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## GREAT RIVER ENERGY POWER SUPPLY TRANSFORMATION CONTINUES



Ryan Nelson, CEO

New ownership group for Coal Creek Station plans carbon capture and renewables.

Great River Energy, Kandiyohi Power Co-

operative's wholesale power provider, reached an agreement to sell the Coal Creek Station power plant to Rainbow Energy Center, LLC.

The sale of Coal Creek Station averts the plant's closure, which was scheduled for the second half of 2022 unless a buyer was found. Rainbow Energy Center will continue to operate the 1,151-megawatt (MW) power plant using current plant employees they hire. Rainbow Energy Center also plans to develop carbon capture and storage at Coal Creek Station.

"We are excited for what the future holds for our North Dakota employees and the communities surrounding Coal Creek Station," said Great River Energy President and Chief Executive Officer David Saggau. Selling the plant also offers additional benefits for Great River Energy's member-owners compared with shutting it down.

Nexus Line, LLC has reached an agreement to purchase from Great River Energy the high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission system that extends between central North Dakota and Minnesota. Great River Energy will operate and maintain the HVDC system under a 10-year contract.

Rainbow Energy Center and Nexus Line are affiliates of Rainbow Energy Marketing Corp. of Bismarck, North Dakota.

"The successful implementation of carbon capture and storage is central to our plans at Coal Creek Station," said Rainbow Energy Marketing Corp. President Stacy L. Tschider. "As a privately held company, we are uniquely positioned to continue the successful legacy that Great River Energy and its employees have established in North Dakota."

Rainbow Energy Center plans to add incremental generation from renewables to fully utilize the capacity of the HVDC transmission system.

Great River Energy will also enter into a power purchase agreement with Rainbow Energy Center, LLC.

These transactions will help ensure Great River Energy continues to provide its member-owners with reliable and affordable electricity as the cooperative builds its future power supply portfolio.

"We are building a power supply portfolio that will serve our member-owner cooperatives with clean, affordable and reliable energy for decades," said Saggau. The cooperative will add 900 MW of wind energy by 2023 and remains on track to meet Minnesota's 80% carbon dioxide reduction goal ahead of schedule.

The sale of Coal Creek Station and the HVDC system is expected to close later this year, after required approvals are obtained.

It takes a long time to turn the direction of a large ship, and changing the energy mix we use to power homes and businesses does not happen overnight. Having power supply resources that can be called upon when needed are essential to ensure the electric grid remains reliable and has sufficient energy as we transition to more renewables. Great River Energy's power supply changes deliver what our members want today and set us up for success for a very long time.



## POWER SUPPLY IN TRANSITION

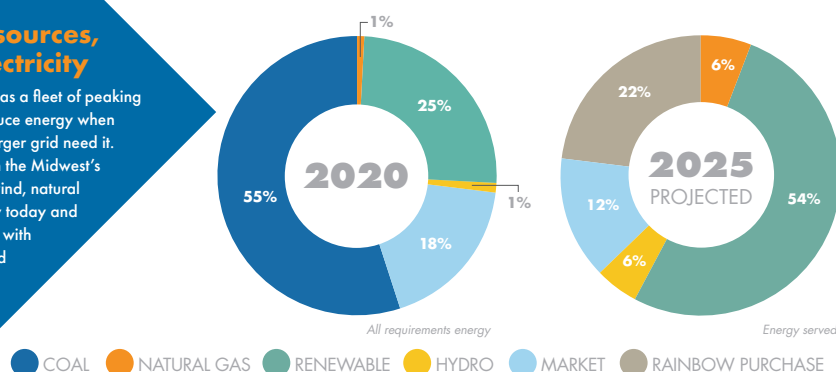
Great River Energy has surpassed state environmental goals years ahead of schedule, and has plans to achieve future emissions targets early. We have done this while maintaining our strong commitment to provide our member-owners with affordable, reliable and resilient power.

