

VOLTS & VIEWS

DECEMBER 2025



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Roseau Electric Cooperative sincerely thanks all of our members for the continuous support they've given us this year.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!

**OUR OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED THURSDAY, DEC. 25,
AND THURSDAY, JAN. 1.**

If you experience a power outage, please call to report it. Call 218-463-1543 or toll-free 888-847-8840. Please have your location number ready to give to the dispatcher (shown on your bill; for example, "000-00-000").

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MINNESOTA STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)

Northwest Angle, Kittson, Marshall,
Pennington and Roseau counties
and parts of Beltrami County:
Ronald Ditsch – 651-368-2195

Lake of the Woods County:
Curt Collier – 218-966-5070

Inspector list is subject to change at any time.

The State of Minnesota has high wiring standards, which are in the best interest of you and your family or business. Improper wiring can damage your home, your property and equipment, and injure or kill the people you love. Currently, the state does allow homeowners to do their own residential wiring; however, it is critical that the current electrical code is followed. Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. For more information visit dli.mn.gov and go to the electrical page.

Gopher State One Call
1-800-252-1166 or 811
www.gopherstateonecall.org



Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance. All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electrical lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Roseau Electric Cooperative is committed to providing its member-owners low-cost, high-quality, safe and reliable electricity with friendly, efficient and knowledgeable service.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



ENERGY UPDATES

MARY PRETEAU, MEMBER SERVICES COORDINATOR

New Demand Response Website

If you're a voluntary member of Roseau Electric's Demand Response Program (also called off-peak), we have an exciting upgrade to share with you! Our previous website has received a complete facelift thanks to our partners at Minnkota Power Cooperative. You can explore the new features by clicking the "**Off-Peak Status**" quick link on our homepage (roseauelectric.coop) or by visiting MinnkotaDR.com (see graphic on page 3).

The traditional view you're familiar with — showing the load groups and double orders on their respective axes — can now be found under the "**Current Detail**" tab on the updated website. If you would like your specific load groups and double orders, please contact our office. You can also sign up to receive email or text notifications when your electric heat is being controlled. If you're interested, please call our Member Services Department.

Just a reminder: **Load Group 3** (dual-fuel heating systems) can be controlled for extended periods of time with no set limit. Your backup heating system must have adequate capacity to heat your home during these control periods.

Several factors influence how much and when load management is needed. Generation capacity was limited at times and played a significant role in November's load management totals. Other contributing factors include weather, market conditions, transmission constraints

and more. When member demand exceeds available energy and market prices are too high, load management becomes a critical tool to help relieve pressure on the grid.

SmartHub

As we move into December and settle into the colder, festive days ahead, many families begin to notice changes in their energy use. This month is a perfect opportunity to take advantage of SmartHub and all the benefits it offers.

Beyond bill payment, SmartHub allows you to view usage details, track energy consumption and access detailed reports. Each day, the app shows exactly how much electricity your household used, making it easier to spot unusual spikes or patterns. Maybe your mornings are especially busy, or your weekend activities cause usage to climb. Understanding these rhythms — and how they coincide with your daily activities — is key to making small, meaningful adjustments that can add up to real savings.

Visit roseauelectric.coop/account-management/smarthub for more information or to sign up.

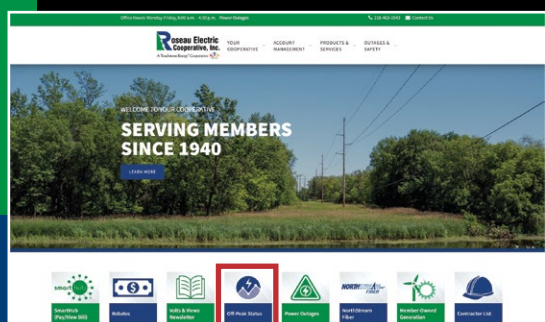
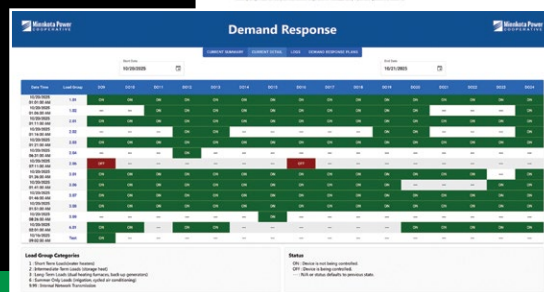
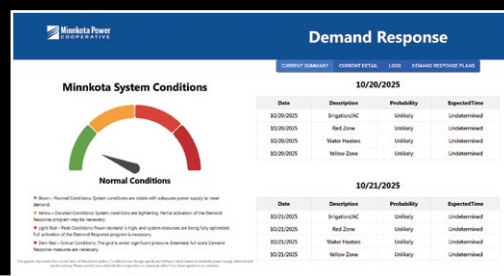
Rebates

