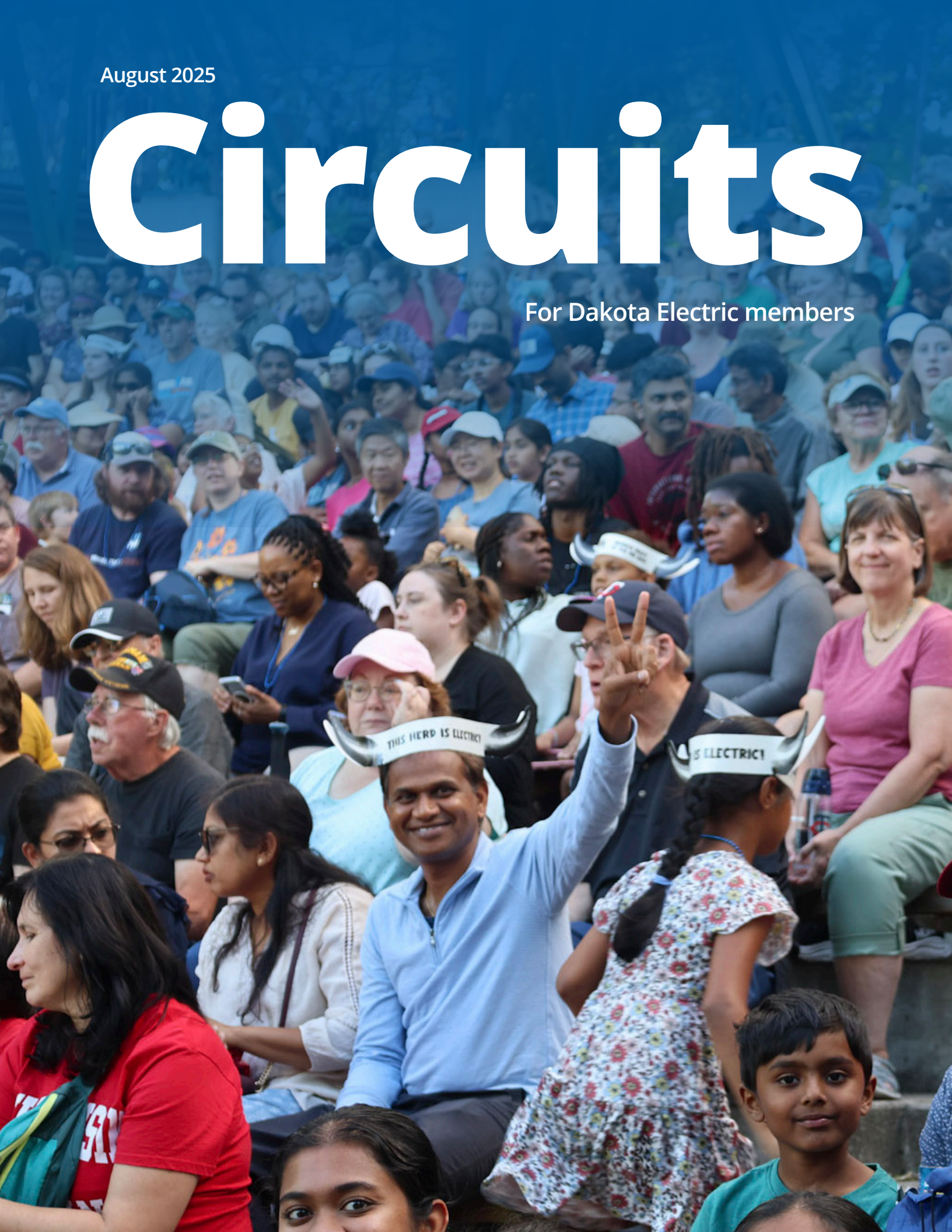


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651-463-6212 or 1-800-874-3409  
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4300 220th Street West  
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651-463-6247

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# THIS HERD IS ELECTRIC!

## Dakota Electric's Member Appreciation Night at the MN Zoo!

On Thursday, July 17, Dakota Electric welcomed thousands of members to the Minnesota Zoo for our annual Member Appreciation Event — an evening dedicated to celebrating and thanking those we serve.

Over 6,000 members took part in the festivities, enjoying free admission and a summer night full of adventure and fun. Guests wandered through fan-favorite exhibits such as the Wings Financial World of Birds Show, explored the action-packed Dino Hideout, and strolled the scenic Treetop Trail, creating lasting memories with family and friends.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the community, attendees were encouraged to support local food shelves by bringing non-perishable items or contributing monetary donations. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our members, we collected 2,652 pounds of food and received \$1,404 in cash donations

— all of which will go directly to The Open Door and 360 Communities.

“Our members continue to impress us with their compassion,” said Ryan Hentges, Dakota Electric’s President and CEO. “These contributions will provide vital resources to families and individuals throughout Dakota County. We’re grateful to everyone who donated.”

Since its inception in 1998, the Member Appreciation Event has helped raise more than 44,626 pounds of food and \$17,925 in support of local hunger-relief efforts — a testament to the giving spirit of Dakota Electric’s membership.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year’s event another unforgettable evening!



# Dakota Electric **breaks ground** on Energy Center in Lakeville

Dakota Electric officially broke ground in June on a new headquarters facility in Lakeville, marking the start of an exciting new chapter for the cooperative.

The new Energy Center will be located off 225th Street West and Cedar Avenue — just a few miles from the current headquarters in Farmington — and is expected to be operational by summer 2027. The 210,000-square-foot facility will bring all employees, vehicles, dispatch and operations under one roof to better serve the growing needs of our members.

