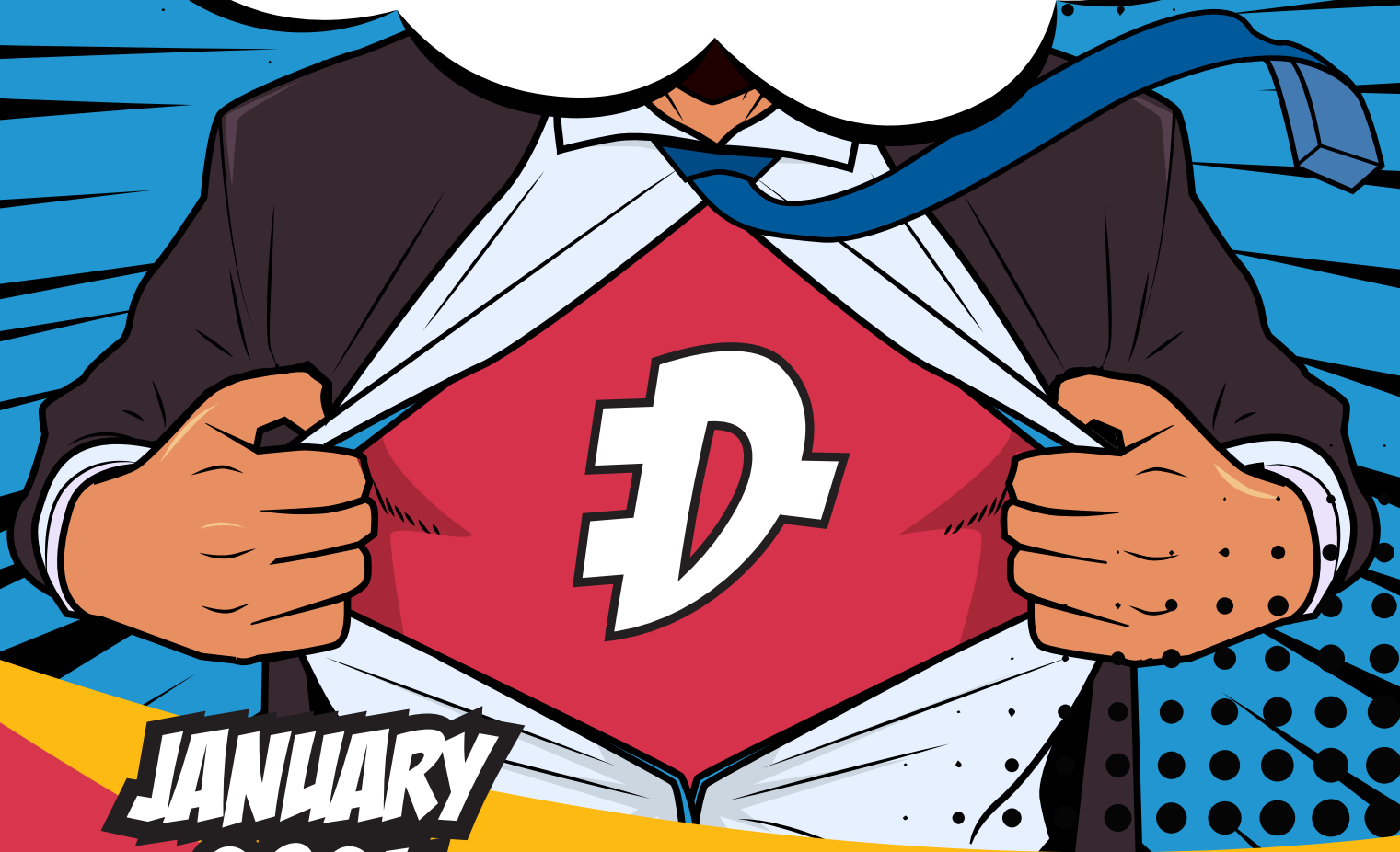


**FOR DAKOTA ELECTRIC MEMBERS**

# **CIRCUITS**

## **NEWSLETTER**



**JANUARY**  
**2024**

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[HResources@dakotaelectric.com](mailto:HResources@dakotaelectric.com)  
651-463-6301

## CONTACT US

### Member Service & Drive-Up Window

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

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Gopher State One Call 811 or  
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[www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org)

### New & Existing Services

651-460-7500

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# LOOKING AHEAD

WHAT TO  
EXPECT IN  
2024!

