


# CURRENT

## ACTIVITIES



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative   
Website at [www.clearwater-polk.com](http://www.clearwater-polk.com)

## RATE ADJUSTMENT TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 2021

Clearwater-Polk Electric strives to provide economical and reliable energy services and is committed to delivering that reliable power at the lowest possible cost. Clearwater-Polk is accountable to our member-owners, not outside investors, and is a not-for-profit business.

### CLEARWATER-POLK ELECTRIC TRUST FUNDING AND DONATIONS

The Clearwater-Polk Electric Trust Fund committee is scheduled to meet in June for the grant-funding meeting. Request for funds will be accepted until November 27, 2020. Application blanks can be found on our website [www.clearwater-polk.com](http://www.clearwater-polk.com), or from one of the committee members, Cindy Benson, Lois Rydeen or Laurie Pemberton. You may also contact our office to have a form mailed to you.

Donations from the Trust will generally be made to organizations which benefit the service area community of Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative. Non-profit Organizations which have been granted IRS Code 501© (3) status and serve a large number of people will be given priority.

**Donations from the Trust will generally not be made for:**

- A. Lobbying, political and religious organizations
- B. Fraternal, and labor organizations
- C. Fund-raising dinners, raffles and other events
- D. Individuals
- E. National fund drives
- F. Advertising
- G. Economic development projects.

**The following factors will be considered in the evaluation of all funding requests.**

- A. Potential benefit to area residents and the entire community;
- B. Level of community support for the program or project or organization requesting the funds;
- C. Fiscal and administrative capability of the organization to deliver a quality service or program; and
- D. Results that are predictable can be evaluated.

All donations to organizations will be published in area newspapers and the Current Activities Newsletter.

**All applications will be kept on hand for one year.**

To maintain the reliability, quality and affordability of the services Clearwater-Polk Electric provides to their member-owners, it is sometimes necessary to implement rate adjustments. Your Co-op works hard to minimize the impact of necessary rate adjustments. Maintaining dependable service at an affordable price remains the cornerstone of your electric cooperative's business.

In December 2019 Clearwater-Polk contacted National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) to inquire about performing a Cost of Service Study. A cost of service study is a tool that utilities use to ensure that their rates are tied to their costs of providing electricity to their consumers. It involves analyzing historical expenses and projecting future cash flow needs to arrive at a revenue requirement. The collection of this data began in January of this year. After a few months that data collection was complete, and that analysis phase began.

As a result of the analysis of the cost of service study, in October, Clearwater-Polk Electric's Board of Directors approved a residential rate adjustment that will take effect on January 1, 2021. This decision was not made lightly and came after several months of research.

This rate adjustment will give a new look to the rate structure for Clearwater-Polk Electric's residential consumers. The changes include:

1) Changing the two-tier rate where the first 700 kWhs has been at .079 and the balance at .071 and making it one single rate at .115 per kWh.

2) Reducing the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) calculation. Under the old calculation, the average PCA was .04280 per kWh. The new calculation will have an anticipated average of .00340 per kWh. This is a reduction of .0394 per kWh (kilowatt-hour). The new PCA calculation may result in a charge or a credit on member's bill statement.

3) A Demand Charge of \$0.60 per kW (kilowatt) will be implemented. This charge will be applied to the high demand reading for each month on main meters only. This charge will not be applied to heat meters.

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— OFFICE HOURS: 7:00 AM-4:30 PM... MONDAY-FRIDAY —



**YOU COULD WIN**



**\$25**

To reward our faithful readers, one member's name will be drawn at random each month and placed somewhere in the newsletter. If you should find your name, let us know before the 15<sup>th</sup> and win \$25 off your next bill.

**SWAP SHOP**

**RULES:** Ads for Clearwater-Polk Electric members only. Current Events newsletter will only be published every other month. Ads must be received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the print month. Limit your ads to two items. No commercial ads, please.

