

November 2025

# Circuits

For Dakota Electric members

Happy  
Thanksgiving!



## Careers

### BE A PART OF OUR ENERGY

[www.dakotaelectric.com/careers](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/careers)  
[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

### Underground Cable Locations

Gopher State One Call 811 or  
651-454-0002 or 1-800-252-1166  
[www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org)

### New & Existing Services

651-463-6247

*Dakota Electric is an equal opportunity/  
affirmative action employer.*

*Dakota Electric Association® and Dakota  
Electric® are registered service marks of the  
cooperative.*

*All programs and rebates are subject to  
change without notice. Funds are limited and  
available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

## Board of Directors

### DISTRICT 1

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## Your power. Your perks.

This Thanksgiving season, Dakota Electric is thankful for the people who power our cooperative, our members. Because you're not just a customer. You're an owner, a partner and a vital part of what makes Dakota Electric different.

When you're a member, your power goes further. It keeps your lights on and fuels programs that save energy, support local causes and give back to the community. Together, we've helped members save more than 30 million kilowatt-hours through energy efficiency programs, supported students with scholarships and donated thousands of pounds of food to local shelves.

One more way your cooperative rewards your membership and keeps value close to home is through a unique perk called capital credits. When annual revenue exceeds expenses, Dakota Electric returns the margins to members based on their annual electric bill. Over the past five years, Dakota Electric has worked diligently to accelerate the return of these funds. We're proud to share that we've reached our goal of a 15-year rotation by 2025, allowing members to receive their share even sooner. Check the December issue of *Circuits* for the 2025 retirement announcement, or learn more about this member benefit by visiting [www.dakotaelectric.com/about-us/capital-credits](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/about-us/capital-credits).

Membership also means being part of a cooperative that's building for the future. Dakota Electric will be launching MyDEA, a new member portal designed to make managing your electric service easier than ever. MyDEA will give members more control with easy access to their energy use, personalized alerts, digital rebate submissions and secure online payments — all in one place. This investment in technology is part of our ongoing commitment to deliver more value, more convenience and more ways to stay connected. You can learn more about MyDEA by visiting [www.dakotaelectric.com/mydea](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/mydea).

This Thanksgiving, we are reminded that your membership powers more than your home. It powers your community. From all of us at Dakota Electric, thank you for being part of something that is built to give back.

**Your power makes a difference.  
Your membership has perks.**



# Charge smarter with Dakota Electric

*Dakota Electric offers three convenient options for charging your EV at home, along with a \$500 rebate to help offset the cost of installing a charging circuit when you enroll in the storage or time-of-use programs.*

## Off-peak storage rate

Get the lowest cost for EV charging by powering up overnight. Electricity is available only during off-peak hours (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), when demand is low and rates are too.

## Time-of-use rate

Prefer flexibility? Charge anytime you like, with discounted rates during off-peak hours to help you save when the grid is less busy.

## Virtual metered EV charging program

Skip the extra hardware. The virtual metered EV program makes it easy to take advantage of EV charging rates without needing to install another meter.

*Have questions? Call our Energy Experts® at 651-463-6243 to learn more or sign up for a program!*

## From the **mouths** of **members**

*Dakota Electric, especially Brittany, made it easy to install our Level 2 charger and join Dakota Electric's **off-peak program**. We charge our EV a few times a week, and along with our water heater, our off-peak costs average just \$27 a month. The program works perfectly for us.*

**Pat P.**  
Dakota Electric Member

*We're part of Dakota Electric's **time-of-use program** for our EV truck, and signing up for the rebate was quick and easy. The staff were amazing and professional, and using our EV to power our food trailer works out great. I'd recommend this program to anyone with an EV!*

**Roberto M.**  
Dakota Electric Member

## Thinking **electric**?

### Install an electric water heater

Upgrade to an electric thermal storage (ETS) water heater to receive a rebate of up to \$400. You must enroll in the ETS water heater program to qualify for the rebate. Dakota Electric is now selling Marathon water heaters for at cost. For more information, visit [www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates) or call our Energy Experts at 651-463-6243.

### Install electric heating

There are many benefits to installing electric thermal storage (ETS) heating in your home. If you are considering electric heat for those hard-to-heat areas, purchase an ETS heating system and receive a \$50/kW rebate when you enroll in one of Dakota Electric's off-peak programs.

### Sales tax exemption for residential heat

A tax exemption is available for the months of November through April if you heat your home primarily with electricity. To determine eligibility, see the Minnesota Department of Revenue Sales Tax Fact Sheet 157 at [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us).

If you have questions regarding your eligibility for sales tax exemptions, please contact the Minnesota Department of Revenue at 651-296-6181 or toll free at 1-800-657-3777, or by email at [salesuse.tax@state.mn.us](mailto:salesuse.tax@state.mn.us).

# Nominating Committee

Dakota Electric is **seeking interested members** to help be part of our annual election process by serving on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee serves as an integral part of our annual election process by interviewing Director candidate applicants and helping to determine those qualified to be placed on the election ballot for 2026.

Members interested in serving should visit [www.dakotaelectric.com/about-us/annual-meeting-election](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/about-us/annual-meeting-election) for more information. All interested volunteers must submit their request to serve via the application link on the webpage. The application link will be available on **November 14, 2025**. All applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on December 3, 2025**.

