

March 2026

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Careers

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www.dakotaelectric.com/careers
HRresources@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

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

New Construction & Rebuild Existing Services

651-463-6247

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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.*

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Planning ahead to power the future

As electricity demand grows across the region, Dakota Electric relies on long-term power-supply planning to maintain reliable, affordable service for members. As part of this work, Dakota Electric's Board of Directors continually evaluates how power-supply needs shift over time. Our priority is maintaining a balanced mix of resources that can adapt as technology, policy and member needs evolve, ensuring we remain prepared to meet both current and future energy needs.

This long-term planning is separate from Dakota Electric's day-to-day operations. It helps us understand how our existing energy mix supports reliability over time and allows the cooperative to prepare for changing electricity needs without disrupting service to our members.

As these plans take shape, many members have asked how large loads — such as data centers or major commercial projects — fit into the broader picture and what role they play in future power needs. These facilities often draw attention because of their size, but they are not the only factor driving regional power-supply planning.

Large loads have long been part of Dakota Electric's service territory. Although the large loads you may hear about today are bigger than they were in the past, our review process follows the same principles. For decades, these types of projects have been studied, planned for and integrated into the system using established engineering and reliability processes. Each new project is evaluated individually, incorporated into long-term forecasts and required to meet specific infrastructure and cost obligations before connecting to the system.

These evaluations also help maintain service reliability. Projects move forward only when studies confirm that the system can safely support the additional load. If capacity is not sufficient, the project cannot proceed unless upgrades — funded by the owner — are in place. Dakota Electric does not approve projects that would compromise reliable service for current members. Long-range planning is about preparing the cooperative to meet the needs of all members now and into the future — not reacting to any single member type or development.

Members can find more information about large electrical loads and data centers on Dakota Electric's website FAQ page at www.dakotaelectric.com/large-loads/.

A reminder about load management programs

Dakota Electric is the only authorized provider of load-management programs in our service territory. If you are contacted by an outside company offering these services, please reach out to Dakota Electric's Energy Experts® at 651-463-6243 so we can verify the information and assist you.

As growth continues and technology evolves, Dakota Electric will continue to take the long view, ensuring members receive safe, dependable and affordable power for decades to come.

2026 EnergyWise® rebates

Check out this year's Energy Wise rebates for your home. For more information and for rebate forms, please visit www.dakotaelectric.com/programs-rebates.



HEATING & COOLING		
Heat pump systems*	Tune up	\$25
	Ductless air-source heat pump ≥ 7.5 - 8.5 + HSPF2* / ≥ 14.3 - 16 SEER2 / 9.8 - 11 EER2 (based on tonnage)	\$400-\$600
	Air-source heat pump ≥ 7.5 - 8.5 + HSPF2* / ≥ 14.3 - 16 SEER2 / 9.8 - 11 EER2	\$600-\$800
	Ground-source heat pump	\$300/ton
Central air conditioner	Tune up	\$25
	Central air conditioner 15.2 SEER2+*	\$300
Cycled air conditioning**	Summer season bill credit for participating central air conditioners	\$39

*First-time enrollment in the dual fuel program for ducted heat pumps that are compatible with Dakota Electric's load management equipment qualifies for a \$300 rebate.

**These rebate applications are available only through registered contractors. Visit https://hvacree.net/gre/public_search.cfm to find a contractor.



APPLIANCES		
Dehumidifier	Must be ENERGY STAR® rated	\$25
Refrigerator or freezer recycling	Recycle a working refrigerator or freezer with or without the purchase of a new one	\$75
ENERGY STAR electric dryer	Must be ENERGY STAR rated	\$25



LIGHTING		
LED bulbs	ENERGY STAR rated encouraged	Up to \$2/bulb



WATER HEATERS		
Heat pump water heater	Must be ENERGY STAR rated	\$500
Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) water heating	New construction installation: high-efficient, large capacity electric water heater controlled on Energy Wise off-peak program	\$500
	Replacement of non-controlled electric water heater with high-efficiency, large capacity electric water heater controlled on Energy Wise off-peak program	\$500
Interruptible electric water heating	First-time enrollment on Energy Wise interruptible program	\$200



MISCELLANEOUS		
Pool pump variable speed motor	Must be ENERGY STAR rated	\$200
Electric vehicle charger installation	Level two chargers must meet installation requirements	\$500
Battery-powered yard tools	Leaf blower, chainsaw, lawn mower, snow blower, trimmer or weed whip	\$25-\$50
Solar installation	One-time payment per premise upon installation and commission of solar photovoltaic (PV) array	\$500

To qualify for any of these programs, you must live in Dakota Electric's service area and meet the specific requirements set for each rebate offering. Funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to cancellation or change without notice. Restrictions apply.