**FOR SALE:** New Rust-O-Leum countertop transformation/covers 50 sq. feet, charcoal. ½ price, \$125. Call 218-467-3474.

**FOR SALE:** Remote, adjustable head and foot bed frame with vibrating function. 218-776-3885.

**FOR SALE:** Sony Handycam (Stacy Balcer) video 8 like new. If interested please call 218-280-2849.

**FOR SALE:** Snowplow for Polaris 500 like new, \$275. Call Ron 218-657-2607 or 763-571-7162.

**FOR SALE:** 3 shelf bookcase, light oak color, good condition. Also, bakers' cart with 3 basket/shelves, good condition, light oak color. Please call 487-5327.

**WANTED:** Skidsteer and tele-handler. 218-766-8176.

**OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

- Greg Spaulding, *President* ..... Bagley
- Greg Renner, *Vice President*..... Shevlin
- Harlan Highberg, *Treasurer*..... Bagley
- Kim Solberg, *Secretary* ..... Gonvick
- Robert Johnson ..... Bagley
- Bill Lanners ..... Shevlin
- Dennis Engebretson ..... Clearbrook
- Bruce Bjerke..... *General Manager*

**SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

Held at the Clearwater-Polk Electric board room at 8:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday of each month.

**Having Trouble Paying Your Bill?**

Is it COVID-19 related?

Call 211 or visit

[211unitedway.org](http://211unitedway.org) for assistance.

SIGN UP FOR AUTO-PAY AND YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN

**\$25.00**

EACH MONTH WE DRAW TWO MEMBER'S NAMES THAT HAVE CHOSEN TO PAY BY AUTO-PAY. THEY WILL RECEIVE A \$25.00 CREDIT TOWARDS THEIR ELECTRIC BILL.

**CURRENT WINNERS**

- KEITH KLEMMETSEN,
- MATTHEW F ERICKSON,
- MARILYN EMERY,
- LOIS W R WILMO

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS:**

**Clearwater County Social Services**  
216 Park Ave NW  
Bagley, MN 56621  
218-694-6164

**Polk County Social Services**  
240 SW Cleveland Ave  
McIntosh, MN 56556  
218-435-1585

**White Earth Energy Assistance**  
PO Box 418  
White Earth, MN 56591  
218-473-2711

**Inter-County Community Council**  
207 Main St  
Okee, MN 56742  
888-778-4008

**Red Lake CAP Program**  
15533 Main Ave  
Red Lake, MN 56671  
(218)-679-1880

**MAHUBE-OTWA** (For Hubbard Co.)  
120 North Central  
Park Rapids, MN 56470-0229  
218-732-7204

**Bi-County Cap**  
6603 Bemidji Ave N.  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
800-332-7161

**The Clearwater-Polk Electric Office Will Be Closed**

**Veterans Day, Wed., Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thanksgiving, Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas, Thurs. and Fri., Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**New Years Day, Fri., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month**

Keep cold air out to save energy. Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.



