

# KILOWATT

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OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.**



## BUILDING A STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT GRID

Concerns about power outages, sometimes called “rolling blackouts,” tend to grow as Minnesota heads into seasons with more extreme weather. Although controlled outages could be used in rare emergencies, the grid is planned and operated to make them a last resort.

For electric cooperatives like Great River Energy, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative’s wholesale power provider, resilience is not something that starts when the weather turns bad. It is built into how the system is designed, maintained, and operated every day.

At its core, grid resilience means having the right mix of power supply, strong transmission infrastructure and real-time coordination so electricity is available when people need it most. As a not-for-profit wholesale power provider owned by 26 member-owner cooperatives, Great River Energy is focused on delivering reliable electric service, especially during periods of extreme weather and high demand. “Reliability isn’t something we turn on when the weather gets extreme. It’s something we plan for years in advance,” said Zac Ruzycki, director of resource planning at Great River Energy. “Our job is to look ahead, prepare for a wide range of conditions and make sure we have the resources, flexibility and physical capability in place to keep power flowing when demand is high or other resources can’t fully meet it.”

One reason cooperatives are well positioned to keep the electric system reliable is long-range planning. Through its integrated resource planning process, Great River Energy looks at how future electricity needs could change under a range of scenarios, including market volatility, new energy technologies, and increased load growth. That planning helps make sure there is enough capacity on the system and enough flexibility to respond when conditions become less predictable.

Investments in grid infrastructure also matter. Over the past decade, Great River Energy has strengthened its transmission system, lowering the risk that equipment failures or localized problems turn into broader outages. Line rebuilds, equipment upgrades and system hardening all help keep electricity flowing during storms, extreme temperatures and other challenging conditions.

Regional coordination also helps reduce outage risk. Great River Energy works closely with MISO, the regional grid operator that oversees the high-voltage transmission system across much of the Upper Midwest. That coordination allows electricity to flow from a diverse mix of resources across a broad geographic area, helping balance supply and demand when weather affects one part of the system more than another.

It is also important to understand that

rolling blackouts are not a routine planning tool. They are considered only if every other option to maintain system stability has been exhausted.

“The MISO north region has not implemented a load shed event or rolling blackout,” said Great River Energy Systems Operations Director Mark Peterson. “But because load shed is a tool in the toolbox for grid operators in extreme emergencies, we have plans in place so we can respond in a safe, orderly and equitable way if it’s ever needed.”

Before MISO would ever escalate to load shed, it calls on a range of additional emergency resources, including demand-response technologies. Great River Energy currently has one of the largest demand-response networks in the country relative to total peak demand, and those resources help support reliability and resilience across the system.

For member-owners, much of this work happens behind the scenes. But the results are clear when the lights stay on during extreme cold, intense heat, or major storms. By planning ahead, investing in infrastructure and coordinating across the region, cooperatives like Kandiyohi Power Cooperative and Great River Energy are continuing to build a stronger, more resilient grid.

## BUDGET BILLING



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KPC offers a Budget Billing payment plan to help members manage fluctuating monthly bills. This plan allows you to make equal monthly payments, calculated as 1/12 of your estimated annual bill, based on your usage history. July serves as a catch-up month, during which any remaining balance on your budget account is billed, due by August 1st. After completing 12 months on the plan, your account must be current, and a new budget amount will be determined based on the previous year's usage. These updated budget amounts will be reflected on your July bill. To remain enrolled in Budget Billing, participants must pay their designated amount in full each month; otherwise, they may be removed from the program. Outside of catch-up month, KPC reviews budget billing accounts approximately every six months to determine if adjustments are needed. Any necessary changes to the monthly installment will be made automatically. Want to learn more or check your eligibility? Contact us today!

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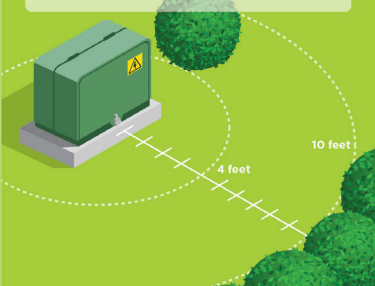
## Avoid the Big Green Box

Please stay away from pad-mounted transformers (the big green box). While safe, they are not meant for touching, climbing or playing. Pad-mounted transformers carry high voltages of electricity that serve many homes in our communities.