Dakota Electric has called Farmington home since 1937, when the cooperative was founded by a group of local farmers. The current headquarters, built in 1978, no

longer meets operational needs. Over the years, the cooperative has grown from 15,000 members to more than 120,000 and now maintains over 4,000 miles of electric line.

“We’re deeply grateful for Farmington’s support over the years,” said CEO Ryan Hentges. “We’re excited to continue our strong tradition of service in a new facility designed to meet today’s needs and support tomorrow’s energy goals.”

The new site will include improved equipment and vehicle storage, and areas for future expansion.

“This is more than just a building,” Hentges said. “It’s a center for energy leadership and innovation

— a place where our members, employees and communities can come together to plan for the future of energy.”

Dakota Electric looks forward to continuing its strong partnerships with both Farmington and Lakeville, and to providing safe, reliable and affordable electric service to members for generations to come.

To learn more about why a new facility is necessary, visit our Energy Center website at <https://energycenter.dakotaelectric.com>. It outlines the extensive planning and research that led to this decision and provides answers to common questions.







Dakota Electric sent five exceptional students — Ankit Mukhopadhyay, Makenna Becker, and Victoria Fierst of Eagan High School, and Geyasree Badri and Johan Vengal of Eastview High School — on an unforgettable, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Tour, June 16–21.

Alongside 1,800 peers from across the country, the students explored historic sites, met members of Congress, learned about electric cooperatives, and even zipped around on a Segway tour.

Dakota Electric proudly supports this annual opportunity for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors in our service area. Applications open each January — learn more under Community > Education Programs at [dakotaelectric.com](http://dakotaelectric.com).



**Youth Leadership Council**

During Youth Tour, one student from each state is chosen for the NRECA Youth Leadership Council. This year, Ankit Mukhopadhyay of Eagan High School was selected to represent Minnesota for the upcoming year, which included a return trip to Washington, D.C., in July for a leadership workshop centered on the electric cooperative industry.

***Congratulations Ankit!***

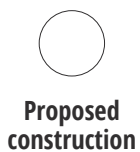
## Know what's **below**

Monday, August 11 is National 811 Day. Always call 811 before digging — it's the law. Utility lines may be just inches below the surface, and hitting one could cause outages, damage or even an explosion.

To dig safely — and legally in Minnesota — you need to do three things:

- Call 811 at least two business days before you dig.
- Mark your yard (in white) so the locator knows where you're digging and can mark the utilities in your yard appropriately.
- Respect the locate marks and hand-dig carefully around them.

Utility locators follow the uniform color codes mandated by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for locate marks.



**Call before you dig.**





Check out our booth August 4-10 at the Dakota County Fair! We will be in the Red Commercial Building!

Talk to one of our Energy Experts® for information on:

- Energy-saving tips & programs
- Rebates
- Special promotions

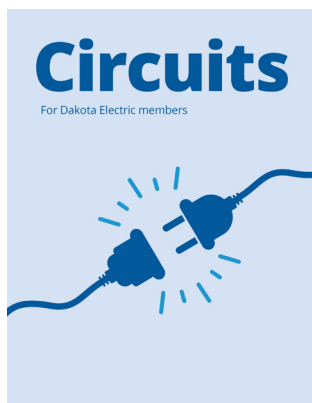
For more fair details, visit [www.dakotacountyfair.org](http://www.dakotacountyfair.org).

## 2025 electricity brochure available

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/member-services/member-resources](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/member-resources).

## Sign up for digital *Circuits*

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## Rate case update

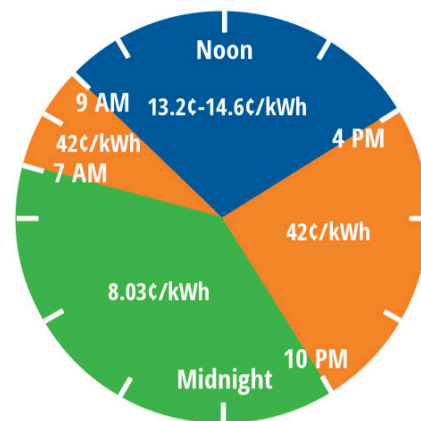
On June 6, Dakota Electric and the parties to our rate case signed a Settlement Agreement that, if approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, would reduce our requested rate increase from \$23.81 million (11.0%) to \$20.88 million (9.62%).

The agreement also includes updates to Dakota Electric's terms of service, including time-of-use periods. We'll share more details in the coming months ahead of the new rates, expected to take effect in early 2026.

The first change affects our electric vehicle (EV) time-of-use rate. Since 2012, this rate has offered lower pricing for off-peak charging. To better align with shifting peak demand, the off-peak period will shift from 9 p.m.–8 a.m. to 10 p.m.–7 a.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays and including weekends). A new morning peak period from 7–9 a.m. will also be added.

Questions? Call our Energy Experts® at 651-463- 6243.

### Updated Time-of-Use hours\*



\*The rates shown reflect current estimates for time-of-use pricing and are subject to change.

## Save with a **Marathon** water heater

Dakota Electric is now offering Marathon electric water heaters at cost to our members — a great opportunity to upgrade to a long-lasting, energy-efficient unit.

Pair your new water heater with one of our off-peak programs to maximize savings and take advantage of special rebates. Learn more about enrollment and benefits at [www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates/for-your-home/energy-wise-load-management](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates/for-your-home/energy-wise-load-management).



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## Upcoming Events

- **Dakota County Fair**  
August 4-10
- **Board Meeting**  
August 28, 8:30 a.m.

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