# Unclaimed Capital Credits!

|                       |                         |                      |                    |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| ABBOTT DENNIS         | CARLSON IRENE S         | GREEN MARION         | KNUDSON DEBRA L    | NELSON DONALD D         |
| ABBOTT RICHARD J      | CARVER ERRIE A          | GRIESER HENRY E      | KNUDSON JACOB      | NELSON TIM              |
| ABEL RON              | CHASE NORMAN            | GUINN BETSY A        | KNUTSON ROGER L    | NELSON VERNA            |
| ANDERSON CLIFFORD     | CHASE NORMAN            | GUINN BONNIE A       | KOCH STEVEN J      | NESS JOHN D             |
| ANDERSON EVA B        | CHIN ROGER              | GUSTAFSON F S        | KRAMMER MARTIN     | NESS KIMBRA             |
| ANDERSON MAYNARD      | CHRISTIANSON NORA       | GUSTAFSON RALPH W    | KURTH BRIAN J      | NETLAND WAYNE           |
| ANDERSON NEAL         | CLARK CINDA M           | HAGEN JAMES A        | KUSZYK MARY        | NEWLAND THOMAS D        |
| ANDERSON RAY V        | CLEARWATER VALLEY SEEDS | HAGEN ROGER E        | LALONDE FRED       | NEWMAN CARL L           |
| ANDERSON ROBIN        | - Buster Spaulding      | HALSETH WAYNE A      | LAMB JOSEPH F      | NIBLACK STEPHEN L       |
| ANDERSON WALFRED M    | CLOUD JAMES             | HALVERSON TYLER      | LANNERS ALAN       | NILSON GILBERT A        |
| ANDREW LAVERNE W      | COLE DENNIS             | HALVORSON EDWIN O    | LAPLAUNT NOLA      | NORBY RUTH              |
| APPLEGATE CHERYL E    | COLSEN RANDY            | HALVORSON GERALD     | LARSON ARTHUR R    | NORGAARD RAY            |
| ARNESON JEANETTE      | COLSEN ROBERT A         | HAMANN ROGER         | LARSON JARROD L    | NORRIS WILBUR           |
| ARNOLD ROBERT W       | CORNELL KELLY           | HAND PAUL            | LARSON KEITH A     | NYBERG RUSSELL L        |
| AUBUCHON LOUIS J      | CORNELL STEVEN R        | HANSON HELMER        | LARSON ORVILLE     | NYMAN CHAS              |
| AUGINASH BRUCE J      | CURFMAN THEODORE J      | HANSON MORRIS M      | LARSON M D JAMES B | O'BEIRNE MARSHA         |
| AVERY RICHARD L       | DANIELS BRIAN T         | HANSON TIMOTHY J     | LAYTON DAVID B     | HAMONG OLIVER           |
| BAGAASON CAROL        | DANIELS FRANC PJR       | HEATH CHESTER        | LENNERT LEAL       | ODEGAARD VERN           |
| BAKKE RANDY J         | DANIELSON CRAIG H       | HELMICK EDWARD       | LEPLEY HERMAN      | OLDAY DAVID             |
| BALIK WM              | DATHE LAWRENCE          | HENDRICKSON ALICE I  | LEWIS MATT         | OLSEN DON               |
| BALL VIRGINIA         | DAVIS SHELIA E          | HERBERG GEORGE       | LIEN REBECCA       | OLSON ARDYS             |
