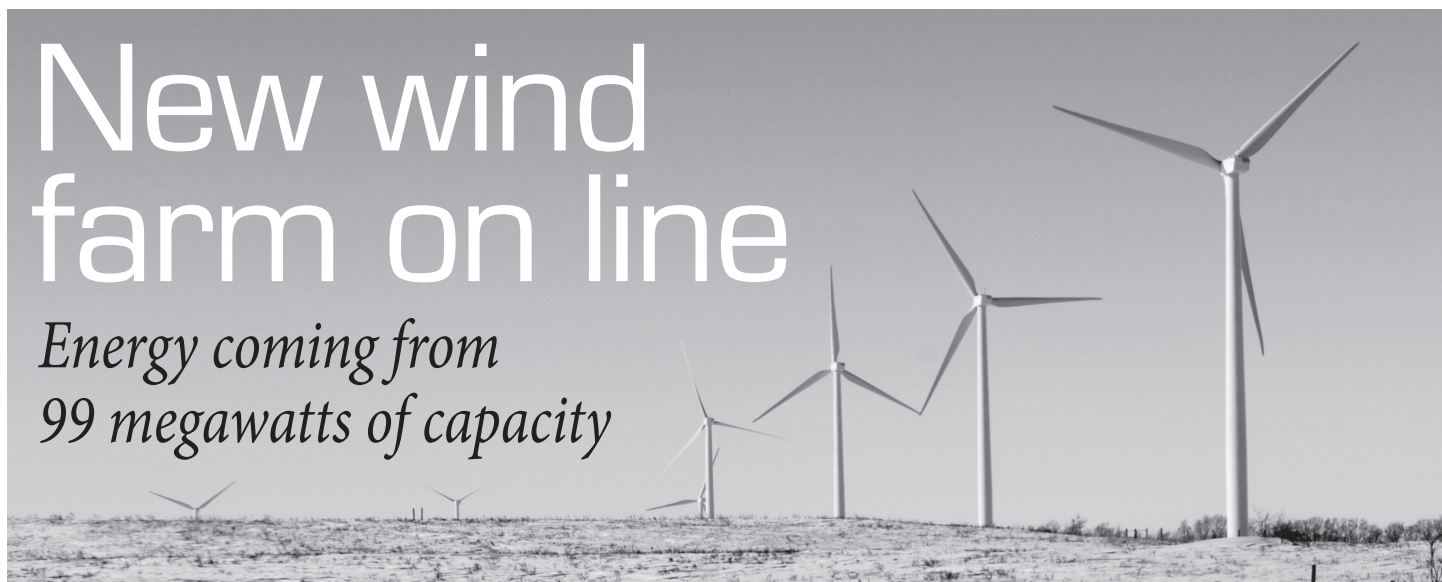


New wind farm on line

Energy coming from 99 megawatts of capacity



Minnkota Power Cooperative is now purchasing energy from the 196.5-megawatt (MW) Ashtabula Wind Energy Center, located north of Valley City, N.D., in northeastern Barnes County. The new wind farm is named after Lake Ashtabula, located nearby.

Co-developed by NextEra Energy Resources (formerly FPL Energy) and Otter Tail Power Company, Ashtabula Wind is helping serve the growing energy needs of the Minnkota member systems.

Purchasing energy from both the Ashtabula and Langdon Wind Energy Centers also allows Minnkota to meet upcoming renewable energy objectives and mandates in North Dakota and Minnesota.

"Much like our experience with Langdon Wind, Minnkota is buying energy from Ashtabula Wind through a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement," said

Al Tschepen, Minnkota vice president of Planning and System Operations, who leads wind development efforts for the cooperative.

More wind on the wires

The turbines at both the Ashtabula and Langdon wind farms are each capable of generating 1.5 MW of electricity, according to NextEra Energy project director Scott Scovill. They begin generating electricity at 8 mph and reach maximum output at 35-55 mph.

In total, Minnkota is buying energy from 238.5 MW of wind capacity owned by NextEra Energy. This is in addition to the electricity being generated since 2002 by two 900-kilowatt Infinity Wind Energy turbines – one near Valley City and the other near Petersburg, N.D. Minnkota owns and operates both Infinity turbines.

The past 24 hours of generation from

the Ashtabula and Langdon Wind Energy Centers, as well as the Infinity turbines, can be found on www.minnkota.com.

