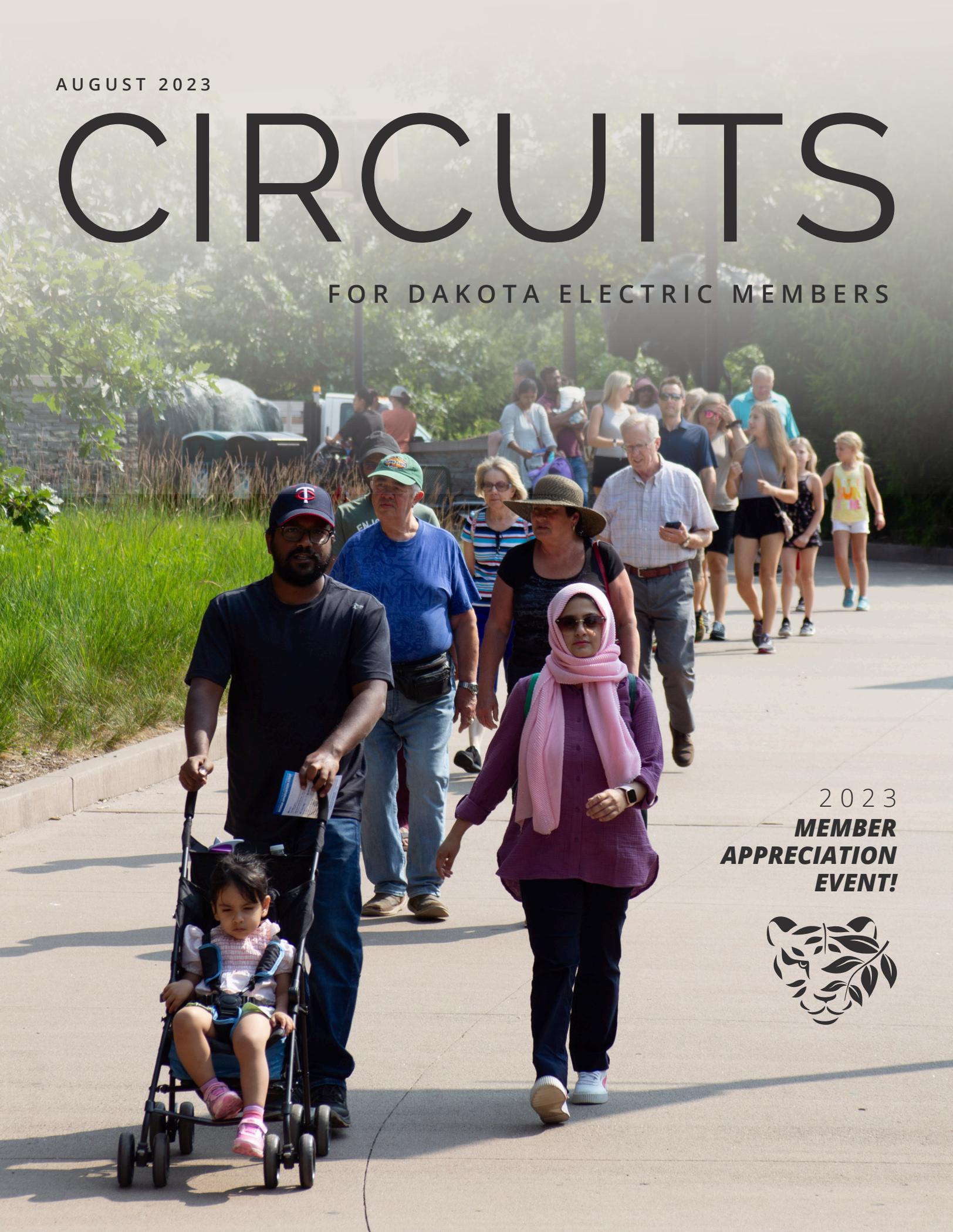


AUGUST 2023

# CIRCUITS

FOR DAKOTA ELECTRIC MEMBERS



2023  
**MEMBER  
APPRECIATION  
EVENT!**



## CAREERS

### BE A PART OF OUR ENERGY

www.dakotaelectric.com/careers  
HResources@dakotaelectric.com  
651-463-6301

## CONTACT US

### Member Service & Drive-Up Window

7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday  
651-463-6212 or 1-800-874-3409  
Minnesota Relay Service 711  
customerservice@dakotaelectric.com

### Lobby - 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

4300 220th Street West  
Farmington, MN 55024

### 24-Hour Outage & Emergency Service

651-463-6201 or 1-800-430-9722

### Underground Cable Locations

Gopher State One Call 811 or  
651-454-0002 or 1-800-252-1166  
www.gopherstateonecall.org

### New & Existing Services

651-460-7500

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*All programs and rebates are subject to  
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# MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT RECAP

Dakota Electric's annual Member Appreciation Event returned to the Minnesota Zoo on July 13 after a hiatus since 2019. The annual event is a gesture to thank our valued members for their ongoing support.

