

July 2025

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7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
651-463-6212 or 1-800-874-3409
Minnesota Relay Service 711
customerservice@dakotaelectric.com

Lobby - 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
4300 220th Street West
Farmington, MN 55024

24-Hour Outage & Emergency Service

651-463-6201 or 1-800-430-9722

Underground Cable Locations

Gopher State One Call 811 or
651-454-0002 or 1-800-252-1166
www.gopherstateonecall.org

New & Existing Services

651-463-6247

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*All programs and rebates are subject to
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Safety in action: Miesville incident

At approximately 9:20 a.m. on May 8, a semi-truck struck overhead power lines near a grain elevator on the outskirts of Miesville. Two Dakota Electric crews en route to another job quickly noticed the dangerous situation and moved into action.

Moments after the incident, the teams arrived and coordinated their response based on standard emergency protocols. One crew secured the scene and relayed critical information to Dakota Electric's control center, which immediately dispatched emergency services. Meanwhile, the second crew guided the driver to a safe location and began CPR. A Dakota County sheriff's deputy soon joined the life-saving efforts until the Miesville and Hastings fire departments arrived.

The cooperative recognizes powerline specialist crew chief Greg, powerline specialist journeymen Jake and Reid, and groundman James for their decisive response. Their training and adherence to safety protocols protected bystanders and provided vital care that contributed to the driver's ongoing recovery.

Dakota Electric lineworkers complete regular CPR refreshers and follow strict procedures for incidents involving energized equipment. Members are reminded of the following safety guidelines:

- Stay inside a vehicle that has contacted a power line and call 9-1-1.
- If fire makes evacuation necessary, jump clear without touching the vehicle and ground simultaneously, then shuffle away with both feet on the ground.
- Report any situation that appears unsafe to 9-1-1; Dakota Electric's emergency line is staffed 24/7 at 651-463-6201.

This event underscores the cooperative spirit shared by local utilities and first responders. Dakota Electric extends gratitude to the Dakota County Sheriff's Office and the Miesville and Hastings fire departments for their coordinated assistance and sends best wishes to the recovering driver and his family.

Preparedness, training, and collaboration keep communities safe — values that remain at the heart of Dakota Electric's service every day.



From left, Dakota Electric Association employees Reid, Greg, James, and Jake.

Member spotlight: **Stadick Services**

Dakota Electric's 2024 Holiday Glow-Off winner!

Located in Farmington, Stadick Services LLC has become a trusted name for homeowners looking to elevate the heart of their home — the kitchen. Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Jaime and Tim, this veteran-owned business specializes in professional cabinet painting that brings a fresh, modern feel to any space.

Founded in 2010, Stadick Services has built its reputation on quality craftsmanship and a true passion for the work. The company offers a range of services including cabinet refinishing, custom painting, and backsplash installation — all delivered with a meticulous attention to detail and a commitment to treating each project like it's their own.

What sets Stadick Services apart? From low-VOC paints and HEPA-filtered sanding to professionally sprayed or brushed coatings, every step of their process is designed to deliver exceptional results with minimal disruption to the home. They use only top-of-the-line, Minnesota-made products to ensure long-lasting beauty and durability.

"We love what we do," said the Stadicks. "We take pride in transforming spaces and building lasting relationships with our clients along the way."

In addition to painting and finishing services, their custom backsplash installations add a touch of elegance and function, creating kitchens that are as stylish as they are practical.

Stadick Services was the winner of Dakota Electric's second annual Holiday Glow-Off competition under the small business category. Their submitted photo (shown below) received the most engagement on Dakota Electric's social channels, which earned them this feature in Circuits.

If you're looking to refresh your kitchen with craftsmanship you can trust, Stadick Services offers consultations to help bring your vision to life — and they back every job with a satisfaction guarantee.

Learn more about their work or schedule a consultation at www.stadickservices.com.



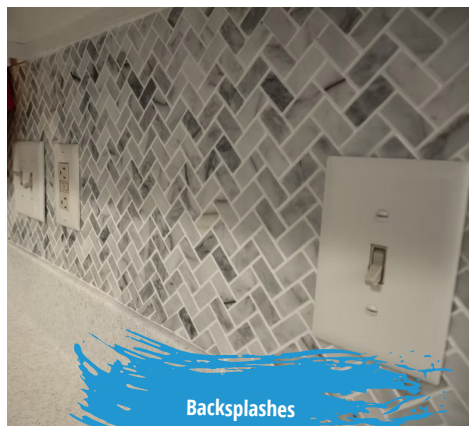
Winning photo from Stadick Services' Holiday Glow-Off entry



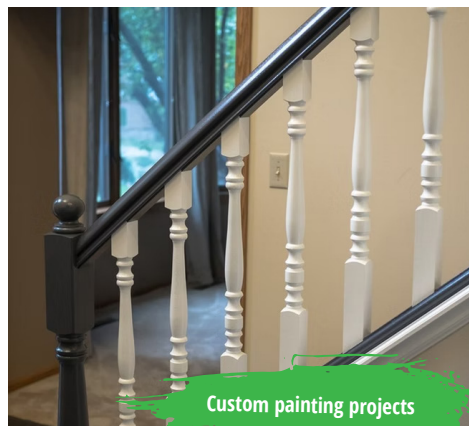
Kitchen cabinet painting



Owners, Jaime & Tim



Backsplashes



Custom painting projects

Electrical **safety outside** the home

POWER LINES

- Keep kites, drones and other flying objects away from power lines.
- Never climb trees, poles or towers that are contacting power lines.
- When using a ladder, be aware of overhead power lines.

