

August 2026

# Circuits

For Dakota Electric members



## Careers

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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

### 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 Construction & Rebuild Existing Services

651-463-6247

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## Board of Directors

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# Behind every flip of the switch



**Delivering electricity is a team effort. Dakota Electric partners with Great River Energy (GRE) and works with the regional electric grid to bring safe, reliable power to your home and business every day.**

### Working Together for Reliable Power

At Dakota Electric, our job is making sure you have reliable, affordable electricity every hour of every day. While we maintain the local distribution system, the electricity itself comes through partnerships that extend across Minnesota and the Midwest.

### The Regional Advantage

Dakota Electric does not generate most of its own electricity. Instead, we purchase wholesale power from GRE, which generates and supplies the electricity we deliver to your homes and businesses. GRE also participates in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), which coordinates the flow of electricity across much of the Midwest to help ensure the electric grid remains reliable.

Every day, MISO balances supply and demand, determines which power plants generate electricity, and helps ensure power is available when and where it's needed. This regional approach strengthens reliability while helping keep costs competitive.

### Looking Ahead

Electricity demand continues to grow as communities expand, businesses invest and new technologies emerge.

Working together with GRE and MISO, Dakota Electric is planning for the future through new generation resources, continued investment in infrastructure and responsible long-term planning to ensure reliable service for decades to come.

### Supporting Growth Responsibly

New manufacturing facilities and data centers can bring jobs and economic opportunities, but they also require significant amounts of electricity.

Dakota Electric supports responsible growth and carefully evaluates these opportunities to ensure they can be supported without compromising reliability or affordability for existing members. **Our priority remains protecting the members we serve today while preparing for tomorrow.**

*Read our CEO's full remarks by visiting [dakotaelectric.com/news-events/newsroom](http://dakotaelectric.com/news-events/newsroom).*

## What this means for you

### RELIABLE SERVICE

Multiple organizations work together to keep the lights on.

### AFFORDABLE POWER

Regional markets help control costs.

### FUTURE PLANNING

Long-term investments support our community for years to come.

# Working **together** to deliver your **power**

## ELECTRICITY IS GENERATED

Electricity is generated across the region using a diverse mix of energy sources.



## DAKOTA ELECTRIC DELIVERS POWER TO YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS

Dakota Electric maintains local substations, poles, and power lines to deliver safe, reliable electricity to your home or business.



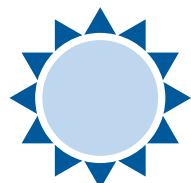
## Why this matters

The same regional partnerships that keep your power reliable also influence energy costs, especially during periods of high demand.



### CONNECTION BETWEEN COST & DEMAND

When electricity demand spikes, more generation resources are needed to meet that demand. Purchasing additional electricity during these peak periods can increase the overall cost of providing power.



### WHY SUMMER BILLS TEND TO BE HIGHER

Hot weather means air conditioners run longer and harder, increasing the amount of electricity many households use. Higher usage often results in higher bills.



### PROGRAMS THAT HELP YOU SAVE

Dakota Electric offers programs like load management, rebates, and energy-saving tools that can help lower your electric bill while reducing demand on the grid.

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



### WORKING TOGETHER

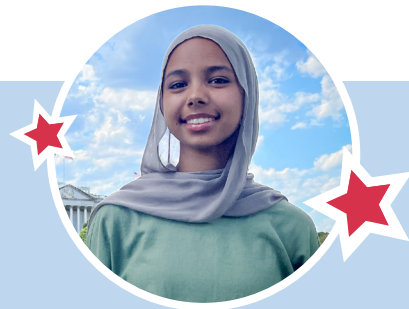
Reliable, affordable electricity is a partnership. Dakota Electric invests in infrastructure and long-term planning, while members can help by conserving energy during peak periods and participating in energy-saving programs.



Dakota Electric sent five exceptional students, Alayna Fick of Hastings High School, Nawal Nur, Anvith Pothula, and Sophia Way of Eastview High School, and Alexandra Raines of Lakeville North 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 14–21.

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



### Youth Leadership Council

During Youth Tour, one student from each state is elected for the NRECA Youth Leadership Council. This year, Sophia Way of Eastview High School was elected 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, Sophia!***

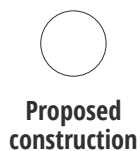
## Know what's **below**

Tuesday, 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:

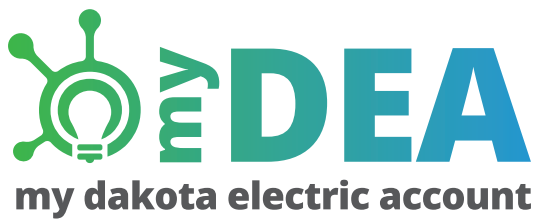
- Call 811 at least two business days before you dig.
- Mark your yard (in white) so the locator knows where you're digging and can mark the utilities in your yard appropriately.
- Respect the locate marks and hand-dig carefully around them.

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



**Call before you dig.**





Thank you to everyone who has made the transition to MyDEA. We appreciate your patience and feedback as members become familiar with the new portal. MyDEA gives you one convenient place to pay your bill, view your energy use, report outages, manage notifications, submit rebate applications, and more.

### Prevent payment mix-ups

As members continue using the portal, we've identified one simple tip that can help prevent payment mix-ups. If you've had more than one Dakota Electric account, including accounts from a previous home or service location, you may see those inactive accounts when you log in to MyDEA. To help avoid accidentally making a payment on an inactive account, hide any accounts you no longer use. This makes it easier to find your active account and helps ensure your payments are applied correctly.

## Dakota cares

Dakota Electric employees recently came together to assemble 400 hygiene kits for individuals and families in need. Each kit included essential toiletries along with a handmade inspirational keychain to offer a personal touch of encouragement.

The kits were donated to La Vina Community Church in Burnsville, where volunteers help distribute food and other essential items to members of the local community. Giving back is one of the many ways Dakota Electric employees are proud to support our neighbors.



## Scholarships awarded

More than 100 area high school students received scholarships this spring for their post-secondary education from Dakota Electric Association. Other students receiving part of the \$160,000 in unclaimed capital credits this year are students at Inver Hills Community College and Dakota County Technical College, who will receive their scholarships in the fall. Dakota Electric has donated over \$2 million from unclaimed capital credits since 1990 to help local students reach their goals through post-secondary education.

Students from the following high schools received scholarships: Apple Valley, Burnsville, Cannon Falls, Eagan, Eastview, Farmington, Hastings, Lakeville North, Lakeville South, Northfield, Randolph, Red Wing, Rosemount, Simley and Two Rivers.



## 2026 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).



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## Upcoming Events

- **Dakota County Fair**  
August 10-16
- **Board Meeting**  
August 27, 8:30 a.m.

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## Need a break from the rides? Swing by Dakota Electric's booth!

**August 10-16 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

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[www.dakotacountyfair.org](http://www.dakotacountyfair.org).