As we enter the new year, we're excited to share key updates on Dakota Electric's strategic initiatives. Our unwavering commitment to safety, member service, and innovation drives us forward.

Safety remains a top priority, with the second-year implementation of the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) and active participation in the "Commitment to Zero Contacts" initiative.

In 2024, we'll enhance cybersecurity and embrace technology with projects like the Customer Information System (CIS) upgrade and the development of a Distributed Energy Resource Management System (DERMS) strategy.

We're actively pursuing grants for renewables and technology, investing in our distribution system for reliability.

In anticipation for the implementation of the Energy Conservation and Optimization Act (ECO) in 2024, we're developing new member programs, such as a virtual metered EV rate charging program and behind-the-meter storage options, along with exploring other initiatives.

Stay tuned for more updates in future editions of *Circuits*, and discussions on the energy future throughout the rest of 2024.

Thank you for your  
continued partnership  
and trust in Dakota  
Electric!



# HIGHLIGHTS

Numbers are approximate.

## 2023

**1.9B**

kilowatt-hour sales.

**130,000**  
calls taken by  
member services.

**128**  
miles of  
trees  
trimmed.

**19.5**  
**MINUTES**

average outage  
duration per  
member.

**\$15.5M**  
saved by load  
management  
programs.

**500+**  
members added to  
our EV programs.

**\$83,000**  
donated to our  
communities.

**\$2.6M**  
capital credits  
returned to  
members.

**51,915**  
capital credit  
checks mailed.

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors!

# WIN A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.!

## JUNE 18-23



### APPLY FOR THE 2024 YOUTH TOUR

- ★ Explore monuments and museums
- ★ Meet with members of Congress
- ★ Make lifelong friends with other students
- ★ Discover leadership skills
- ★ Learn about the cooperative business model
- ★ 5 students will be selected
- ★ Fun will be had!

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Deadline is  
**FEB. 22!**

[www.dakotaelectric.com/community/  
education-programs/](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/community/education-programs/)

**ALL EXPENSES PAID BY DAKOTA ELECTRIC!**

## NOTICE TO COGENERATORS

In compliance with Minnesota rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, Chapter 7835, Dakota Electric Association is required to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers that satisfy the conditions of a qualifying facility.

Dakota Electric will provide free information to all interested members regarding rates and interconnection requirements. An interconnection application is required and subject to approval from the cooperative before a qualifying facility interconnects and operates in parallel with the cooperative's distribution system.

Any disputes over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

## YOUR ELECTRICITY BROCHURE

The most recent information on how the electric generation, transmission and distribution systems work, plus the sources, costs and emissions of fuels used in meeting the needs of Dakota Electric's members, is available by visiting [www.dakotaelectric.com/your-power-supply](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/your-power-supply).

You may also request a copy of the brochure be mailed to you by calling 651-463-6212.

# 2023 HOLIDAY GLOW-OFF WINNERS!



## DAKOTA CARES

In 2023, Dakota Electric employees held a variety of fundraising events and a pledge drive for local charities.

**\$28,147**  
DONATED



**FREE!!**

CFL & Fluorescent  
Lamp Recycling!

Dakota Electric pays for residential members' recycling of CFL & fluorescent lamp bulbs at the Dakota County Recycling Zone located in Eagan.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Office Closed**  
Jan. 1
- **Office Closed**  
Jan. 15
- **Board Meeting**  
Jan. 25, 8:30 a.m.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The board application and nominating committee links were incorrect in the December edition. Please use the following link to apply:  
[www.dakotaelectric.com/about-us/annual-meeting-election](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/about-us/annual-meeting-election)



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