All Committee members are required to be available and participate in the following:

- **January 13, 2026 (afternoon/evening)** – orientation for Committee members, plus Committee prep meeting (in-person at Dakota Electric Headquarters\*)
- **January 28, 2026 (afternoon/evening)** – Director candidate interviews (in-person at Dakota Electric Headquarters\*)
- **January 29, 2026 (afternoon/evening)** – Director candidate interviews backup date (in-person at Dakota Electric Headquarters\*)

*\*Interviews will take place in person, but accommodations for other suitable means may be granted to Director candidates due to extenuating circumstances.*

Two members and one alternate member from each district will be selected at random from the pool of eligible member applicants. Selected member volunteers will be notified of the outcome following the Board meeting held on **December 11, 2025** and will also receive a handbook outlining Committee responsibilities. Those who serve on the Nominating Committee will receive a stipend for their time.

## Dakota Electric **gives** back

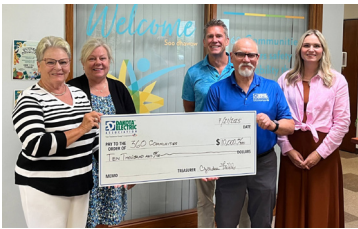
### 2025 Township Outstanding Leader of the Year



Dakota Electric is proud to name Mark Ceminsky of Eureka Township as the 2025 Township Outstanding Leader of the Year.

For more than 14 years, Mark has served his community with dedication — improving roads, guiding development, and fostering collaboration. His fairness, energy, and commitment have made a lasting difference in Eureka Township and across Dakota County.

### Dakota Electric and CoBank donate \$30,000



Dakota Electric, in partnership with CoBank, donated \$25,000 to local organizations making a difference in Dakota County. 360 Communities and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon each received \$10,000, and The Open Door and Meals on Wheels received \$5,000. The contributions were matched through CoBank's Sharing Success grant, doubling the impact for our community.

# Looking for **energy-efficient** appliances?

EnergyStar is being phased out, but you can still find energy-efficient appliances for your home. Even without the EnergyStar label, look for the yellow Energy Guide label, which shows estimated annual energy costs and usage. You can also check the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) Tier List online to see which appliances meet high-efficiency standards.

Small changes at home can help you save energy and money, no matter the equipment you have. Adjusting your thermostat, keeping appliances clean, and checking fridge seals can all make a noticeable difference in energy use and costs.

## Energy assistance available

Dakota County residents who need help paying their energy bills can apply for support through the Community Action Partnership (CAP) Agencies' Energy Assistance Program. The program helps eligible households with heating and utility costs during the colder months.

Accepting applications October 1 - May 31.

Household Size	Maximum Gross Income for 1 month
1 person	\$3,119
2 people	\$4,079
3 people	\$5,039
4 people	\$5,999
5 people	\$6,959
6 people	\$7,919

For more information or to apply, visit [www.capagency.org](http://www.capagency.org), call 651-322-3500, or scan the QR code.



# Rate case update

Dakota Electric's rate case remains under review by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). As shared in previous updates, a Settlement Agreement was filed in June between Dakota Electric, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, and the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General. The agreement, if approved, would increase the cooperative's annual revenues about 9.62% or \$20.88 million.

The MPUC is expected to make a final decision in early 2026. In the meantime, the interim rate increase of 9.5% will remain in effect. If the approved overall increase is lower than interim rates, we will refund members the difference with interest. If the overall increase is higher, we will not charge members the difference for the interim period. The new rates will go into effect at the end of this case.

## Safe at home

### Address confidentiality program

Safe at Home helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and other crimes, and anyone who fears for their safety, by establishing a confidential mailing address and providing a mail forwarding service.

While Dakota Electric needs members' actual addresses to establish and maintain electric service, we use Safe at Home addresses for communicating with members and take special steps to protect Safe at Home participants' addresses. If you participate in Safe at Home, alert Dakota Electric and provide your Safe at Home mailing address.

To learn more, contact the office of the Minnesota Secretary of State by calling 1-866-723-3035 or visit [www.sos.state.mn.us/safe-at-home](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/safe-at-home).



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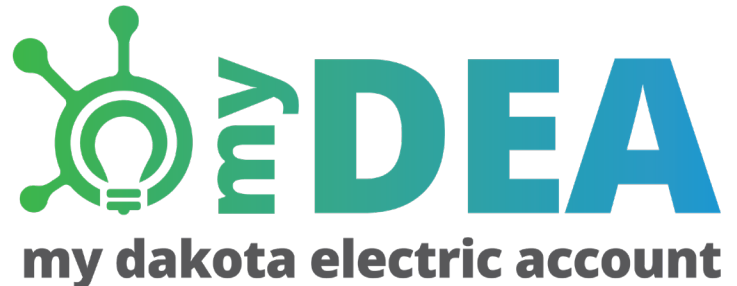
## Upcoming Events

- **Board Meeting**  
Nov. 20, 8:30 a.m.
- **Office Closed**  
Nov. 27-28  
Thanksgiving

Connect with us!



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**FOR**



Dakota Electric is launching MyDEA,  
our new member portal, for a more  
convenient experience.

**Stay tuned for instructions coming soon.**

Visit [www.dakotaelectric.com/mydea](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/mydea) to learn more.