The end of the year will be here before we know it. Please submit your **2025 rebates by Dec. 19, 2025.**

From all of us at REC, we wish you a warm, bright and energy-smart holiday season!

HAS A NEW LOOK!

- Have questions about the new site or text/email alerts? Give us a call at **218-463-1543**.



**VISIT ROSEAUELECTRIC.COOP
AND CLICK ON OFF-PEAK STATUS**

Did you know?

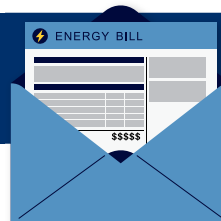


\$ FOR A MONTH OF ELECTRICITY = \$ FOR NEW CROSS COUNTRY SKIS



*comparison based on average household energy usage

NEED HELP 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.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION

PO Box 67, Badger, MN 56714-0067

218-528-3258 or 800-568-5329 | nwcaa.org

BI-COUNTY CAP, INC.

6603 Bemidji Ave. N, Bemidji, MN 56601-8669
218-751-4631



YOU CAN ALSO APPLY ONLINE:
*[https://energy-assistance.
web.commerce.state.mn.us](https://energy-assistance.web.commerce.state.mn.us)*

JAN / FEB
2026

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Roseau Electric Cooperative and its partners will again provide an opportunity for area electricians to obtain credits for license renewal by attending one of the six continuing education classes being offered throughout eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

Instructor Tim Pull will cover the 2026 National Electrical Code (NEC) changes and other important NEC rules. The seminars are approved in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota for eight hours of continuing education credit necessary for renewing electrical licenses. The classes will be held at the following locations:

**REGISTER
ONLINE AT**
MINNKOTA.COM

**Tuesday,
January 6, 2026**

Fargo Holiday Inn
3803 13th Avenue South
Fargo, ND

**Wednesday,
January 7, 2026**

Fargo Holiday Inn
3803 13th Avenue South
Fargo, ND

**Thursday,
January 15, 2026**

Bemidji Eagles Club
1270 Neilson Avenue SE
Bemidji, MN

**Thursday,
January 22, 2026**

Bigwood Event Center
921 Western Avenue
Fergus Falls, MN

**Tuesday,
February 3, 2026**

Minnkota Power Cooperative
5301 32nd Avenue South
Grand Forks, ND

**Wednesday,
February 4, 2026**

Minnkota Power Cooperative
5301 32nd Avenue South
Grand Forks, ND

This marks the 38th year of the successful program, which is aimed at providing area trade allies with the latest information on electrical code and practices. Taking the class on multiple days will not qualify for 16 code credits. **The registration fee is \$85 for eight code credits.** Registration can be done online at minnkota.com and must be completed at least seven days prior to the seminar. For residential building contractor continuing education workshops, contact your local home builders association.

For more
info about
the program,
please call
(701) 795-4292
or e-mail any
questions to
[contractortraining
@minnkota.com](mailto:contractortraining@minnkota.com).

**\$85 TO REGISTER
FOR EIGHT CREDITS**

CLASS SCHEDULE:

7:15 - 8 a.m.
Registration

8 a.m. - noon
Classroom instruction

Noon - 1 p.m.
Lunch served

1 - 5 p.m.
Classroom instruction

2026 DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

PETITION DEADLINE **TUESDAY, JAN. 27, 2026**

Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc., is organized as a cooperative and is owned by its members. The membership elects a board of directors to represent them in the operation of the cooperative.