Load management programs

Participate in one or more of the following load management (also known as off-peak) programs and **receive electricity at nearly half the regular rate!** Learn more at www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates/for-your-home. To enroll, contact the Energy Experts® at 651-463-6243 or energyexperts@dakotaelectric.com.

Storage Programs

Available for electric water heaters, electric thermal storage heaters and slab storage floor heating systems.

Interruptible Programs

Available for electric water heaters, electric heaters, heat pumps, swimming pools and hot tubs.

Cycled Air Conditioning®

Available only for central air conditioners.

ChargeWise Electric Vehicle (EV) Programs

Dakota Electric offers three voluntary options for charging your EV at home.

Join our Wellspring Renewable Energy Program

Elevate your energy impact with Wellspring Renewable Energy® — a program that propels you into the forefront of sustainable change!

By joining this voluntary program, Dakota Electric members not only champion the growth of wind and solar power in Minnesota but also actively reduce our reliance on non-renewable energy sources.

Sign up today by visiting: www.dakotaelectric.com/renewable-energy/wellspring-renewable-energy.

EV programs

Dakota Electric provides three voluntary options for charging your EV at home, along with a \$500 rebate to help cover the cost of installing a charging circuit on the storage or time-of-use programs. Contact an Energy Expert today at 651-463-6243.

Storage

Offers members the lowest cost available to charge their EV. Charging occurs during the off-peak hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Time-of-Use — NEW HOURS

Members can charge their EV at any time of day. With this program, lower rates apply during off-peak hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please note the addition of a new morning peak from 7 to 9 a.m. Weekends and holidays continue to be fully off-peak.

Virtual Metered EV Charging Program

Charging your EV at home has just become easier! Dakota Electric now provides a virtual metered EV charging program for members who wish to participate without the need to install an additional meter.

Crops Day

The 18th annual Crops Day, hosted by experts from the University of Minnesota and the Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District, will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Dakota Electric's office in Farmington. The event presents local research results and crop management strategies for producers and agricultural professionals, with free admission and lunch included.

Pre-registration is encouraged for catering purposes; RSVP at <https://z.umn.edu/DakotaCountyCropsDay> or via the QR code.



Wed.
March 18
9 AM - 1 PM



Board **election** information

As a member of Dakota Electric, you have the opportunity to participate in our annual election and vote for the Directors who serve on the Board and govern your cooperative. Dakota Electric 2026 annual election ballots will be mailed on March 30 from Survey & Ballot Systems, an independent election service. Each ballot includes instructions on how to vote by mail or online, as well as all Director candidate biographies. Candidate biographies and additional election information can also be found at www.dakotaelectric.com/about-us/annual-meeting-election.

Vote by mail

Ballots must be received at Survey & Ballot Systems' office by 12 p.m. on April 23. Please do NOT drop off ballots at Dakota Electric's office. Members may instead bring their original paper ballot to Dakota Electric's Annual Meeting on April 23 for in-person submission.

Vote online

Go to www.dakotaelectric.com; you will need your account number and election passcode, both of which will be included with the ballot mailed on March 30. The link to vote online will become available on March 30 at 12 p.m.

2026 **candidates**

In accordance with Article III, Section 3, of the Bylaws of this Association, the Nominating Committee held interviews with all Board candidates on January 28, 2026, and selected the following nominees for inclusion on the 2026 ballot for directorship of Dakota Electric.

District 1 *3-Year Term*



John (Jack)
DeYoe
Incumbent



Laurie Bolin



Jeff Nelson

District 2 *3-Year Term*



Bill Middlecamp
Incumbent



Roberta Oveson

District 3 *3-Year Term*



Margaret D.
Schreiner
Incumbent

District 4 *3-Year Term*



Paul Bakken
Incumbent

The 2026 Nominating Committee is made up of the following people: Robert Erickson (District 1); Hunter Vraa and Raymond Yarwood (District 2); Arlene Sheldon and Donald Vasatka (District 3); Ian Benson and William Raker (District 4).

Rate case update

On January 16, 2026, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) issued its formal order approving the settlement agreement reached in June 2025 regarding Dakota Electric's rate case.

On February 13, 2026, Dakota Electric filed its compliance documentation with the PUC, confirming that final rates align with the approved order.

New rates are expected to take effect in spring 2026. Members will be notified as soon as the official start date is confirmed.



Set up your account today!

Dakota Electric's new online member portal, is now available. Set up your account today to view and pay your bill, track energy use, manage notifications, and access your account anytime, anywhere. Prefer to pay by mail or in person? No problem — setting up a MyDEA account is optional.

Learn more and get started at www.mydea.dakotaelectric.com.



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Upcoming Events

- **Crops Day**
March 18, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Lakeville Landscape & Home Expo**
March 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Lakeville North High School
- **Board Meeting**
March 26, 8:30 a.m.

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Dakota Electric Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, April 23

6 PM - 8:30 PM

HELD AT
Dakota Electric Headquarters

