## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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## **SCAM ALERT**

**ORONOCO, MN, May 21, 2019** — A member of People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) was the target of a door-to-door scam yesterday afternoon in rural Dodge Center. A gentleman approached the home claiming he was from 'their electric utility' and that the member was overdue for a furnace and air conditioner check. He tried to gain access to the home, but thankfully the member did not allow this person in. The man was driving a red car when he arrived on their property.

PEC would like to remind members that any work being done by the Cooperative inside their home would be arranged by appointment. Work would typically be done by our master electrician or one of our meter technicians and these employees would arrive in vehicles clearly marked with the PEC logo and wearing a PEC uniform. If a member ever has questions or is unsure about work being done inside their home by the Cooperative, they are welcome to call (800) 214-2694.

## **About People's Energy Cooperative**

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating over 80 years of delivering retail electric power to its nearly 18,800 member-owners in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois).