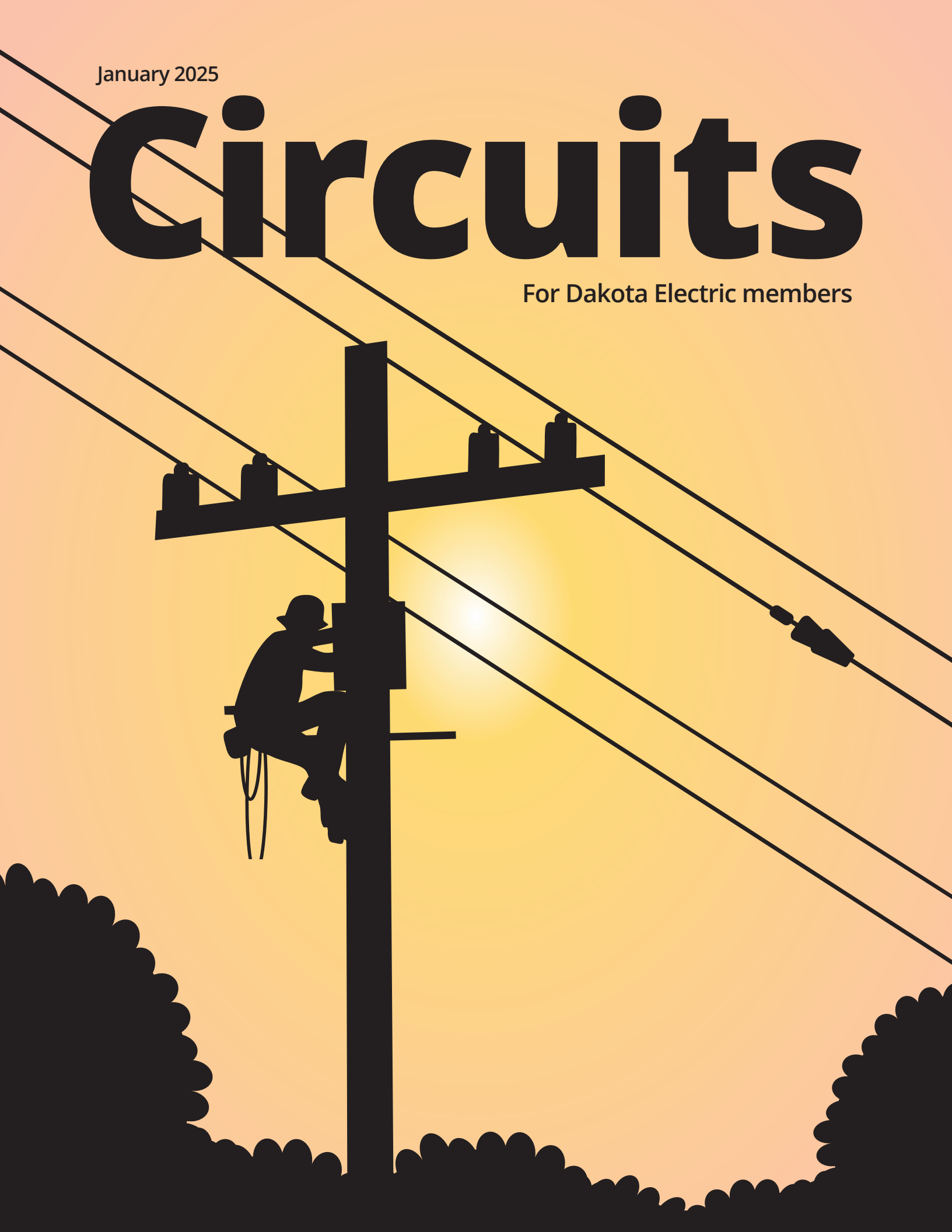


January 2025

# Circuits

For Dakota Electric members



# CAREERS

## BE A PART OF OUR ENERGY

www.dakotaelectric.com/careers  
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

### 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 & Existing Services

651-463-6247

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# Rate case update

As previously mentioned, Dakota Electric has been analyzing all costs associated with delivering safe and reliable electricity and determined a rate adjustment is necessary for the cooperative's long-term financial health. As a result, Dakota Electric recently submitted a filing to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to begin a 10- to 12-month review process for a proposed rate adjustment of 11%. We understand that rate changes impact household budgets, which is why we approach the process with care and only request adjustments when absolutely necessary. Dakota Electric hasn't filed a rate case since 2019 and before that, 2014. Each year, Dakota Electric builds a bottoms-up operating budget, analyzing all costs associated with delivering safe and reliable electricity. We carefully assess operational expenses, infrastructure needs, and long-term investments. To read in detail why the cooperative must undergo a rate adjustment, please visit [www.dakotaelectric.com/rates](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/rates).

## What comes next

State law allows us to collect adjusted rates on an interim basis while our rate filing is reviewed. Interim rates are a temporary rate adjustment put in effect while the MPUC reviews the request for a permanent rate change. If the MPUC approves our request for a 9.5% interim increase, the additional charge will apply to electricity use beginning in March 1, 2025. The

interim increase will remain in effect until the MPUC determines final rates.

The monthly bill for a typical residential member using 700 kilowatt-hours of electricity will increase about \$8.72 as a result of the proposed interim adjustment, which will appear on bills as "Interim Rate Adjustment." For residential and small general service members, the interim adjustment applies to the monthly fixed charge, energy charge and resource and tax adjustment. The interim adjustment also applies to the demand charge for commercial members.

## Member involvement

Members may comment on the proposed final increases at public hearings that will be scheduled by an administrative law judge from the MPUC. Dakota Electric will provide details about the hearings in local newspapers, a bill insert, letters to members and on our website. Members may also provide written comments about the rate increase to the MPUC.

While this rate adjustment is necessary, we remain committed to transparency and fairness. We want all our members to understand why these changes are needed and how they contribute to our cooperative's long-term financial health and service reliability.

Proposed Change in Monthly Electricity Costs				
Member	Average monthly kWh use	Current monthly bill	Interim monthly bill	Proposed final monthly bill
Residential	700	\$98.41	\$107.13	\$111.52
Small General Service	1,000	\$140.57	\$153.30	\$160.00
General Service	16,000	\$2,408.13	\$2,629.42	\$2,600.70

# 2024 highlights

**30 miles**  
of trees  
trimmed.



**400 plus**

members  
added to  
our EV  
programs.

**\$17M**  
saved by load  
management  
programs.

**1.8B**

kilowatt-hour  
sales.

**300**

member tree  
concerns  
resolved.



**120,000**

calls taken by member  
services.

**17.1**

**MINUTES**  
average outage  
duration per  
member.

**\$5.5M**

capital credits  
returned to  
members.

**91,493**

capital credit  
checks mailed.

**\$83,000**

donated to our  
communities.

# Touchstone Energy Community Award winners

Dakota Electric named Bundles of Love as the local 2024 Touchstone Energy Community Award winner. Foster Together and Sleep in Heavenly Peace were named runners-up. Each organization received an award along with \$500, and Bundles of Love advances to the statewide competition for a chance to win \$2,000.



## Bundles of Love

Bundles of Love is a volunteer-powered nonprofit that partners with community organizations to provide handmade essentials for Minnesota newborns, striving to ensure every baby has access to the basics.



## Foster Together

Foster Together supports foster, kinship, and adoptive families by reducing stress and preventing burnout through community partnerships and tangible aid.



## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national nonprofit solving child bedlessness. The Twin Cities South chapter builds and delivers beds to local kids aged 3-17, relying on local funding and volunteers.

# Holiday glow-off winners

Congratulations to the winners of our 2024 Holiday Lights Competition! This year's entries showcased phenomenal creativity with dazzling displays, synchronized music and heartwarming generosity that truly reflect the spirit of Dakota Electric members.



## APARTMENT



## HOUSE



## SMALL BUSINESS

# Pole inspections

Dakota Electric staff will conduct inspections of attachments from non-Dakota Electric-owned utilities (e.g., phone, cable, and fiber optic) on Dakota Electric-owned poles between January and April 2025. These visual inspections will occur in Inver Grove Heights, Vermillion, Vermillion Township, Coates, Empire and Castle Rock.

To access certain pole locations, Dakota Electric staff may need to walk through backyards and private property. Please note, these inspections will not cause any interruptions to your service.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Dakota Electric at 651-463-6265.

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors!

**WIN A TRIP**  
to **WASHINGTON, D.C.!**  
**JUNE 16-21**



## Apply for the 2025 Youth Tour

- ★ Explore monuments and museums
- ★ Meet with members of Congress
- ★ Make lifelong friends with other students
- ★ Develop leadership skills
- ★ Learn about the cooperative business model
- ★ Five students will be selected
- ★ Fun will be had!

Scan the  
QR code to  
apply!



Deadline is  
**Feb. 21!**

All expenses paid by Dakota Electric!

## Notice to cogenerators

In compliance with Minnesota rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, Chapter 7835, Dakota Electric Association is required to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers that satisfy the conditions of a qualifying facility.

Dakota Electric will provide free information to all interested members regarding rates and interconnection requirements. An interconnection application is required and subject to approval from the cooperative before a qualifying facility interconnects and operates in parallel with the cooperative's distribution system.

Any disputes over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

## Your **electricity** brochure

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/your-power-supply](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/your-power-supply).

You may also request a copy of the brochure be mailed to you by calling 651-463-6212.

## Dakota **Cares**

In 2024, Dakota Electric and its employees held a variety of fundraising events and a pledge drive for local charities.

**\$28,455**  
DONATED





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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Office Closed**  
Jan. 1 & Jan. 20
- **Board Meeting**  
Jan. 23, 8:30 a.m.

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## CFL & Fluorescent Lamp Recycling

Dakota Electric pays for the recycling of its residential members' CFL and fluorescent lamp bulbs.

Members can bring them to the Dakota County Recycling Zone located off Dodd Road in Eagan.