| BALLEK CLARISSA H     | DAVY DALE               | HERBERG LINDY        | LILLEGAARD JIM     | OLSON BRIAN             |
| BARATONO SUSAN        | DAY FRANCINE K          | HERDEN GREG          | LINDAHL HENRY      | PATNEAUDE GEORGIANA     |
| BARKE JIMMY           | DIGGS ELLY A            | HILL BARBARA A       | LINDEN MAYBELLE    | PATTERSON KENNETH A     |
| BARNUM JESSICA S      | DUKEK RANDY             | HILL BRENDA L        | LINDGREN STACY     | PAUL RAY S              |
| BARTHOLOMEW KENNETH L | DUROSE JAMES            | HINEY AUDREY N       | LONG GLENN A       | PAULSEN GARY            |
| BEAR CREEK FARMS      | EDEVOLD ANN             | HINLEY BARBARA       | LONG HELEN M       | PEARLSON DAVID A        |
| BEAULIEU VIOLET       | EGGE GERHARD            | HOFFMAN DAVID        | LOVEJOY SHANNON    | PEARLSON RUSSELL E      |
| BEBENSEE NORMAN       | EINEVOLL OBERT          | HOISTAD HAZEL        | LUDWIG JOHN P      | PETERSON DURWARD C      |
| BECHARD KEITH         | EKVALL PATRICIA A       | HOLDGRAFER DARLENE G | LUND SUSAN         | PETERSON JOLINDA        |
| BENESH JOYCE M        | ERICKSON MIKE           | HUSEBY MYRTLE        | LUSCHEN SIBYL M    | PFEIFFER BRIAN K        |
| BENSON THOMAS W       | ETTISH JILL             | HUTCHINSON JIMMY R   | M & R SHEET METAL  | PICHA VERNON            |
| BERG JAMES E          | EVANS GARRISON          | HVEZDA GAYLAN M      | MAMMENG A LYLE H   | PIERCE ROBERT G         |
| BERGH JUNE            | FAHRLANDER JOHN         | HVEZDA VERONICA      | MAMMOTH CATTLE CO  | PIHLGREN ROBERT         |
| BERGH JUNE            | FAITH CHAPEL PARSONAGE  | INTERSTATE SEED CO   | MARSHALL ANGELA    | PLANTZ MARLYN L         |
| BERNTSON MITCHELL A   | FARMERS HOME ADM        | IVERSON MELINDA L    | MARTIN BEVERLY     | PORT TIM L              |
| BIERBAUM LLOYD E      | FARMERS HOME ADM        | J & W RANCHES        | MARTIN FRED        | PRICE KELLIE J          |
| BJERKE RUDOLPH O      | FEIGUM MATTHEW A        | JACKSON MARY J       | MARTIN RICHARD A   | RANDBERG SANDRA K       |
| BLAZER LOIS           | FIALA EDWIN JR          | JACOBSON DENNIS      | MARTIN RODNEY L    | RATHBONE CHARLOTTE L    |
| BLOCHER DEL           | FIELD CLARENCE          | JACOBSON EMIL        | MARTIN STEVEN      | REDDING JAMES N         |
| BOHNE                 | FIEMEYER MICHAEL        | JACOBSON JOSHUA G    | MARUSKA SCOTT C    | REESE ALLAN C           |
| BOMMERSBACH MARY B    | FISHER FLOYD A          | JACOBSON JOYEL       | MASON MONTE A      | REICH CONSTANCE E       |
