

# KILOWATT

## TRANSMISSION BUILDOUT CRITICAL TO ENSURING RELIABLE POWER



Ryan Nelson, CEO

We've all heard about the massive energy transformation that is happening across the country. Utilities and electric cooperatives everywhere are transitioning their power supply to offer their customers and members cleaner energy and lower their carbon intensity. Traditional coal-fired power plants are being retired while wind and solar are on the rise. At the same time, electricity is being used in new ways, such as electric vehicles and home heating.

Great River Energy, wholesale power supplier to Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, is transitioning from a historically coal-dependent cooperative to one with low carbon intensity. The cooperative is on track to meet Minnesota's 80% greenhouse gas reduction goal decades ahead of schedule.

This type of news makes headlines every day, but there's a critical piece of the story that is not being talked about as broadly: The need to expand our nation's electric transmission grid to facilitate this transition. As the resources we use to generate electricity change, the system of interconnected power lines that delivers it from where it is created to where it is needed must change, too. Without significant investments in our electric grid, the reliability of electric service that we all rely on is at risk.

The good news is plans are well underway to expand and upgrade the region's grid in the Upper Midwest. Great River Energy continuously works with our region's grid

operator, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), to ensure the right transmission investments are made. For the past two years, Great River Energy has been actively engaged in MISO's process of developing a long-range transmission plan (LRTP) and advocated for the projects that are in the best interest of its members for reliability, affordability and fairness.

Earlier this year, MISO set a huge grid expansion in motion across the Upper Midwest when it approved the first phase of transmission solutions in its LRTP. This \$10.3 billion portfolio includes 18 large projects that will help ensure continued reliability across the region for decades as power plants retire, more renewable energy comes online and we continue to see the need for resilience to extreme weather.

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative and Great River Energy support the portfolio MISO approved. When complete, it will allow significantly more new generation capacity to connect to the transmission grid. It will be the largest simultaneous grid buildout since cooperatives originally brought electricity to rural communities.

Great River Energy, in partnership with Minnesota Power, is co-developing the largest project in Minnesota called the Northland Reliability Project. This 150-mile transmission line will run from northern Minnesota near Grand Rapids to central

Minnesota near Becker. It will provide benefits to northern and central Minnesota specifically, while improving the electric system overall in Minnesota and beyond.

Regional transmission is financially beneficial investment for Great River Energy and its member-owners, including KPC. To mitigate the cost of regional transmission projects like the 18 MISO just approved, you must make investments. Great River Energy has done that with this project.

Building out the grid also helps us get ready for the future impacts of electrification as power demand continues to grow and extreme weather events become more frequent. We need to keep an eye toward the future and ensure we have a system ready for the increasing load and the increased dependence on electricity.

The long-term process of making regional grid enhancements has begun, but these new lines won't be in place until 2030. Therefore, coming up with short-term solutions is also necessary. Great River Energy is strategically upgrading 55 miles of transmission lines every year due to age and condition. These projects improve the existing grid and benefit smaller, more localized areas.

We are entering a time of major investment in our transmission system. Transmission is the critical connection that will bring us to the future we see where the electricity that powers our lives is clean, safe and as reliable as ever.

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**DATE**

**Annual Meeting**  
**April 25, 2023**

## RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR 2023

Kandiyohi Power <i>Residential, Small Commercial, Farm</i>	Current Rate	New Rate <i>January 1, 2023</i>
Access Fee	\$44.00 per month	\$48.00 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.119 per kWh (June-August)	\$0.12826 per kWh (June-August)
	\$0.099 per kWh (other months)	\$0.10826 per kWh (other months)

Kandiyohi Power <i>Commercial</i>	Current Rate	Current Rate <i>January 1, 2023</i>
Access Fee	\$65.00 per month	\$65.00 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.068 per kWh	\$0.068 per kWh
Demand Charge	\$18.75 per kW (June-August)	\$18.75 per kW (June-August)
	\$13.55 per kW (other months)	\$13.55 per kW (other months)

City of Kandiyohi <i>Residential, Small Commercial, Farm</i>	Current Rate	New Rate <i>January 1, 2023</i>
Access Fee	\$24.00 per month	\$40.00 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.105 per kWh (June-August)	\$0.11426 per kWh (June-August)
	\$0.095 per kWh (other months)	\$0.10426 per kWh (other months)