Three directors will be elected at the 2026 Annual Meeting scheduled for March 28 at the Roseau School Theater. The directors whose terms expire in 2026 are: Kermit Jensen, District 3 (3-year term); Brian Grafstrom, District 4 (3-year term); and Mike Wahl, District 7 (3-year term).

NOMINATION BY PETITION

No nominating committee will be used. All nominations will be done by petition, including the incumbents.

Any 10 or more members who reside in Districts 3, 4 or 7 may nominate an eligible member for a director position in that district. No member may be elected to a director position unless nominated in this manner. No write-in ballots shall be accepted.

PETITION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE

Director candidates must pick up a petition and a director packet at Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Roseau. The packet contains

additional forms that must be signed and turned in before the deadline.

PETITION DEADLINE

The cooperative must receive the completed petition **no later than the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026.**

Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Your Tomorrow. Energy. Today.

Petition for Nomination

The following members wish to nominate (insert name) _____, for the three-year (insert "Districts 3, 4 or 7") _____ director position, and to place such name on the ballot for the March 28, 2026 election at the annual meeting of the Cooperative, in accordance with Article III, Section 5, of the bylaws.

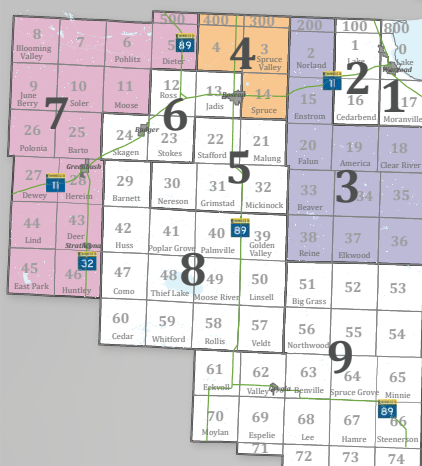
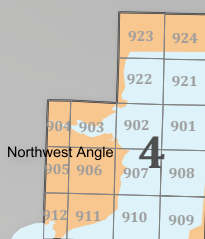
PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	CUSTOMER NO.
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2. _____	_____	_____
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18. _____	_____	_____
19. _____	_____	_____
20. _____	_____	_____

The Cooperative must receive the completed petition no later than the close of business Tuesday, January 27, 2026. At the Annual Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2026, elections will be held for a three-year term for one director in District 3, one director in District 4 and one director in District 7.

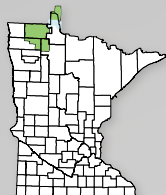
The directors whose terms expire in 2026 are as follows:

DISTRICT 3 3-year Term	DISTRICT 4 3-year Term	DISTRICT 7 3-year Term
Kermit Jensen	Brian Grafstrom	Mike Wahl

Any 10 or more members who reside in Districts 3, 4 or 7 may nominate an eligible member for a director position in that district. No member may be elected to a director position unless nominated in this manner. In the event of joint membership, only the signature of one joint member shall be acceptable.



Roseau Electric Cooperative
DIRECTOR DISTRICTS



SO, YOU WANT TO BE A DIRECTOR

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OBJECTIVES:

- To establish relationships between the board, the membership and the manager
- Define principles and practices
- Delegate authority
- Analyze operations

MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- **Monthly board meetings:** Board meetings are held 12 times per year, usually the fourth Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Other meetings:** Roseau Electric annual meeting; Minnkota annual meeting; MREA district meetings; other meetings to learn policies and procedures of the electric industry. Expect 5 - 12 extra days per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