| BORN ESTHER L         | FISHER FRANK            | JELINEK FELIX        | MATSON MAVIS       | REINKE MARTIN F         |
| BORN JAMES D          | FISHER FRANK J          | JENSEN ALLEN         | MCCAULEY PAUL W    | REO REALTY - Abear Lori |
| BORU PAUL             | FLUGGA DAN              | JOHNSON CARL O       | MCCRAY ANNE        | REYNOLDS MARIANN L      |
| BOTTESON JON          | FOLDOE CARL             | JOHNSON COLE L       | MCFARLAND CHARLES  | RHEN LILA               |
| BOUCHER ROLAND C      | FOLDOE FENANDA M        | JOHNSON GOLDIE       | MCGAHEE WANDA L    | RHEN OSCAR              |
| BRAATEN ARNOLD        | FORBRAGD LAMOINE        | JOHNSON JEREMIAH M   | MCGUIRE ROGER JR   | RICHARDSON MARK H       |
| BRANTNER FARMS        | FREEMAN ROSIE           | JOHNSON RANDALL E    | MCKENZIE ALEX      | RIENDEAU STEPHEN        |
| BRATSCH MERLAND       | FRIGSTAD ORDELL         | JOHNSTON ROGER P     | MCPHERSON STEVE    | ROBINSON WADE           |
| BRENNA CLIFFORD       | FUHRMAN DONNA           | JONES RALPH E        | MILENE ORVIS       | RORVIG BROS             |
| BROWN DUANE           | GARRISON CHESTER LSR    | JORGENSEN MABEL      | MILLER H G         | ROSS MARVIN J           |
| BROWN JEFF            | GELLINGS JESSE L        | JUVE DEANNA L        | MILLER THOMAS M    | ROULAND ROBERT          |
| BRUSTAD JULIE A       | GENEREUX ALLAN          | KELLY ROBERT L       | MOLDEN MICHAEL     | ROWLAND LYNN            |
| BUCKMAN VERNON O      | GERHARDSON LAWRENCE     | KING HOMER CJR       | MOODY TIMOTHY A    | ROY GORDON              |
| BUESING CORP          | GILBERTSON BENNET I     | KINLER CHARLES M     | MORGAN SHIRLEY A   | RUD BETTY               |
| BURRELL HAROLD        | GILBERTSON HARLAN       | KJOME KATHRYN        | MOSER DENNIS L     | SAARI GRACE             |
| BUSH ELSIE E          | GILLELAND CHARLES       | KLASEN JOHN HJR      | MOWER R D          | SAETER JOHN             |
| CALLAGHAN KATHLEEN E  | GOODWIN RANDY           | KLASEN LOUISE        | MYHRUM ARVIL       | SAMSON ENOCH            |
| CARLSON BRIAN         | GOULD RICHARD           | KLOOZ AUGUST J       | NASH KENNETH       | SAMSON WALTER           |
|                       |                         |                      | NATTRASS JUDY      | SANDRY MERLE R          |
|                       |                         |                      | NAVARRE BETTY      | SATTERFIELD JOHN        |
|                       |                         |                      | NEDERBO DOROTHY    | SAVIG WAYNE D           |
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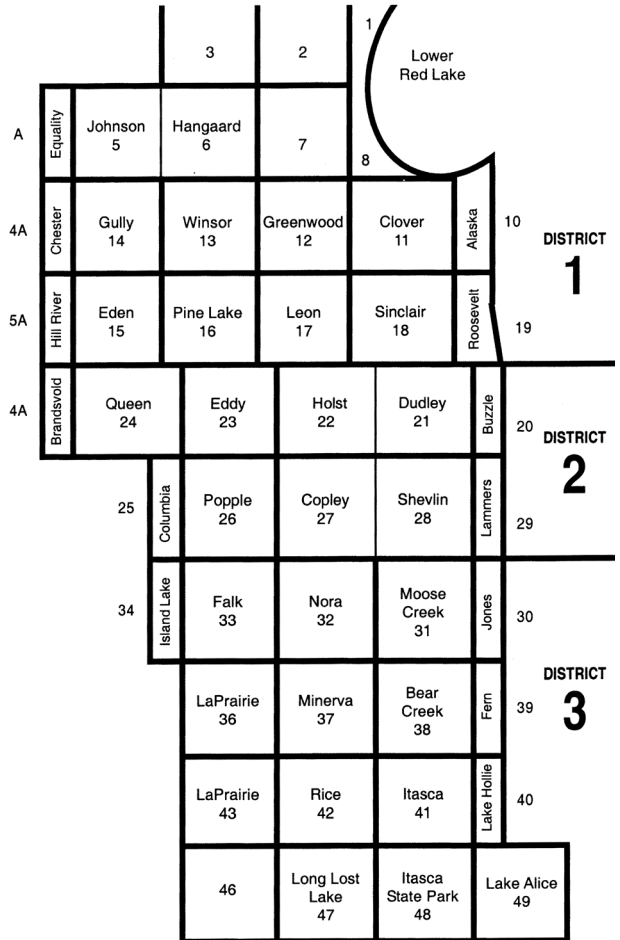
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# MAP OF DISTRICT 1, 2, & 3