City of Kandiyohi <i>Commercial</i>	Current Rate	New Rate <i>January 1, 2023</i>
Access Fee	\$65.00 per month	\$69.00 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.048 per kWh	\$0.05726 per kWh
Demand Charge	\$7.26 per kW	\$8.26 per kW

## EV SAFETY TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

On December 6th, 2022, we held an Electric Vehicle Safety Training for First Responders in our area communities. The course was taught by staff from Safety and Security Consultation Specialist, LLC (SASCS), a first responder training company based out of southern Minnesota. Some of the goals of the safety training program were to nurture a safer EV environment for EV drivers, help first responders mitigate the hazards involved with electric transportation accidents while eliminating false perceptions around the safety of EVs when damaged, expose first responders to EV technology, and help the attending organizations enhance their knowledge about current EV crash response safety while keeping the members who drive electric in our communities safe. The training event was attended by 44 area first responders from 14 different departments. Thanks to everyone that attended and made this event a success!



## OPERATION ROUND UP

### SMALL CHANGE CAN CHANGE LIVES



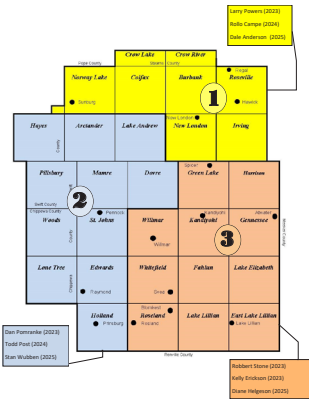
The cooperative principle “concern for community” is part of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative’s DNA. It defines who we are as an organization. When we first brought electricity to this community in 1939, the quality of life improved. But other things also need to be addressed and through the years, this co-op has been at the forefront of bringing improvements to the quality of life in this community. It’s why we created Operation Round Up.

When you are a member of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, you help us spread the good throughout the year. Through our Operation Round Up program, your donations help local organizations, families, and individuals in need. When you “round up” your monthly bill from Kandiyohi Power Cooperative and donate to this fund, you’re making a big difference in someone’s life. You are you helping to meet an immediate, critical need, but just as importantly, you are telling this person the community cares. To date, with your help, we’ve given \$435,951.00 back to local organizations, families, and individuals through this program. And across the country, more than 350 electric co-ops have an Operation Round Up program, and together, we’ve raised millions for local communities. This

shows that small donations from electric co-ops like ours, over time, can collectively make a big impact.

In 2022, we supported 46 different local organizations, families, and individuals with a total of \$43,765.00. As a local cooperative, we have a stake in this community. It’s why we support local organizations like local first responders and ambulance services, Post Prom, area food shelves, American Veterans, YMCA, local historical societies, schools, and community centers, just to name a few. We hope you will think of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative as more than your energy provider, but also as a catalyst for good in our community. To learn more about Operation Round Up, visit <https://www.kpcoop.com/operation-round>.

## BOARD MEMBER DISTRICTS 2023



## DIRECTOR FILINGS NOW OPEN FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 3

Would you like to serve as a Director on the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board for your district? Director filings are now open for one Director in Districts 1 and 2, and two Directors in District 3. Please call the KPC office at 800-551-4951, email at [khanson@kpcoop.com](mailto:khanson@kpcoop.com), or stop by our office to request a Director packet. The packets contain the cooperative's bylaws as

well as the qualifications to become a Director. You must reside within the District you are filing in. Filings are due to the KPC office by 4:00 pm on March 6th, 2023. Election results will be announced at KPC's Annual Meeting, April 25th, 2023.

## ANNUAL COGENERATION NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative has adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production. KPC will interconnect with and purchase electricity from co-generators and small power producers who satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. Kandiyohi Power Cooperative will provide interested members rates and interconnection requirements, which can be found on our website at [www.kpcoop.com/distributed-generation](http://www.kpcoop.com/distributed-generation). All interconnections require an application and are subject to resolution by Kandiyohi Power Cooperative. Interested members should contact us at 800-551-4951.

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

December 28, 2022

The Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting. There were eight directors present. Chairman, Dale Anderson called the meeting to order.