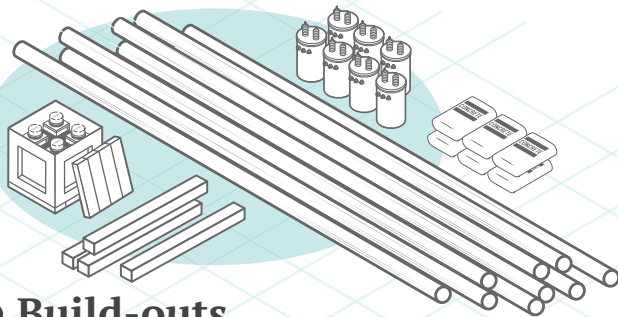
- Report to the membership.
- Hire and delegate authority to the manager.
- Maintain legal entity and practices.
- Review and update bylaws.
- Require a continuous member and public relations program.
- Keep informed and grow in skills of the program.
- See that members are informed of operations.
- See that accurate minutes are prepared and maintained.
- Consider and adopt plans for objectives and goals.
- Review and update policies.
- Examine and approve annual budget and cash flow.
- Review and approve a sound financial plan.
- Establish policies and programs for good employee relationships.
- Assist in planning meetings.
- Establish special or standing committees.
- Review responsibilities of board and manager.
- Approve the selection of consultants and attorney.
- Establish measures and controls to determine effectiveness of management.
- Authorize and review annual financial audit.
- Implementation and enforcement of this position description is the responsibility of the board of directors.

Cost Increases

The past five years have been a period of exploding costs for the electric utility industry and for broadband providers, pushed by soaring demand, supply chain challenges, raw materials shortages, increased labor costs and tariffs. The impact has been rapid increases in the cost of producing power, longer and more unpredictable project timelines and the need for more financing, all of which have driven electric rates up for residences, businesses and other end-users. Here's a look at what's contributing to the trend. **Percent increase since 2020:**

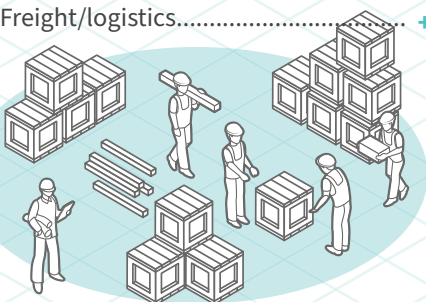
Infrastructure

Utility poles (wood, steel, composite)	+25-40%
Crossarms & braces (steel/wood).....	+20-35%
Conductor wire (aluminum/copper)...	+30-50%
Transformers.....	+70-100%
Grain-oriented electrical steel.....	+80-100%
Oil/dielectric fluids.....	+25-40%
Copper wiring.....	+50%
Concrete.....	+25-35%
Smart meters.....	+20-35%
Pad-mounted switchgear.....	+25-40%
Circuit breakers/reclosers.....	+20-35%



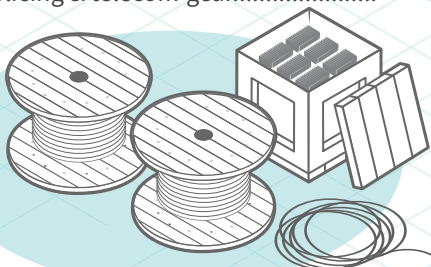
Build-outs

Utility construction labor.....	+20-40%
Freight/logistics.....	+30-60%



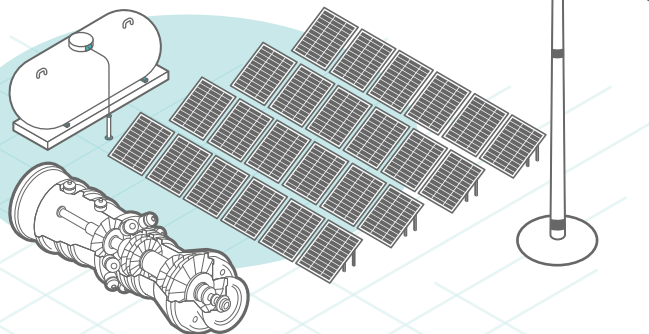
Broadband

Fiber-optic cable.....	+25-40%
Splicing & telecom gear.....	+20-30%



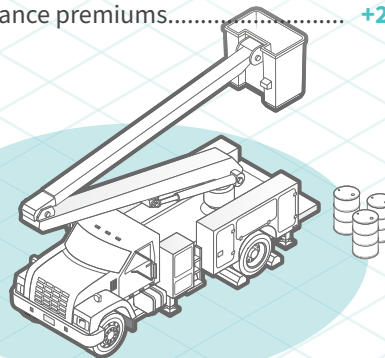
Generation

Diesel gensets.....	+20-40%
Gas turbines.....	+20-30%
Solar PV systems.....	+25-35%
Wind turbines.....	+25-35%
Hydropower components.....	+20-30%
Battery storage.....	+25-40%
SCADA/EMS systems.....	+20-30%
Inverters.....	+20-30%
Relays & switchgear.....	+25-40%
Natural Gas.....	+20-120%
Coal.....	+30-60%
Diesel/fuel oil.....	+40-70%