## PETITION FOR NOMINATION

The following Members wish to nominate [insert name] \_\_\_\_\_, for the three-year [insert District 1 or 2] \_\_\_\_\_ director position, and to place such name on the ballot for the April 7, 2021 election, at the annual meeting of the Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative, in accordance with Article III, Section 8, of the bylaws.

| Printed Name | Signature | Account Number |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1. _____     | _____     | _____          |
| 2. _____     | _____     | _____          |
| 3. _____     | _____     | _____          |
| 4. _____     | _____     | _____          |
| 5. _____     | _____     | _____          |
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| 7. _____     | _____     | _____          |
| 8. _____     | _____     | _____          |
| 9. _____     | _____     | _____          |
| 10. _____    | _____     | _____          |



The Cooperative must receive the completed petition no later than close of business January 29, 2021. At the annual meeting scheduled for April 7, 2021, elections will be held for the following districts where Director's terms are expiring:

- District 2**  
Greg Renner (3-year term)
- District 3**  
Bill Lanners (3-year term)

Any 10 or more members who reside in the district, up for election, may nominate an eligible member for a director's position. No member may be elected to a director position unless nominated in this manner. In the event of a joint Membership, only the signature of one member shall be acceptable.

### WHAT IS REQUIRED OF A DIRECTOR?

The bylaws of Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative establish certain qualifications that must be met in order to become a director. These are:

1. Be a member in good standing of the Cooperative, receiving electric service at the member's primary residence in the district from which the director is elected prior to being nominated for director; provided, further that "primary residence" is defined as the residence that is the chief or main residence of the person and where the person actually lives for the most substantial portion of the year;
2. Not be, nor within three (3) years preceding a director candidate's nomination have been, an employee of the Cooperative;
3. Not be, become, nor shall have been at any time during the five (5) years preceding a director candidate's nomination, employed by a labor union which represents, or has represented, or has endeavored to represent any employee of the Cooperative;
4. Not be a close relative of an employee or director, where as found in these bylaws "close relative" means any individual who is, either by blood, law, or marriage, including half, step, foster, and adoptive relations, a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, or sibling, or principally resides in the same residence;
5. Not be employed by, materially affiliated with, or have a

material financial interest in, any director, individual or entity which either is:

- (i) directly or substantially competing with the Cooperative; or
- (ii) selling goods and services in substantial quantity to the Cooperative; or
- (iii) possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative.

For purposes of this section, the terms "material" or "substantially" shall be interpreted as constituting a minimum of 5% of a member's total hours of employment, sales, or income on an annual basis;

6. Not be or become the full-time employee or agent of, or be or become the full-time employer or principal or, another director;
7. Not be absent, without being excused by the board, from three (3) or more regular meetings of the board of directors during any twelve (12) month period;
8. Be only one, and not more than one, member of a joint membership; provided, however, that none shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless all shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth;
9. If a representative or agent of a member is not a natural person, i.e. a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or similar, then the representative or agent designated as a nominee for director shall be an individual residing within the external boundaries of the district from which (s)he is nominated; and
10. Never have been convicted of a felony.

Residential Comparison Example 1 (using a member’s July 2019 billing information):

**Old Rate**

|                              |                       |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Facility Charge              |                       | \$37.00         |
| Energy Charge                | 700 kWh @ 0.07900     | \$55.30         |
|                              | 664 kWh @ 0.07100     | \$47.14         |
| Power Cost Adjustment        | 1,364 kWh @ 0.0496322 | \$67.70         |
| Metered Security Light       | 1 @ 3.00              | \$3.00          |
| State Tax                    |                       | \$14.24         |
| Operation Roundup            |                       | \$0.62          |
| <b>Total Current Charges</b> |                       | <b>\$225.00</b> |

**New Rate**

|                              |                    |               |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Facility Charge              |                    | \$37.00       |
| Demand Charge                | 12.628 kW @ 0.6000 | \$7.71        |
| Energy Charge                | 1,364 kWh @ 0.1150 | \$156.86      |
| Power Cost Adjustment        | 1,364 kWh @ 0.0099 | \$13.50       |
| Metered Security Light       | 1 @ 3.00           | \$3.00        |
| Sales Tax                    |                    | \$14.79       |
| Operation Roundup            |                    | .14           |
| <b>Total Current Charges</b> |                    | <b>233.00</b> |

Residential Comparison Example 2 (using a member’s February 2020 billing information): **Old Rate**

|                              |                       |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Facility Charge              |                       | \$37.00         |
| Energy Charge                | 700 kWh @ 0.07900     | \$55.30         |
|                              | 551 kWh @ 0.07100     | \$39.12         |
| Power Cost Adjustment        | 1,251 kWh @ 0.0354371 | \$44.33         |
| Metered Security Light       | 1 @ 3.00              | \$3.00          |
| State Tax                    |                       | \$12.08         |
| Operation Roundup            |                       | \$0.17          |
| <b>Total Current Charges</b> |                       | <b>\$191.00</b> |

**New Rate**

|                              |                     |                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Facility Charge              |                     | 37.00           |
| Demand Charge                | 10.435 kW @ .60     | 6.26            |
| Energy Charge                | 1,251 kWh @ 0.115   | 143.84          |
| Power Cost Adjustment        | 1,251 kWh @ -0.0039 | -4.88           |
| Metered Security Light       | 1 @ 3.00            | 3.00            |
| State Tax                    |                     | 12.53           |
| Operation Roundup            |                     | .25             |
| <b>Total Current Charges</b> |                     | <b>\$198.00</b> |

Changes that will be applied to the Residential and Commercial Generator accounts include a rate change from .043 per kWh plus the Power Cost Adjustment (average of .0328) to a per kWh rate of .076 with the new Power Cost Adjustment calculation the same as the residential rate (anticipated average of 0.00340 per kWh).