### Flexible resources, reliable electricity

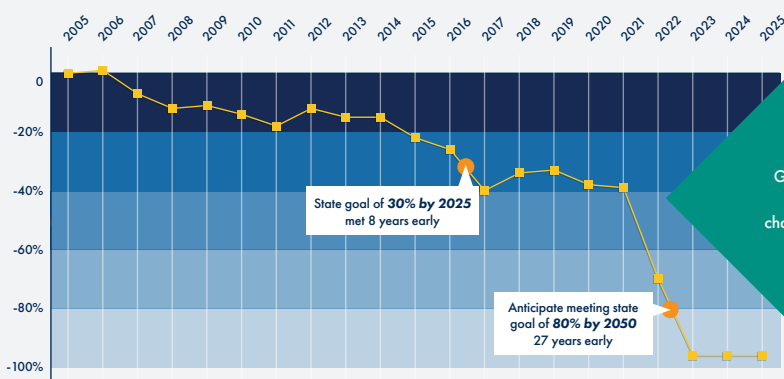
Great River Energy has a fleet of peaking plants ready to produce energy when its members or the larger grid need it. When combined with the Midwest's high availability of wind, natural gas provides stability today and flexibility for a future with new technologies and opportunities.

### ENERGY MIX PROGRESSION

Over the past several years, Great River Energy has begun to transition from an energy mix heavily reliant on coal to one that will be over half renewable energy sources by 2025.



### DIRECT CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS REDUCTION



### Economic Benefits

Great River Energy projects upcoming power supply changes will produce billions of dollars of benefits to cooperative members.

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## BUDGET BILLING

The balance of budget accounts will be billed in July and due August 1st. The new budget amount will be calculated for next year and listed on the current bill. If you would like to be on Budget Billing and have been a member for 12 months, now is the time to sign up. Please call Jan at 1-800-551-4951.



## CHANGES TO TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

In the past all text notifications to KPC member-owners came from '768482'. Now, due to cell carrier rules, it will come from a normal phone number. Member-owners will now receive text notifications from '844-971-1089'. If you would like to sign up for text notifications, please contact our office for additional information.

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To be entered into the drawing for Stinger's tickets, you must be currently enrolled in AutoPay or sign up by July 26th using a designated checking or savings account.

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By Phone: Call (800) 551-4951 enroll in automatic payment using a savings or checking account.

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# DON'T FALL VICTIM TO UTILITY SCAMS

Every day, millions of Americans are targeted by scammers through phone calls, emails, text messages, online or in person. Scammers' tactics can change daily, which is why it's important for consumers to stay on top of the latest scam reports from local and national news outlets, as well as your local utility companies.

Just last month, several Kandiyo Power Cooperative members were targeted through a phone scam where the scammers demanded immediate payment and threatened to shut off power if the money was not received. Remember, KPC will never call you and demand immediate payment without notice.

We want you to be aware of two trending scam tactics. One is the overpayment trick, where a scammer contacts you and claims that you have overpaid your utility bill. The scammer will say they need your personal banking information to deposit the credit back to your checking account. Don't fall for this scam! If you make an overpayment on your energy bill, KPC will automatically apply the credit to your account, which will carry over to your next billing cycle. Another trending scam is smishing (short for SMS phishing). Many consumers know to watch out for suspicious emails, but we tend to trust text messages sent to our smartphones. Always question suspicious texts, especially from someone claiming to represent a utility. KPC will only send you important updates via

text if you've signed up for our text notifications. These are just a couple examples of trending scams, so it's important to watch for any red flags.

Here are a few reminders on how to take control of the situation when you've been targeted by a scammer:

- Take your time. Utility scammers try to create a sense of urgency so that you'll act fast and hand over personal information, especially over the phone. Take a moment to think about the situation before acting.
- Be suspicious. Scammers typically request immediate payments through prepaid debit cards or third-party apps. Unusual requests like this should raise red flags. Remember, if the request seems strange and out of the ordinary, you're likely being targeted by a scammer.
- Confirm before you act. If you're contacted by someone claiming to represent KPC or another utility but you're unsure, just hang up the phone and call the utility directly. You can reach us at 800-551-4951 to verify the situation.

Our increasingly connected world provides scammers with more opportunities to connect with unsuspecting consumers. Be vigilant, and please report any utility scams to KPC so we can let others in our community know. Together, we can help prevent our friends and neighbors from being victimized.



- Our employees will never show up at your door to demand payment.
- Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor. Our representatives have access to the details they need to service your account.
- Demands for immediate payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or cash reload cards should immediately raise red flags.
- If you think you've been contacted by a scammer falsely representing the co-op, please let us know as soon as possible.

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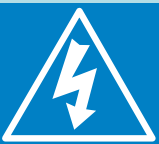
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