

JANUARY 2023

# CIRCUITS

FOR DAKOTA ELECTRIC MEMBERS

thanks for another great year...



## CONTACT US

### Member Service & Drive-Up Window

7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday  
651-463-6212 or 1-800-874-3409  
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4300 220th Street West  
Farmington, MN 55024

### 24-Hour Outage & Emergency Service

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651-454-0002 or 1-800-252-1166  
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[customerservice@dakotaelectric.com](mailto:customerservice@dakotaelectric.com)

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available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# LOOKING AHEAD

## *What To Expect in 2023*

*It is a new year, which means new opportunities, challenges and growth. We look forward to what is to come in 2023.*

### GENERAL UPDATE

At the December board meeting, our board thoroughly reviewed the 2023 budget and construction work plan. We continue to see tremendous growth in residential and commercial members even with supply chain challenges and elevated prices facing developers. Dakota Electric will not file a rate case in 2023.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The legislative session is expected to feature certain topics that are important to Dakota Electric's operations and our commitment to serving our members. Dakota Electric will monitor developments and look for outcomes that best represent our members.

### REGULATORY UPDATE

Dakota Electric is unique in Minnesota as we are the only cooperative regulated by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC). We have a positive relationship with the PUC, and we look forward to continuing this in the coming year. Dakota Electric employees recently developed a unique electric vehicle charging rate utilizing our recently installed smart meter equipment. This rate was filed with the PUC and will be reviewed in the upcoming months.

### MEMBER EVENTS

We will be hosting our annual meeting in person this year on Thursday, April 27. More details to come soon!

We are planning on having our member appreciation event at the Minnesota Zoo this year in July! Look for a save the date this spring — we hope to see you there!

### THANK YOU

Our members and hardworking employees make the communities we serve a better place. Thank you for all we have accomplished together in 2022. We look forward to another great year in 2023!



# 2022 year in Review

Dakota Electric members and employees help make our community a better place. Check out the highlights\* of what we have accomplished together in 2022. Thank you so much for another great year!



trees

**111** miles of trees trimmed



ev programs

**300** members added to our EV programs



outage duration

**21.7** minutes per member



load management

**\$17M** saved by load management programs



donations

**\$78,500** donated to our communities



kwh sales

**1.9B** kilowatt (kWh) hour sales



capital credits

**\$6.3M** back to members  
**50,362** checks mailed



calls taken

**142,000** calls taken by member services

\*Numbers are approximate.



# EAGAN'S NEW SQUAD CAR IS BLACK, WHITE AND *green*



## IT'S ELECTRIC!

The Eagan Police Department has some hybrid squad cars in its fleet, but now they are going all electric and adding a fully-outfitted 2022 Tesla Model Y.

The Model Y was partially funded through an electric vehicle grant opportunity offered by Great River Energy. Dakota Electric

Association assisted the Eagan Police Department with their grant application. The Eagan Citizens Crime Prevention Association also contributed to the new electrified squad car.

The Model Y recently received its graphics package and will soon undergo upfitting to transform it

from a regular passenger vehicle into a police vehicle.

The Eagan Police Department expects the Tesla to be on the streets in early 2023.



## FEATURES

The Tesla Model Y was chosen by the Eagan Police Department for a variety of reasons including the vehicle's range, interior cargo space and performance.

The Model Y has two ultra-responsive, independent electric motors that digitally control torque to the front and rear wheels — for far better handling, traction and stability control. It is capable in rain, snow, mud and off-road. It also features rear, side and forward-facing cameras providing maximum visibility.

On a single charge, the Model Y can go an EPA estimated range of 330 miles and can recharge up to 162 miles in 15 minutes at Supercharger locations.

The Model Y has a five-star safety rating in every category and subcategory with impact protection, a rigid structure and a low center of gravity.



**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors!

# **WIN A TRIP** **to WASHINGTON, D.C.!** **JUNE 13-18**



## **Apply for the 2023 Youth Tour**

- ★ Explore monuments and museums
- ★ Meet with members of Congress
- ★ Make lifelong friends with other students
- ★ Discover leadership skills
- ★ Learn about the cooperative business model
- ★ 5 students will be selected
- ★ Fun will be had!

Scan the  
QR code to  
apply!



Deadline is  
**Feb. 23!**

**All expenses paid by Dakota Electric!**

## **NOTICE TO COGENERATORS**

In compliance with Minnesota rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, Chapter 7835, Dakota Electric Association is required to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers that satisfy the conditions of a qualifying facility.

Dakota Electric will provide free information to all interested members regarding rates and interconnection requirements. An interconnection application is required and subject to approval from the cooperative before a qualifying facility interconnects and operates in parallel with the cooperative's distribution system.

Any disputes over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

## **YOUR ELECTRICITY BROCHURE**

The most recent information on how the electric generation, transmission and distribution systems work, plus the sources, costs and emissions of fuels used in meeting the needs of Dakota Electric's members, is available by visiting [www.dakotaelectric.com/your-power-supply](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/your-power-supply). You may also request a copy of the brochure be mailed to you by calling 651-463-6212.

## **DAKOTA CARES**

In 2022, Dakota Electric and its employees held a variety of fundraising events and a pledge drive for local charities.

**\$28,338**  
*donated*





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Office Closed**  
Jan. 2
- **Office Closed**  
Jan. 16
- **Board Meeting**  
Jan. 26, 8:30 a.m.

Find board meeting agendas and  
approved meeting minutes at  
[www.dakotaelectric.com/monthly-board-meetings](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/monthly-board-meetings).



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# Free!

## CFL & Fluorescent Lamp Recycling

Dakota Electric pays  
for the recycling of its  
residential members'  
CFL and fluorescent  
lamp bulbs.

Members can bring  
them to the Dakota  
County Recycling Zone  
located off Dodd Road  
in Eagan.



## Inside CIRCUITS

thanks for  
another  
great year!

we're  
excited for  
**2023!**