Large Power and 3-phase accounts will see the current average power cost adjustment of 0.0428 per kWh roll into their current energy rate and the new Power Cost Adjustment (anticipated average of 0.00340 per kWh) will be applied.

A strong concern for Clearwater-Polk implementing a rate adjustment is member-consumer’s reaction. Clearwater-Polk must strike a balance between maintaining the high level of reliability, quality and overall satisfaction Clearwater-Polk Electric members have come to know and expect with protecting the integrity and financial stability of the organization.

This rate structure will provide the ability for Clearwater-Polk Electric to better promote the energy efficiency programs being implemented by the state and federal governments. This rate structure also has the potential to allow you as a consumer to better control your electric costs by modifying some of your usage patterns. The Co-operative anticipates an overall increase in revenue collected from rates of just under 3%. The average household member using approximately 1,350 kWhs may experience an estimated increase in their electric bill by 3.5%.

One area of energy efficiency is what we call our peak times. These typically occur early to mid-morning and in the late after-

noon and early evening hours. These high usage times increase the demand on the generation plants and result in higher electric costs than any other time of the day. Here are some of the ways that you will be able to save under the proposed new rates.

**Refrigerators**—Statistics show us that many of you have more than one refrigerator and that in some cases the second one is the old one from your kitchen, now located in the garage or elsewhere that isn’t climate controlled. Manufacturers tell us that refrigerators made prior to 1993 use up to 5 times more electricity than current models. Now top that off by putting it in a hot garage during the summer and we can only guess how much it uses.

**Laundry**—Many of you are two income families that get home from work sometime in the late afternoon. You may start dinner and then throw in a load of laundry. It so happens that is the same thing many of your neighbors do, increasing the peak demand on the generation plants. Under the proposed new rates your bill could be lower if you would choose to do your laundry in the mornings or late at night. Each electric dryer uses approximately 5 kW of demand.

**Watering**—If you have a well, you could save by watering your garden or plants at some time other than between 4 to 9 p.m. during the summer.

**Cooking**—It takes a lot of energy to keep a stove hot when cooking food. Using the microwave or toaster oven saves, especially during that 4 to 9 p.m. time slot. A microwave uses approximately 1/8 of the electricity to heat food that your stove does. When your family does use the stove,

keep the lids on the pots so energy doesn’t escape. You could also use grills or other small cooking appliances outdoors during the summer to reduce the amount of heat created inside the house.

**Dishwashing**—Using your dishwasher at times other than the 4 to 9 p.m. time slot would not only save on your dishwasher demand, but on your hot water heater demand too, if it is electric.

More information will be included in the December 2, 2020 bill statement. Members can also visit Clearwater-Polk Electric’s website at [www.clearwater-polk.com](http://www.clearwater-polk.com).

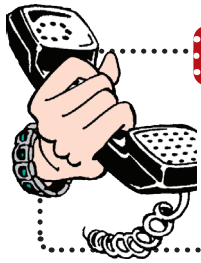


**CHEF’S CORNER**  
**Paul Harvey Wild Rice Soup**  
Ida Nichols, Bagley, MN

**Ingredients:**

- 1/2 c. uncooked wild rice
- 2 T. butter or margarin
- 1 qt milk
- 1 lb Velveeta cheese
- 1 medium onion
- 2 cans cream of potato soup
- 10 strips crisp, crumbled bacon (opt.)
- 2 cups water

**Preparation:** In separate pan, prepare wild rice according to basic preparation directions. Saute’ onion in butter until tender. Add water, milk and soup. Increase heat to medium, stirring occasionally. When the mixture (Terry Davis) is hot, add cheese chunks. When creamy, add wild rice. Garnish with crumbled bacon.