Over 5,000 members enjoyed free admission to the Minnesota Zoo, creating an evening filled with excitement and exploration. Members had the opportunity to discover their favorite exhibits, including the Wings Financial World of Birds Show, embark on an exciting adventure at the Dino Hideout or take a leisurely stroll along the Llama Trek. There was something for everyone to enjoy.

In the spirit of giving back to the community, we encouraged members to bring non-perishable food items for donation to local food shelves or provide a cash donation. The response from our members was overwhelming, with 2,134 lbs of food and \$1,370 collected. These contributions will have a significant impact on supporting individuals and families in our local area.

Ryan Hentges, President and CEO of Dakota Electric, extended his heartfelt appreciation, emphasizing the impact of the generous donations. "All of the cash and donations will directly benefit The Open Door and 360 Communities, supporting individuals and families in Dakota County. We are immensely grateful to everyone who contributed."

Since the inception of this event in 1998, our members have continually demonstrated their commitment to giving back. Over the years, members have donated over 40,000 pounds of food and contributed more than \$15,000 to local food shelves, making a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

We would like to thank all of our members who attended our Member Appreciation Event. Your presence and generosity made the event a remarkable success.



# UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

Understanding your electric bill is more than just deciphering a set of numbers and charges — it is a key to managing your energy consumption, saving money and promoting a sustainable future. Understanding your electric bill empowers you to take advantage of Dakota Electric's energy-saving programs and rebates which allow you to optimize your energy usage. For more information on our programs and rebates, visit [www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates).

 Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 4300 220TH STREET WEST FARMINGTON MN 55024-9583 (651) 463-6212 www.dakotaelectric.com District 0 For additional contact information see reverse side of bill.	<b>1 Billing summary</b>		<b>Actual</b>						
	Account Number: 200000000000 Statement Date: 03/02/2023 Due Date: 04/01/2023 Premises ID: 000000 Service Address: 123 ELECTRIC AVENUE	Previous Balance: 00.00 Payments Received: 00.00 CR Balance: 00.00 Total Service: 00.00 <b>Total Amount Due: 00.00</b>	Please give special attention to the previous balance on your bill. The due date specified below refers to current billing only.						
<b>2 Electric Service Rate Schedule 31</b>									
<b>Billing Consumption</b>	<b>Meter</b>	<b>Register</b>	<b>Present Read</b>	<b>Read Date</b>	<b>Previous Read</b>	<b>Read Date</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Multiplier</b>	<b>Consumption</b>
Energy	0ED00000000	Energy Total	00000.00	02/22/22	00000.00	01/21/22	32	1	000.00 kWh
Energy	000.00 kWh	0ED00000000	00000.00	02/22/22	00000.00	01/21/22	32	1	000.00 kWh
		0ED00000000	0.00	02/22/22				1	0.00 kW
<b>3 Charge Description</b>					<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Charge Rate</b>	<b>Charge Amount</b>		
Fixed Charge							00.00		
Energy Charge					000.00 kWh	0.0000	00.00		
Energy Resource and Tax Adjustment					000.00 kWh	0.0000	0.00		
Advanced Metering Recovery Fee							0.00		
<b>Total Monthly Electric Charges</b>							<b>00.00</b>		
<b>4 Taxable Fees and Miscellaneous</b>									
<b>Charge Description</b>					<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Charge Rate</b>	<b>Charge Amount</b>		
City Fee							0.00		
<b>Total Taxable Fees and Miscellaneous</b>							<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Taxes</b>									
<b>Charge Description</b>					<b>Charge Amount</b>				
Dakota County Transit Tax					0.00				
State Sales Tax					0.00				
<b>Total Taxes</b>					<b>0.00</b>				
<b>Non Taxable Fees and Miscellaneous</b>									
<b>Charge Description</b>					<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Charge Rate</b>	<b>Charge Amount</b>		
Late Fee							0.00		
<b>Total New Charges</b>							<b>00.00</b>		
<b>5 ENERGY GENERATION &amp; DELIVERY COST FOR YOUR RATE CLASS</b>					<b>6 COMPARISON</b>				
Generation	54%	Current Month	32	AVG. DAILY KWH	00.0	ELECTRIC CHARGES	0.00		
Transmission	12%	Previous Month	30		00.0		0.00		
Distribution	34%	Same Month Year Ago	31		00.0		0.00		

## 1. BILLING SUMMARY

Has your unique account number, the date your bill was prepared and the date your bill is due. It also shows the address of the location where electric service is billed, which can differ from the mailing address.

## 2. ELECTRIC SERVICE

Includes meter serial number, current and previous meter reading. Usage period shows the meter reading dates and the number of days in the billing cycle. For our residential members, the electricity you use is measured and billed in kilowatt-hours (kWh).

## 3. CHARGE DESCRIPTION

**Fixed charge** is for expenses incurred regardless of how much electricity you use, such as monthly costs for metering and billing. **Energy charge** is for generating electricity and delivering it to your home. **The Resource and Tax Adjustment** adjusts electricity prices annually according to changes in wholesale power, property and real estate tax that occurred since we last set our energy rate in a rate case.