The agreement to purchase electricity from Ashtabula Wind required the construction of a 61-mile, 230-kilovolt (kV) generator outlet line from a new substation near Pillsbury, N.D., to the Maple River substation outside of Fargo.

In total, nearly \$47 million was invested in the generator outlet line, the Pillsbury substation and substantial modifications at the Maple River substation.

More wind energy is being planned for 2009. "We are currently working on a project that would add another 99 MW of wind capacity by the end of this year," said Tschepen. "That energy could potentially come from a new site being developed north of Ashtabula Wind."

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

On Thursday, May 14, please join us at the Littlefork office from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. and on Friday, May 15, at the Baudette office from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be refreshments with brats, chips, popcorn and cotton candy. Register for prizes as there will be drawings for both adults and children. Pick up balloons for the kids and watch an electrical safety demonstration.

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Highlights from the BOARDROOM

These are the highlights from the Board of Directors meeting held on Feb. 4, 2009. The board acted upon usual, routine business and voted to select all directors as delegates to the Minnkota/Square Butte annual meetings, to approve the allocation of 2008 Operating and Non-Operating margins to members' capital credit accounts, to generally approve the early, discounted retirement of estate capital credits applied for in 2009, and to approve a Renewable Energy board policy.

Staff reports included the financial report, the combination of extremely cold temperatures coupled with few load control hours in January creating unusually high bills for members that month, an early spike in the amount of unpaid energy bills, that 23 percent of the monthly billed members are using cost-effective ACH (automatic payment of their electric bill from their bank account), rates at neighboring cooperatives being comparable to North Star's, using the AMR system to identify off-peak loads not shedding during control

times, the CIP (conservation improvement program), planning for the June 8-10 Power Plant Tour for members, the student power plant tour scheduled for April 16 and 17, Operation Round Up has donated more than \$40,000 to date, AMR issues, renewable energy projects, good right-of-way maintenance, outages, safety training, equipment, upcoming work plan projects, and donating unclaimed capital credits to area charitable organizations and for scholarships.

Board members reported on meetings attended and shared G&T (generation and transmission) supply issues.

Detailed minutes are available at the cooperative for member review. Regular board meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of every month. If you wish to speak with the board, or have an item that you would like to have placed on the agenda, please contact Manager Dan Hoskins at least one week in advance to be included on the agenda.

Members' corner

We added a section called the members' corner. What we would like is for members to send in questions about your electric Cooperative, and we will answer them for you. Please give us your name and a phone number in case we need to clarify the question, and send them to North Star Electric, PO Box 719, Baudette, MN, 56623, Attn: Wayne.

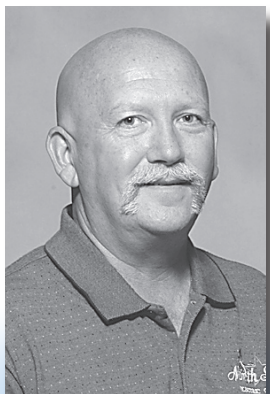
Current electrical inspectors

State law requires that every new electrical installation in any construction, remodeling, replacement or repair shall file a certificate for inspection with the State Board of Electricity and be inspected by a Minnesota electrical inspector.

- **St. Louis and Koochiching counties:**
Bob Orgon
10111 Roosevelt Rd. S.E.
Bemidji, MN 56601
Phone: (218) 556-3829
Fax: (218) 333-0451
7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)
- **Roseau and Lake of the Woods counties:**
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16409 State Hwy 1 N.W.
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Phone: (218) 689-5406
7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)

Attention: Parents of high school seniors

Are you aware of North Star Electric's Knowledge Scholarships? To qualify, the parent/guardian must be a member of North Star Electric, and your child must take a test about your cooperative that provides electricity to your home. North Star Electric will be awarding five scholarships, one \$1,000 and four \$400, plus a chance to win one of eight \$50 cash awards for scoring more than 50 percent on the test. Most of the test answers will be in the study material that North Star provides. A couple hours of study time could pay off with a \$1,000 scholarship. Last year only 36 students took the test. The information meeting and test will be given in mid-April. For more information about the scholarships, please call Wayne at North Star Electric or check with the guidance counselor at your school.



Dan Hoskins, General Manager

“Experts say our nation’s growing electricity needs will soon go well beyond what renewables, conservation and efficiency can provide.”