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Report problems. If you notice anything amiss, like an unlocked transformer or one that has been damaged, please contact us immediately.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Steve Combs

Board of Directors  
District 2

*We are pleased to introduce the newest additions to our Board of Directors. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome.*



Logan Kalkbrenner

Board of Directors  
District 3



## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

May 27, 2026

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

Additions made to Regular Agenda: Board Retirement Dinner.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Report
  - New ERA, MN Dept. of Commerce update.
  - Southern Managers Group recap.
  - Heartland Security leadership update.
  - GRE Member Managers Group meeting summary.
  - Operations Analytics set to go live.
  - Ridgewater College Scholarship brainstorming.
- Member Services/Communications
  - Load management load controller changeout project update.
  - Member Appreciation Stingers Game update.
  - Tantalus Community Strong Grant received.
  - ASHP Promo active.
  - Insight & Analytics
  - Auto Pay Metrics.
  - Bill Re-design and newsletter review.
- Engineering & Operations Report
  - YTD 2026 services: seven new services connected; six retired.
  - Prairie Woods substation transformer changeout completed.
  - Review of compliance and safety report.
  - Fleet and Equipment scheduled replacement discussion.
- IT/Maintenance Report
  - XCP-ng update.
  - Sentinel One Endpoint Detection & Response installation.
  - New iPad replacements received.
  - Microsoft Teams overview.
  - GRE IT user group meeting recap.
- Finance Report
  - NRECA Benefits Training Course recap.
  - Form 990 & 990-T information provided to Brady Martz.
  - Cost-of-service study progress update.

### Regular Agenda

#### Consent Agenda:

- April 2026 Meeting Minutes.
- May Write-offs.
- Special Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

#### Policy Review

#### Closed Session

#### Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

#### Great River Energy (GRE)

- GRE Report – Dale Anderson

#### Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular & Consent Agendas with additions..
- Review of Board Policies 105 & 108.
- Review of Board Policy 107 with revisions.
- Bill and newsletter layout
- CFC Voting Delegate.
- GRE Nextera Energy Resources – New Salem Wind Energy Purchase Resolution.
- Adjourn meeting.

Next regular board meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

### May's \$25 Winner Kyle & Pam Weber

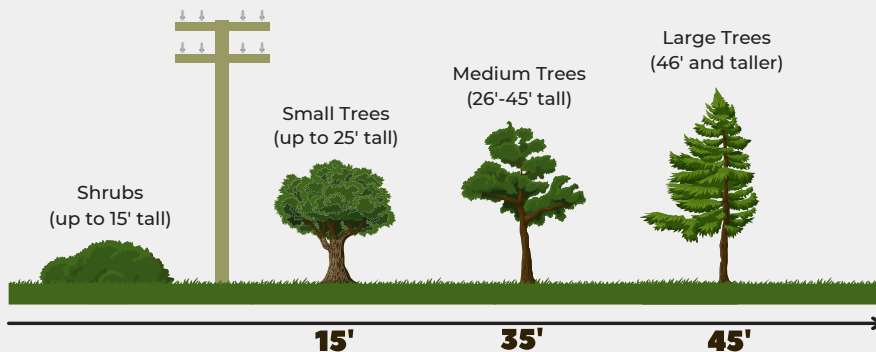


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Ken Warner - 320-212-8700	2
Kelly Erickson - 320-894-2930	3
Robert Moller - 320-295-1362	3
Logan Kalkbrenner- 320-212-6682	3

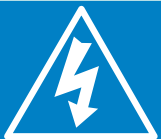
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Michele Scheffler, Editor

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≤ 5 ton & Quality Installation required. Efficiency based on AHRI directory certificate provided by HVAC Quality Installer.	
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Primary Heat Source is Delivered Fuels	\$550.00
Primary Heat Source is Electric Heat	\$700.00
High Efficiency Requirements: >1 ton & ≥ 14.3 SEER2 & ≥7.5 HSPF2	

Limited funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate amounts and programs are subject to change without notice.

**UPDATE YOUR  
 INFORMATION  
 WITH US!**

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