Additions made to the agenda:

- Use of KPC's building funds to be added to next month's agenda

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
  - Dun Agro meeting
  - Rate increase communications continued
  - ERTC documents submitted
  - EV Chargers installed in West parking lot
  - FEMA submission
- Member Services/Communications
  - Parking lot EV chargers
  - EV Safety Training
  - New MSR starting in January
  - Remit Plus Project
  - Patronage refunds are out
  - Rate 23
- Engineering Report
  - Safety and services update
  - Update on current projects
- Finance Report
  - FEMA funds
  - ERTC submitted
  - Capital Credit checks mailed

NRTC Voting Delegate

Policy Review

Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

Board Meeting Schedule 2023 Approval

Great River Energy (GRE) Director's Report by Chair Anderson

Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda
- November Minutes with revisions
- November's Special meeting minutes
- Rate 23 Revisions
- December write offs
- NRTC Voting delegates
- Approval of policies 111 & 113 with revisions, 117, and removal of 110
- Director Post to attend PowerXchange conference
- Board Meeting Schedule for 2023
- Adjourn meeting

Meeting Adjourned – Next regular board meeting is January 25, 2023





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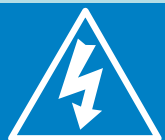
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<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS:</b>	<b>District</b>
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Larry Powers - 320-212-7960	1
Dan Pomranke - 320-894-7113	2
Todd Post, VC - 320-212-1119	2
Stan Wubben, Secretary - 320-905-8325	2
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Diane Helgeson - 320-220-3745	3
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**24-HOUR  
OUTAGE  
NUMBER**

When your lights go out, so do we.

Call us if your power goes out even if you think your neighbors  
already did. Leave one light on so you know when power has  
been restored and make sure you have an emergency kit ready.

**1-800-551-4951**

The Cooperative will attempt to furnish continuous  
service but will not guarantee uninterrupted service.



### December's \$25 Winner: Larry & Kathleen Stoeser

Enroll in our Auto Pay program to be entered into a monthly drawing for a  
\$25.00 bill credit. Save time and money!  
Must be on Auto Pay to be eligible to win. You can also select email as your only delivery option.  
You will then receive an email instead of a paper bill when your bill is ready for payment.



Arlington Cemetery **Friendships** Youth Day General Session  
**Connections** U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum John F. Kennedy Center  
U.S. Capitol Potomac River Smithsonian Institution **911 Memorial**  
Lincoln Memorial WWII Memorial Newseum **Life Long Memories** Mount Vernon  
Martin Luther King Memorial Korean War Veteran's Memorial Smithsonian Castle  
Vietnam Women's Memorial Iwo Jima Memorial National Archives Freer Gallery of Art  
National Museum of Natural History DC War Memorial National WWII Memorial  
**Jefferson Memorial** Air Force Memorial Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Hirshhorn Museum  
National Museum of Air and Space Museum of the American Indian **National Museum of the Marine Corp**  
Washington Monument **National Museum of American History**  
**Learn about Rural Electric Cooperatives** National Museum of African American History and Culture

## ATTENTION STUDENTS

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is currently accepting applications from  
eligible high school sophomores and juniors for an all-expense paid trip to  
Washington D.C. for the 2023 Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, June  
13-18. Spend six days in our nation's capital visiting famous museums and  
historical sites and chatting with politicians.

Every year, 40 bright, enthusiastic, and passionate high school juniors and  
seniors are chosen to represent Minnesota on the Rural Electric Youth Tour.

But we're not the only ones there. Youth Tour is a national sensation!

Over 1,900 student delegates from all over the country rock D.C. on this tour!

They visit with their congressional representatives, tour some of the most  
famous museums in the world and make memories and friends that will  
last a lifetime.

Make 2023 the year you experience the monuments that are dedicated to our  
country's leaders. Let your voice be heard and get your questions answered.

This tour is coordinated by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA)  
and is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 through Sunday, June 18.

Visit our website [www.kpcoop.com](http://www.kpcoop.com) for Youth Tour Contest Rules and how  
to apply. Or call 800-551-4951 for information. Application deadline is  
February 17, 2023. Additional information on the National Youth Tour  
can be found at <http://youthtour.coop>.