## 4. TAXES & FEES

**Franchise fees**, if applicable, are based on city ordinances and can vary depending on the city you live in. The fee is required by our franchise agreement with some cities. **Dakota County Transit Tax** is collected on bills of members from Dakota County and applies to anything subject to general sales tax. **State tax** rate is determined using the taxes as of January 1, 2019. Any additional taxes on electricity transmission, distribution, or sales that apply to this agreement will be added to the above rate. Property taxes already covered by the RTA are excluded.

## 5. ENERGY GEN. & DELIVERY COSTS

This table shows how much of your monthly bill is used for generation, transmission and distribution of your electricity. The chart will vary for different rate classes, and is updated annually.

## 6. COMPARISON CHART

This chart compares your electricity use for the current month, previous month and same month from the previous year.

# HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

## ESTIMATING ELECTRICITY USE & COST

**Step 1:** Your electric bill is determined by the number of kilowatt-hours (kWh) used during a billing period. For 2022, the average kWh cost was 12.92¢.

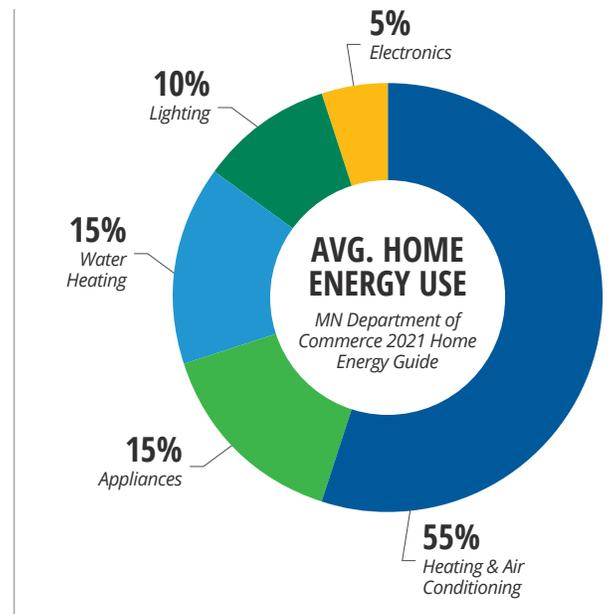
**Step 2:** Wattage determines electrical use per hour and can be found on the serial plate of the appliance. Electric load may also be expressed in volts and amps, rather than watts. If so, multiply volts times amperes to determine the wattage.

*120 volts x 12.1 amps = 1,452 watts.*

**Step 3:** Use the formula shown in the following example to estimate use and cost. A light uses 100 watts and is left on for 15 hours. How many kWh are used and what does it cost you?

*kWh used = (100 watts x 15 hours) ÷ 1,000 watts = 1.5 kWh.*

*Your cost = 1.5 kWh x 12.8¢ = 19.38¢.*



## SUMMER ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep the heat out.



Replace disposable air filters once a month to maximize efficiency. Or follow manufacturer's guidelines.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room. Fans cool people, not rooms.



Install a programmable thermostat to easily adjust the temperature when you are sleeping or away from home.



Schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment to maximize efficiency.



Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.



Use solar lights to brighten up your outdoor space.



On hot days, avoid using the oven. Cook on the stove, microwave or grill outside.

# COMMUNITY

CHECK OUT OUR BOOTH!



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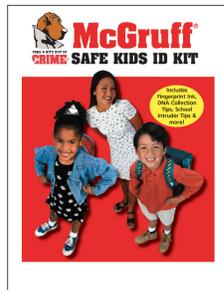
**Visit us at the Dakota County Fair! We will be in the Red Commercial Building!**

Talk to one of our Energy Experts® for information on:

- Energy-saving tips & programs
- Rebates
- Special promotions

For more fair details, visit [www.dakotacountyfair.org](http://www.dakotacountyfair.org).

## FREE SAFE KID ID KITS



Dakota Electric donated The McGruff Safe Kids ID Kits to our local police departments to hand out at schools and other community events. These kits aim to teach children about safety in a fun and friendly way.

The kits include:

- Tear-out fingerprint card with child-safe fingerprint ink
- McGruff the Crime Dog tear-out emergency numbers card
- 911 instructions
- DNA collection tips
- Fun, family-friendly quizzes and games reinforcing the safety message

Be watching for your local police departments handing these kits out in your community or at schools!

SAVE THE DATE!

### Fall Food Drive

On **Saturday, Sept. 23**, Dakota Electric will be collecting food for The Open Door pantry at the Hy-Vee located on Pilot Knob in Lakeville from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Donate cash or non-perishable food items for a chance to win a prize!

## YOUTH TOUR RECAP

Every June, Dakota Electric sponsors five high school students on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to learn about the cooperative business model, meet elected officials, visit monuments and museums, tour federal agencies and discuss issues that are most important to them.

Dakota Electric has sent approximately 155 students since 1967. This commitment to our community is a fundamental part of what makes us more than your average electric utility. Below are a few photos from this year's trip!





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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Dakota County Fair**  
August 7-13
- **Board Meeting**  
August 24, 8:30 a.m.

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## ENERGY TRENDS EXPO

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26, 2023