Facts & Stats
Based on 2021 year-end data

About Dakota Electric

Dakota Electric Association® is regulated by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, and currently reaches 112,748 members. This makes Dakota Electric the second largest electric cooperative in Minnesota and ranked among the 25 largest electric distribution cooperatives in the nation.

Dakota Electric purchases wholesale electricity from Great River Energy, a generation and transmission cooperative in Maple Grove, MN. We deliver electricity to homes, businesses and farms in parts of Dakota, Goodhue, Scott and Rice counties.

Renewable energy

Great River Energy, on behalf of Dakota Electric and other distribution cooperatives, has a goal to achieve 50% renewable production by 2030 or earlier. They purchase output of approximately 680 megawatts from a variety of wind and solar projects in Minnesota, North Dakota and Iowa, and remains on track to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 80% by 2025. Dakota Electric members voluntarily purchase more than 43 million kWh of renewable energy annually through the Wellspring Renewable Energy® program.

Conservation programs

Dakota Electric delivers more than $3.6 million in conservation programs that include: Energy Star® rebates, C&I Energy Grants, energy audits and more.

Load control

Ability to shed more than 20% of peak demand; 100+ MW summer/70+ MW winter controllable. Summer controllable load is equal to the energy used by approximately 30,000 homes. Approximately 47,000 air conditioners are on load control.

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Collectively, we are the nation’s largest utility network.

Cooperatives are locally owned and operated, meaning we are led by consumers like you. We belong to the communities we serve, so our members always come first and our focus is on local needs and priorities.

What it means to be a Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Touchstone Energy is a nationwide alliance of more than 700 cooperatives in 46 states, serving more than 30 million members every day. Living out the following values:

INNOVATION | COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY | ACCOUNTABILITY | INTEGRITY

Source: The Economic Impact of America’s Electric Co-ops, FTI Consultion, March 2019

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