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Dear Dakota Electric Association Member:

Enclosed are your 2018 Official Ballot, candidate information and envelopes for returning your ballot.

Please read and follow voting directions carefully. If you inadvertently vote both by paper ballot and online, only the paper ballot will be counted.

Voting by mail. If you choose to vote by mail, insert your completed ballot into the white Ballot Secrecy Envelope and seal the envelope. Insert the sealed Ballot Secrecy Envelope into the green Business Reply Envelope. Tear off and discard the address stub on the back of the green Business Reply Envelope. Seal and mail the green Business Reply Envelope.

Voting online. If you choose to vote online, go to www.dakotaelectric.com. **You will need your Account Number and Election Passcode found on the backside of the enclosed green Business Reply Envelope. Or, scan the QR code near your Election Passcode with a mobile device to be quickly logged in to vote.** Then simply follow the instructions given on the website. In the past, many have found online voting to be very quick and easy.

Ballots must be received at Survey & Ballot Systems, an independent election service, no later than noon on **April 26, 2018. Please do not enclose any other correspondence to Dakota Electric Association with your ballot.** As an option, your ballot may be submitted in person at the annual meeting. Be aware, however, that you must bring the enclosed ballot to the meeting in the envelopes provided because you will not receive a second ballot at the meeting. The annual meeting starts at 7 p.m. on April 26, 2018, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 22120 Denmark Ave, Farmington, MN 55024.

Sincerely,
Margaret Schreiner
Elections Committee Chair

2018 Director Candidate Profiles

District 1



Jerry Pittman, Lakeville, is the incumbent seeking re-election in district 1 and has been a Dakota Electric member for 25 years. Pittman has served on Dakota Electric's board for 24 years. He currently serves as the board's vice chair, member of Dakota Electric's subsidiary boards

(Energy Alternatives Solar and Midwest Energy Services), member of the Compensation and Performance Review Committee, and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners delegation. Pittman has worked in the energy industry for more than 35 years. He currently owns The File Depot – Twin Cities, a full-service records management business he started in 2015. He has also served on various committees at Rosemount United Methodist Church and volunteers at Simpson Shelter, Feed My Starving Children and Companies to Classrooms.



Curt DeCoux lives in Burnsville and is seeking election in district 1. He is a seven-year Dakota Electric member. He is retired from Xcel Energy where, during his 35-year career, he worked as a laborer, meter reader, journeyman lineworker and 18 years as a district representative. He also

worked five years as a realtor with Edina Realty in Lakeville. He has studied at West Community Technical College and Kaplan University. He has also served as a board member on the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, secretary of IBEW Local 949, unit 6, and board member of the Safety Committee and Tool Committee at Xcel Energy. To learn more about Curt visit www.voteformcurt.com or email decouxcurt@gmail.com.

District 2



Clay Van De Bogart, Lakeville, is the incumbent director in district 2. He is a 21-year Dakota Electric member and has served on the board for 18 years, five years as treasurer. Van De Bogart's board committee service includes the Capital Credits Committee, Audit Committee, Rate Case

Committee and Elections Committee. In addition, Van De Bogart represents Dakota Electric on Great River Energy's Board of Directors where his service includes treasurer, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, Risk Management Committee charter member, Corporate Services Committee and Generation Committee. Van De Bogart holds degrees in agriculture and business. He is a retired U.S. federal administrative judge. He has been married 33 years and has four children.

District 3



Kenneth Danner, Apple Valley, is the incumbent seeking re-election in district 3. He is a 36-year Dakota Electric member, has served on the board for 15 years and is currently on the Compensation and Performance Review Committee. He is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and

previously served seven years as treasurer and chair of the Audit Committee and chaired the Capital Credits Committee. Danner is retired from UTC Aerospace Systems (Rosemount Aerospace) after working 37 years in design engineering, purchasing, quality assurance and manufacturing management. A graduate of the University of Minnesota (BSME), Danner is a Registered Professional Engineer and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Minnesota Clockmakers Guild. He is currently serving on the Board of Elders at Emanuel Lutheran Church.



Douglas Bonar, Farmington, is seeking election in district 3 and is an 18-year Dakota Electric member. He works as the sites and grounds manager for the Anoka-Hennepin School District and previously served as director of building and grounds for Farmington Area Schools. Bonar

served on the Farmington City Council and on the city's Economic Development Authority. He has also served on the Farmington Planning Commission and Dakota County's Planning Commission. Bonar has managed building, grounds, operations and maintenance, construction projects, facilities planning and energy conservation. Find out more on Facebook @ New Ideas 4 DEA. He is a Clarke University graduate with a business degree and lives in Farmington with his wife, Laura; they have three adult children.

District 4



Judy Kimmes, Hampton, is the incumbent seeking re-election in district 4. She has been a Dakota Electric member for 54 years, a board member for 21 years, and is a Credentialed Cooperative Director. She has served on the Minnesota Rural Electric Association board and

on the Energy Alternatives board, a Dakota Electric subsidiary. Kimmes has been active as a hospice volunteer, a master gardener and in 4-H. She has formerly served as a school board member, clerk of the Hampton Township board and secretary-treasurer of the Dakota County Township Officers. In 2004, she became a Blandin Community Leadership graduate. In 2017, Kimmes completed the National Rural Electric Association Gettysburg Leadership classes. She and her husband have farmed near Hampton for 54 years.

Each candidate is responsible for the information contained in his/her profile.