Stay in touch with your legislators

On Feb. 2, that grand old hog from Pennsylvania, Punxsutawney Phil, the Seer of Seers, the Prognosticator of all Prognosticators, came out of his warm and humble abode, looked around and said, “with the sun shining brightly, my shadow I see, so six more weeks of winter it will be.” Now I don’t know about you, but this winter has been long enough, and in fact, I can hardly remember when it started; was it August or September?

I watched as President Obama addressed the legislators on Feb. 24, and as millions of Americans watched with concern and hope about a recovery effort for our failing economy, I also watched with anticipation his portion of the speech concerning energy. I do have to say I was surprised by some of his comments, impressed with some of his comments and well, let’s just say, some of his comments I just knew were coming.

I was surprised when he said he thought we could create energy by burning coal cleanly, and impressed by his comments about wind and solar power, and that we should be building these energy devices (wind turbines) in the U.S. Hallelujah! When he said he has asked Congress to bring him some plans to control CO₂, with possibly cap and trade, that’s when I said, “I knew that was coming!”

Now folks, there are so many jobs that go along with a coal-fired power plant, and if we could find a way to burn coal even more effectively, it would go a long way to help with the economy and our unemployed folks. The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) says the difficulty with the technology of turning coal to a liquid is because the CO₂ that is produced needs to be dealt with as well. To me, this sounds like more jobs. In this coal-to-liquid transformation there are by-products also, which could mean jobs and revenue.

President Obama stated that America was the inventor of solar energy, and now we are behind a number of countries, because we did not move forward with the technology. He also mentioned wind energy, which is beginning to canvass all areas of open prairie land. He said these structures need to be built in the United States. That’s right! Most wind turbines are built overseas! (674-08-029-01 Edvin Magnuson) Let’s build them here, which sounds like more jobs to me. If we are going to be mandated to use wind as our energy source, the least our leaders could do is put our people to work, and have the wind turbines manufactured in the USA!

And then our President mentioned CO₂, and he didn’t talk long, but he didn’t have to. We knew it was coming, the good ol’ cap-and-trade system for carbon, or just another name for a carbon tax. For awhile now, we have been telling you this is going to increase your electric rates severely, and we don’t know exactly how much, but now we have a pretty good idea. The number \$1.3 trillion is what is estimated this carbon tax will bring in by 2018. Do you know where this money will come from? Well, they will tax the generation and transmission (G&T) companies that emit the CO₂, and whatever the tax is, the G&Ts will hand it down to the utility or distribution company or cooperative, and then the electrical distribution folks will hand it down to the consumers – You!

Ladies and gentlemen, we thank you for your participation in the Our Energy, Our Future campaign, and for asking questions to your legislators. We look forward to your assistance in the future, because there are a number of energy bills in both St. Paul and Washington, D.C. So we need you to stay in touch with your legislators, and ask these few questions of them. The form is in your *Enlightener*.

CAPACITY: Experts say our nation’s growing electricity needs will soon go well beyond what renewables, conservation and efficiency can provide. What is your plan to make sure we have the electricity we’ll need in the future?

TECHNOLOGY: Our state faces a crisis, as electricity use increases faster than available supply. I believe that by unleashing American ingenuity we can solve this problem. What are you doing to fully fund the research required to make emissions-free electric plants an affordable reality?

AFFORDABILITY: Balancing electric needs and environmental goals will be difficult. How much is all of this going to increase my electric bill, and what will you do to make it affordable?

JOBS: How will you keep existing jobs and attract new businesses to Minnesota, if our electric rates are higher than those of our neighboring states?

All of these are very important questions, and I think the first three questions could or would work out, if we can answer the last question about jobs!

I have one more thing from President Obama’s speech. He said we did not get into this mess overnight, we will not get out of it overnight, and we need to work together to do it. I believe the President hit the nail on the head with that one, that working together gets a lot more done if we all pull in the same direction.

So, are you ready for this? Here is my suggestion: the Democrats need to take off their blue hats, the Republicans need to take off their red hats, and everyone needs to put on the red, white and blue hat, and work together to get out of this economic struggle. We need to get our folks that are unemployed back to work!

God Bless you, our troops and those that are unfortunately unemployed,

Dan

Investments in efficiency deliver strong returns

by Megan McKoy

In today's troubled economic climate, people are searching for places to sock away money that offer the promise of a healthy return. While no one can predict when, or if, the stock market will fully recover, crunching a few numbers does show one safe investment alternative: energy efficiency.