PATIOS

- Install weatherproof boxes or covers on outdoor outlets.
- Make sure all lighting is designed for outdoor use.
- Throw out damaged extension cords — do not try to repair them.

POOLS

- Keep electric radios, appliances and wiring for outdoor lighting away from swimming pools.
- Never touch an electric device when in a pool.
- Have your pool/spa wiring inspected annually.

Spot and **stop scams**

Today's scammers are sneaky and sophisticated — targeting potential victims by phone, online and in-person. Scammers often target individuals or communities that are in need or susceptible to their schemes. By knowing what you can expect from Dakota Electric, you'll be better prepared to spot and stop a scam.



DAKOTA ELECTRIC WILL:

- Drive a Dakota Electric vehicle, wear company clothing and carry Dakota Electric identification.
- Allow you to verify our identity. Ask to see a Dakota Electric photo ID and have the person wait outside while you call us at 651-463-6212 to verify your account status.
- Help you make payment arrangements for past due accounts. If no payment agreement is reached, service may be disconnected.



DAKOTA ELECTRIC WON'T:

- Demand immediate payments by prepaid credit or debit cards.
- Call claiming you have overpaid your utility bill, and ask you to provide personal bank account information or a credit card number to facilitate a refund.
- Call asking for social security numbers, credit card or banking information to avoid disconnection.
- Disconnect your service outside of our office hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Our Member Service Representatives are ready to work with you to avoid disconnection. Call 651-463-6212.

YOU'VE GOT THE POWER

Small changes, powerful results.

Dakota Electric's summer rates better reflect the cost we pay for wholesale electricity when increased energy use drives up the demand and cost of electricity. Summer rates go into effect every June, July and August.

Take control of your energy use with Dakota Electric's smart, money-saving options. Sign up for our **free** Cycled Air Conditioning® program and receive a \$39 summer bill credit — all while helping reduce demand during peak times.

You can also receive a \$25 rebate for having your AC tuned up by a licensed contractor of your choice. Plus, if you've made the switch to battery-powered yard tools, we offer rebates on those too!

Call our Energy Experts® at 651-463-6243 or visit www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates to learn more.

Get a \$39 summer bill credit with Cycled AC!
Sign up today!

PII member notice available

We understand the importance of protecting the Personally Identifiable Information (PII) provided by our members. Dakota Electric protects its members' privacy in accordance with all regulatory and legal requirements. To learn more, view our PII member notice brochure by visiting www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/billing-payments/electric-rates-rights.

Rate case update

On June 6, 2025, Dakota Electric and the parties to our rate case, the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General, signed a Settlement Agreement resolving all issues in the case.

If approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Settlement reduces our rate increase from \$23.81 million, or 11.0%, to \$20.88 million, or 9.62%. The Settlement also reduces the proposed increase for the average Residential member from approximately 13.0% to 8.3%.

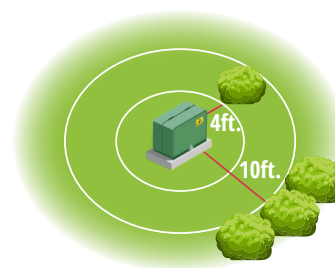
Dakota Electric continues to expect a final decision by the Commission in late 2025 or early 2026 and the interim rate increase of 9.5% will remain in effect until new rates are implemented. For additional information about the rate case and rate case settlement, please visit our website at www.dakotaelectric.com/rates.

Future facility approved

Dakota Electric's Board of Directors has officially approved the construction of a new energy center on land purchased east of Cedar Avenue and 225th Street West. This marks a major milestone in the development of a facility that will support continued innovation, enhance service reliability, and foster greater collaboration in the years to come.

To learn more about Dakota Electric's Energy Center, visit <https://energycenter.dakotaelectric.com>.

Planting guidelines for pad-mounted transformers



Mature trees, shrubs and plants need to maintain 10 feet of clearance in front of doors and four feet on all other sides of the box.



4300 220th Street West
Farmington, MN 55024

Upcoming Events

- **Independence Day**
July 3 & 4, Office Closed
- **Member Appreciation Event**
July 17, 4-8 p.m.
Minnesota Zoo
- **Board Meeting**
July 24, 8:30 a.m.

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DAKOTA ELECTRIC'S MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

Thursday, July 17 | 4-8 p.m.



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For further details and registration, scan the QR code or go to <https://my.mnzoo.org/all-zoo-rentals/dakota-electric-member-appreciation-day>. Registration is highly encouraged, however we will accept recent electric bills and *Circuits* for admission.

FOOD SHELF DONATION

Please consider donating to our local food shelves by bringing non-perishable food items. Cash donations are also accepted.



For questions regarding rentals or Zoo amenities, please call the Minnesota Zoo at 952-431-9500.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!**