Fleets

Light trucks.....	+25-40%
Bucket trucks, digger derricks.....	+20-50%
Fuel costs (especially diesel).....	+20-30%
Maintenance.....	+15-25%
Insurance premiums.....	+20%



Sources: BLS; energynews.com; Reuters; Wood Mackenzie; NREL; IEA

Celebrate WITH SAVINGS

LED Lighting Rebate

Buy energy-efficient holiday
lights and decorations

How to Apply:

1. Purchase LED holiday plug-in (not battery-operated) lights and decorations in 2025.
2. Complete this rebate form and submit it to Roseau Electric Cooperative by Dec. 31, 2025, with a copy of your sales receipt and the packaging showing the number of lights per string. ENERGY STAR® LEDs are recommended.
3. Select the appropriate rebate in the box below. (**Rebate cannot exceed 50% of cost. Maximum of five strings per customer.**)



Name _____ City/Zip _____

Account # _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Lights on String	Rebate per String	Total Rebate
Fewer than 99 lights	\$3	
100-199 lights	\$6	
200-299 lights	\$9	
Greater than 300 lights	\$12	

MAIL TO: Roseau Electric Cooperative
1107 3rd Street NE, Roseau, MN 56751

member connection

ENERGY TIP

To maximize your fireplace's efficiency, always keep the damper closed when the fireplace is not in use. An open damper is like an open window, allowing warm indoor air to escape and cold air to enter. Consider installing a fireplace insert, which improves heat output by circulating warm air into the room rather than letting it escape up the chimney. Also, burn only seasoned hardwood to ensure a hotter, cleaner burn. Regularly clean and inspect your chimney to maintain safe and efficient operation.

Source: energy.gov

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 19

2025 rebates are due

December 21

Winter begins; Electric bill due

December 25

Merry Christmas; Office is closed

January 1

Happy New Year; Office is closed

March 28

2026 Annual Meeting;
Districts 3, 4, & 7 are up for director elections

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 218-463-1543

AFTER HOURS/OUTAGE NUMBER

Toll-Free: 1-888-847-8840

(main outage call center)

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

1-800-252-1166 or 811

PAY BY PHONE

1-877-999-3412

SMARTHUB

<https://roseauelectric.smarthub.coop/>

WEBSITE

roseauelectric.coop

OPERATING STATISTICS

	Monthly		Year to Date	
	October 2024	October 2025	October 2024	October 2025
Members	6,717	6,742	6,717	6,742
kWh purchased	11,347,341	11,821,487	118,958,483	120,597,496
% change		4.18%		1.38%
Revenue	1,524,986	1,632,887	15,423,919	16,593,386
Cost of power	889,662	982,787	9,164,391	9,692,309
Other expenses	573,497	728,285	6,019,938	6,209,131
Operating margins	61,826	(78,185)	239,590	691,945
Non-operating margins	5,860	(34,862)	164,746	31,044
Patronage dividends	-	-	147,394	153,034
Total margins	67,686	(113,047)	551,730	876,024



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IN THE WORLD
OF ELECTRICITY,

**YOU CAN'T MESS
WITH PHYSICS**

WE NEED

**REAL
POWER**

NOW

If you weren't paying attention in high school science class, don't worry – many of us weren't. So here's the skinny on electricity.

Electric power is one of the only commodities that must be used the moment it's produced. Until we have the utility-scale battery storage necessary to stock up on the electricity we need (not there yet), we must generate electricity 24/7, around the clock.

Not just when the sun is shining.
Not just when the wind is blowing.

On top of needing electricity every moment of every day, we continually need MORE of it – for data centers, for artificial intelligence, for electric transportation, for everything.

All tech (wind, natural gas, coal, solar, nuclear, hydro, batteries) must be on deck to power our lives. Because you can't overcome physics with good intentions alone.

THERE'S NO ENERGY FUTURE WITHOUT ENERGY TODAY.

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