## TROUBLE CALLS

### DURING OFFICE HOURS

7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Mon. - Fri.

CALL 694-6241 or 1-888-694-3833

AFTER HOURS OUTAGES CALL **1-877-881-7673**

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR HUNTERS



This hunting season, we encourage all members to be aware of electrical equipment and take necessary precautions while hunting. Keep these safety tips in mind as you enjoy the great outdoors.

- Take notice of posted warning signs and keep clear of electric equipment.
- Do not shoot at or near power lines or insulators.
- Know where power lines and equipment are located on the land where you hunt.
- Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.
- Do not place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Energized lines and equipment can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them, causing shock or electrocution.
- Do not place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment. Any nonelectrical equipment attached to a pole can pose an obstruction and serious hazards to our line crews.

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SCHULZ HAROLD C  
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SHOUSE HIRAM C  
SHUCK JESSICA  
SMITH MARCIA E  
SMITH PAMELA J  
SNR RANCH CO  
- A T Spence Jr  
SODON DOUGLAS  
SORENSEN HAROLD  
SPANGELO RUSSELL  
SPARHAWK LINDA  
SPENCER ED  
SPENCER JEFFREY  
ST PHILLIP'S EPISCAPAL C  
STARBUCK RUTH  
STASKIVIGE DELORIS  
STAVETEIG BROS  
STEIN GERRY  
STEINER MARVEL  
STEVENS GAIL  
STEVENS RONALD G  
STIVERS D A  
STOLLER ARTHUR  
STRAND ERNEST

STRAND STORE  
- Sylvia Tollefson  
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SUNDERLAND DAVID N  
SUNDERLAND JACK T  
SUNDERLAND LAVERNE  
SYVERSON OLAF  
TEIKEN HAL  
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THOMPSON ELMER W  
THOMPSON GORDON W  
THOMPSON MELVIN  
THOMPSON STEVE H  
THOMPSON TERRY E  
THORESEN MELVIN JR  
TIBBETTS CLIFFORD EJR  
TIBBETTS ROLAND R  
TODD FRED H  
TOLLEFSON HARRY  
TOLLEFSON SYLVIA  
TOLLEFSON VERNE  
TORGERSON CLAIRE L  
TRAASETH PATRICIA R  
TURMAN RAMONA  
TVERBERG ESTHER

TWITO RODNEY W  
U OF M JOHN ROSS RES'D  
VALLEY, LLOYD J  
VAZQUEZ MANUEL  
VOXLAND STANLEY  
WAGGONER TRACY  
WALKER JAMES  
WALTERS ELMER  
WALZ FREDERICK J  
WARD ALLEN S  
WARFORD ALICE  
WATKINS DUANE  
WEBER DAVID  
WEBERG ARTHUR  
WENTWORTH DAVID  
WESTRUM'S RESORT  
WHIDDON RONALD  
WILCEK VERNON C  
WILDMAN EDITH  
WILLIS JOACHIM  
WILSON MARIE  
WIZNER WALTER  
WYER ROLAND  
YOUNG TIMOTHY L  
YSEN CHUNG J  
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ZORNES SUZANNE

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## Payment changes

Paymentus will no longer support Clearwater-Polk online member payments. Online payments can only be processed through Smart Hub. There is no charge to you, our member, for using this option.

Please take the time to visit our website at [www.clearwater-polk.com](http://www.clearwater-polk.com) to set up your Smart Hub account if you haven't already.



Clearwater-Polk will continue accepting payments by phone. These payments will no longer be processed by the third-party company, Paymentus. You may continue making payments by phone by calling 1-888-255-5167 and using your Clearwater-Polk electric account number **AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR BILL**. Account numbers entered by phone will no longer require additional zeros.

For questions or concerns, please contact our office at 1-888-694-3833.

Thank you

## Thank You!

A big **THANK YOU** to those 93 members who voted in this years unusual 2020 annual election!

I appreciate the votes that I received allowing me to become a representative on your Clearwater-Polk Electric board.

I will do my best to serve you!!

Harlan Highberg