Even in good financial times the annual Wall Street return on stocks averages 14 percent, followed by 4.2 percent for 30-year bonds and 3.5 percent for money market accounts. In comparison, incorporating 10 home efficiency measures carries a 16 percent rate of return, according to the U.S. Department of Energy Home Energy Saver program.

Looking at it another way, the energy bill for a typical American home averages \$1,283 per year, while a home that has purchased and installed ENERGY STAR® products spends just \$774. That's a savings of more than \$500 annually, a nice profit for smart and efficiency-savvy investors to take to the bank. Even better, you get to keep the money you save on your electricity bill; normal investment incomes are taxed heavily.

The first two energy efficiency areas to invest in – those with the highest rates of return – are lighting and sealing ducts.

Upgrading to compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and fixtures in a typical home costs about \$200, but with an annual savings of \$80, the initial investment pays for itself in 2.5 years with a 41 percent rate of return. Proper duct sealing, which can cost up to \$250, pays for itself in 2.6 years and matches lighting's high rate of return.

Your next purchase should be an ENERGY STAR front-loading clothes washer. (252-33-009-01 David Baufield) Even though one costs an average of \$194 more than a non-efficient model, you reap a 37 percent rate of return – allowing you to recoup the extra expense in less than three years.

A programmable thermostat provides another boost to your bottom line. With a 30 percent return it pays for itself through energy savings in 3.7 years.

A water heater tank wrap with an R-12 insulation rating should be your next step; the initial cost of \$85 saves you \$23 every year, offering a 28 percent return on your investment. An ENERGY STAR refrigerator, heat pump and dishwasher follow with rates of return ranging from 18 percent to 27 percent. Finally, adequate air sealing and increasing wall and attic insulation offer between an 8 percent and 9 percent return.

To find out how you can start investing in your home's efficiency, visit Home Energy Saver at www.hes.lbl.gov. You can learn about local promotions for ENERGY STAR appliances – and save even more – by using the rebate finder at www.energystar.gov.

Meanwhile, Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives offer several efficiency programs at www.touchstoneenergysavers.com, including Touchstone Energy Home (a set of nationally recognized standards for building efficiency), a Home Energy Savings Guide, a Light Bulb Energy Saver calculator showing how much money you can save by using CFLs, and Seal the Deal, a do-it-yourself video showing how to effectively seal your home to lower heating and cooling costs.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy Home Energy Saver



By replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps members receive a 41 percent rate of return, with the initial investment of approximately \$200 paid off in two and a half years.

Megan McKoy writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.



Left photo, front row from left to right: Marlys Hirst, Lake of the Woods County Museum; Katie Pepera and Jennie Buegler, Lake of the Woods School Washington D.C., Trip; Gretchen Thompson, North Star Electric Community Trust Board. Second row from left to right: Arvid Jaranson, Lake of the Woods Senior Fishing; Julie Kaczmar, Lake of the Woods Children & Family Collaborative; Chrissy Draper, Lake of the Woods Junior Olympic Volleyball; Joette Schouveiller, LSS Senior Nutrition Program; Vicki Morrison Goble, Pequana Playhouse. Bottom photo, front row from left to right: Joan Nelson, Big Falls EMT & Fire Department; Cindy Hasbargen, Littlefork/Big Falls Elementary School; Sandy Jo Kennedy, North Star Electric Community Trust Board.

Operation Round Up helps local programs



The North Star Community Trust Board met on Jan. 12, 2009, to review the 22 applications, which they received requesting funding for various programs. The total amount that was requested was \$21,500. The board had about \$10,000 to work with, so it was not an easy task selecting which group would get funding and what amount they would receive.

Many local programs and organizations benefit from Operation Round Up, a voluntary member-driven fund-raising program of North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc., that is designed to provide financial assistance for worthwhile projects and charities in the area. (383-03-002-09 Kurt Nuss) Donations are given to organizations to help make the area a more pleasant and safe place to live.

All funds for Operation Round Up are contributed by the member-owners of North Star Electric and the money is put into a trust fund that is separate from electric accounts. The trust is administered by its own board of directors comprised of people from across the area.

Operation Round Up directors are appointed by North Star's board members and must be members of the cooperative. The cooperative's general manager is a non-voting member of the board.

Organizations from the area may apply for a donation from the Operation Round Up Trust. The applicant must be charitable in nature and be working to meet a need in our area. The Operation

Round Up Board meets twice a year and decides if an application meets the guidelines of the trust and if funds are available.

