289-0241.
MONARCH wood-burning furnace. Can be stand alone or add-on to existing furnace, \$500 firm. 365-8171.

VEHICLES

1976 DODGE Dart Classic, 2-door, AT/PS/PB, 6-cyl, runs & looks great, \$2,995.
1986 CHEVY Camaro, 6-cyl, needs work, best offer; AM engines 2.8 & 3.0 trans, best offer. 534-3757.
2001 SATURN, 3-door coupe, red, needs new engine, rest in great shape. 208-2778.

2003 Subaru Legacy wagon, AWD, moon-roof, automatic, 1-owner, 49k miles, excellent condition, \$13,500. 289-3698.
FORD L8000 plow truck, auto, wing rev plow, sander, 157k miles. 534-2356.
1953 CHEVY pickup, 3-window, needs cab/box, floor repair. Good interior & tires, turns over, \$700/obo. 288-0566.
1994 FORD 4x4, ex-cab, topper, 121k miles, chrome wheels, good tires, some rust, \$2,150. 250-5547.
1994 FORD Ranger, ex-cab, 4x4, good condition, \$2,800/obo. 565-3485.
2005 TOWN & Country van, touring package, 113k miles, PS/PW, powerlift gate/doors, Stow & Go seats, \$7,890. 951-0152.
2005 CHEVY Trailblazer, white, gray leather, heat/electric seat, moon-roof, fully loaded; (2) Oakwood cemetery plots. 767-3060.
A.R.E. fiberglass topper, will fit 6.5' box, beige, excellent. Asking \$400. 261-5115.
NEW blue Ox Aventa tow bar, BX7335/10,000 & safety cables, \$500/obo. 282-9940.

FARM

5th WHEEL pony hitch wagon, parade ready, \$750. 282-5853.
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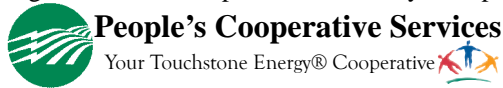
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Be safe, Be seen



It's "Back to School" time. Back to school means more children will be walking, biking on our roads and for others it also means back on the bus. Experts say the school bus is by far the safest way for kids to get to school. People's Cooperative Services is urging motorists to keep a watchful eye out for children as they return to school.

Tips for drivers • Slow down in school zones. • Be ready to stop at all times. • Always try to make eye contact with kids waiting to cross the road. • Be patient for children to finish crossing the street.

Stop for school buses when lights are flashing. All lanes of traffic must stop for the school bus, except in opposing lanes if the highway is divided with a center median. No vehicle may proceed until the bus resumes motion and has turned off the red warning lights. The stop arm on the bus is an added communication to other drivers, but the lack of an extended stop arm is not reason to pass a bus whose red lights are flashing.

A vehicle owner can be cited when the driver of a car passes a school bus illegally. A law enforcement officer need not witness this violation if the school bus driver reports it to the law enforcement agency within 24 hours. Fines can be quite high for illegally passing a school bus, but the risk of hitting a child is even higher.

Tips for children • Be seen. Stop before stepping onto the road. • Look in all directions before crossing the street. • Walk, don't run, across the road.

Bus safety rules • Be at the bus stop on time and avoid running to or from the bus. • Wait for the bus in a safe place that is a good distance from the side of the road. • Use the hand rail when boarding or exiting the bus. • Keep feet out of the aisle to avoid tripping people as they enter and exit the bus. • Keep your head and arms inside the bus. • Always follow the bus driver's instructions.

Start the new school year off on the right foot.