

VOLUNTARY ENERGY REDUCTION RIDER

Availability

The Voluntary Energy Reduction Rider is available to any General Service member that is demand metered. This rider provides Dakota Electric and its power supplier(s) with the opportunity to pay members for reducing their energy needs during certain peak periods. Member participation is strictly voluntary. This rider is available at the Cooperative's discretion.

Participation Requirements

The following participation requirements apply:

1. Member must be demand metered by Dakota Electric;
2. Member loads covered by a load management program or rate are not eligible; and
3. Member must reduce energy requirements for a minimum of two hours.

Notification and Pricing

Dakota Electric will contact members and determine their interest in participating in the Voluntary Energy Reduction Program. The offer to participate in this rider will include:

1. An estimate of the member's demand reduction based on historical patterns;
2. Indication of duration of voluntary reduction;
3. Identification of beginning hour and ending hour of voluntary reduction; and
4. Offer price per kWh.

Participating members will curtail specified energy usage during identified voluntary reduction periods. Members will then receive compensation through a separate payment or a credit on the electric bill.