If a member chooses to be part of Operation Round Up, their electric bill is "rounded up" to the next highest dollar. For example, if a bill is \$76.47, the computer will round up the bill to \$77. The additional 53 cents will be placed in the trust and distributed to local charitable and community-based programs.

About 80 percent of North Star's members have chosen to participate in Operation Round Up and it is expected that contributions will be about \$18,700 each year. That money goes right back into our community.

The average annual contribution from a member is about \$6. The most that could be contributed in a year by a member is \$11.88 (12 months x 99 cents).

At the January meeting \$10,085 in Operation Round Up funds were distributed to various qualifying programs and organizations throughout the area including:

Lake of the Woods Food Shelf, \$1,000 – Food stocking
 Falls Hunger Coalition, \$1,000 – Food stocking
 LSS Senior Program, \$500 – Senior meals
 Kootasca Community Action, \$500 – Reach out for warmth
 Northwest Community Action, \$500 – Reach out for warmth
 Northern Light First Responders, \$860 – Upgrade equipment
 Big Falls EMT, \$1,500 – All terrain rescue vehicle
 Big Falls Fire Department, \$1,200 – Remote area lighting system
 Lake of the Woods Humane Society, \$100 – Operating expenses
 Lake of the Woods Children & Family Collaborative, \$300 – Summer youth program
 Lake of the Woods Senior Fishing, \$250 – Let's go fishing with seniors
 Roosevelt American Legion, \$500 – New well
 Lake of the Woods Junior Olympic Volleyball, \$300 – Lady Lakes volleyball
 Lake of the Woods County Museum, \$250 – Artifact storage boxes 7 trays
 Littlefork Kids Plus, \$300 – Tutoring program
 Littlefork Kids Plus, \$175 – 4-H & Enrichment program
 Pequana Playhouse, \$250 – The Wizard of Oz
 Lake of the Woods School, \$300 – Student Washington, D.C., Tour
 Littlefork/Big Falls Elementary School, \$300 – 50 State trading cards



State law requires a carbon monoxide detector near every bedroom of your home

Each year, more than 200 Americans die and several thousand individuals are treated in emergency rooms for CO poisoning. The risk of CO poisoning increases during the winter, as more people run furnaces, gas space heaters and use fireplaces.

Remember – Minnesota law requires CO detectors within 10 feet of every sleeping room in all existing single-family homes. If you haven't installed a detector yet, please don't wait. Lives may depend on it.

For more information go to; www.dps.state.mn.us/fmarshal/PublicEducation or call the State Fire Marshal's office at 1-651-201-7200.



North Star Electric ENERGY STAR® Rebate Program ends March 31, 2009

Because of changes in the Conservation Improvement Program (CIP), which is mandated by the state of Minnesota, North Star Electric will be ending its ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program on March 31, 2009. The past CIP program was a spending requirement and starting in 2010 it is a kWh saving requirement. As a result, we will phase out the appliance rebates. All appliance receipts must be dated before April 1 and rebate forms must be postmarked before May 1 to qualify for the existing program.

Staff Report



Ann Ellis
Manager of Finance
and Administration

Rate increase

Beginning March 20, your electricity will start costing more.

▶ **The wholesale power we buy will be going up 13 percent.**

▶ **Your retail rates will be going up an average of 7 percent.**

▶ **For residential members:**

- The fixed charge and rental security light prices will remain the same,
- The cost per residential kWh will go from 7.7 cents/kWh to 8.4 cents, and
- Off-peak kWh will go from 4.2 cents to 4.4 cents in the months of September through May, but will be at the regular 8.4 cent rate during the three summer months of June, July and August.

Now don't get upset with Minnkota Power Cooperative, our wholesale supplier and the G&T (generation and transmission cooperative) of which we are owners. Foremost, I'd like you to know they produce some of the lowest cost wholesale power in the nation, so lucky us . . . at least for now. The bad news is legislators have honed in on our coal-fired generating plants and want to tax the CO₂ (carbon dioxide) released when it is converted into electricity. I'm sure you all know that each of us release CO₂ every time we exhale, but that doesn't seem to bother the politicians anxious to find an easy target to generate money for government programs. The global warming movement has just begun to impact your electric bill. I could go on and on about the legislative steamroller waiting to squash us, but we've been talking about that for a couple of years, so I'll leave the soapbox and get back to the rate increase at hand.

These are uncertain times, and unsettling for everyone. We have been on a cost-cutting crusade for a couple of years. This has included not replacing some retiring employees. We can't cut much more without cutting service.

We're doing what we can to help members conserve electricity. I don't know how many hundreds of boxes of CFL bulbs we have given away. Yes, I meant "given." All money we collect for the energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs goes directly to the food shelves in Baudette and International Falls.

Let me tell you, we hate to raise the rates, but when the hammer comes down from Washington, D.C., or St. Paul, we don't have much of a choice. We will know we are doing our best to educate our legislators about the economic impact of global warming legislation . . . or I guess they have changed the term to "climate change" so they don't have to explain how colder weather and global warming can be believably used in the same sentence. Sorry, I slipped back onto the soapbox. Anyway . . .

Our mission is clear . . . "to improve the lives of our member-owners and community by responsibly providing electric energy and other beneficial services while maintaining the very highest standards of performance." It's all about YOU, our members. We will continue to do our very best for you.

At your service we remain . . .

Capital Credit Allocation

Your March bill will show your share of the 2008 margins (revenue in excess of expenses) and your accumulated capital credits balance. Because North Star Electric Cooperative is non-profit and owned by those who purchase electricity from it, all margins are returned to you and the other members. Current margins are temporarily held in your capital credit account, which is your share of the ownership of the cooperative's assets. Over time, these capital credits are repaid to the members. Payments or bill credits are typically made in September. We have returned nearly \$7,000,000 of capital credits to our members and hold just over \$10,000,000.

The economy. Saving energy. Climate change.



Get involved in the energy debate.

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Account number _____

These are issues everyone is talking about. When it comes to finding solutions, we must keep costs down and electricity available. America needs a plan. Immediately.

Now is the time to have a candid conversation with your elected officials. Start the conversation today at www.ourenergy.coop.

I would like North Star Electric to e-mail my elected officials and ask them these questions:

- ? What is your plan to make sure we have the electricity we'll need in the future?
- ? What are you doing to fully fund the research required to make emissions-free electric plants an affordable reality?
- ? Balancing electricity needs and environmental goals will be difficult. How much is all this going to increase my electric bill and what will you do to make it affordable?
- ? How will you keep existing jobs and attract new businesses to Minnesota if our electric rates are higher than neighboring states?



Problems paying your electric bill?

Energy assistance may be available!

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, the following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.

**Lake of the Woods County
Community Services**
P.O. Box G-0200
Baudette, MN 56623
634-2642

**Northwest Community
Action Council**
P.O. Box 67
Badger, MN 56714-0067
800-568-5329

**Koochiching County
Community Services**
1000 5th St.
International Falls, MN 56649
283-7000

**Kootasca Community
Action, Inc.**
2232 2nd Ave. E.
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Our Energy, Our Future
A Dialogue With America



Power plant tour

For further details, contact Wayne Haukaas
at 634-2202 or 1-888-634-2202.

June 8, 9 and 10



We are offering all North Star Electric members an exceptional summer opportunity that's fun for all ages.

The tour is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday, June 8-10. The first day, we will have a relaxing trip with several stops along the way to stretch your legs. We will arrive at the beautiful Seven Seas Motel at Mandan, N.D., at about 5:30 that evening.

On the second day, we will visit the Milton R. Young Station near Center, N.D., where most of our electricity is generated. This will include a tour of the open pit mines where machines strip the coal and reclaim the land so it can once again be used for agriculture. This is where we will see the huge electric dragline, Liberty, with its 355-foot boom and its 77-cubic-yard bucket. Then it's off to see Fort Mandan and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. We will end our

day by staying at the beautiful Gladstone Inn & Suites in Jamestown, N.D.

On the third day, we will visit the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center by Lake Ashtabula where some of our energy is generated. The wind

towers are 250 feet tall with 120 foot blades. Then we're off to Grand Forks to tour Minnkota's control center, diesel plant and the print shop. We will be back to Baudette by Wednesday afternoon.

The cost of the tour is still just \$75 per person or \$125 per couple. Members who have not been on this tour in the past are encouraged to go.



Please print names of participants the way you would like them to appear on your name tags. Your deposit will be refunded if the tour is cancelled or if you should find that you cannot make the trip. We will send further details prior to departure. Return with check for \$75 per person or \$125 per couple to:

North Star Electric Co-op
P.O. Box 719 • Baudette, MN 56623

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____

Room Preference: ☐ Smoking ☐ Non-smoking

Have you enjoyed this trip in the past? No/Yes If yes, what year? _____