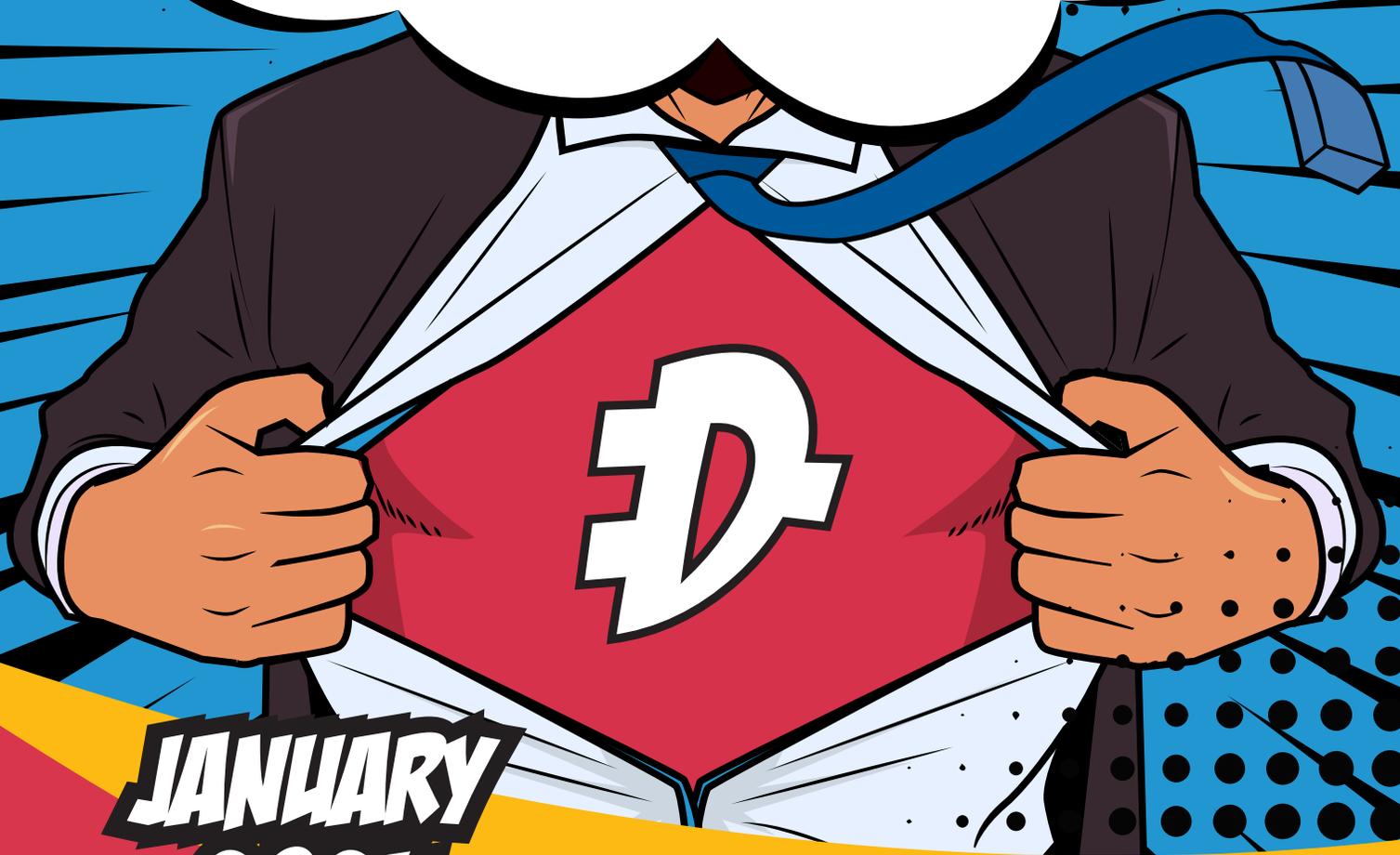


FOR DAKOTA ELECTRIC MEMBERS

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NEWSLETTER



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

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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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LOOKING AHEAD

WHAT TO
EXPECT IN
2024!

As we enter the new year, we're excited to share key updates on Dakota Electric's strategic initiatives. Our unwavering commitment to safety, member service, and innovation drives us forward.

Safety remains a top priority, with the second-year implementation of the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) and active participation in the "Commitment to Zero Contacts" initiative.

In 2024, we'll enhance cybersecurity and embrace technology with projects like the Customer Information System (CIS) upgrade and the development of a Distributed Energy Resource Management System (DERMS) strategy.

We're actively pursuing grants for renewables and technology, investing in our distribution system for reliability.

In anticipation for the implementation of the Energy Conservation and Optimization Act (ECO) in 2024, we're developing new member programs, such as a virtual metered EV rate charging program and behind-the-meter storage options, along with exploring other initiatives.

Stay tuned for more updates in future editions of *Circuits*, and discussions on the energy future throughout the rest of 2024.



Thank you for your continued partnership and trust in Dakota Electric!

HIGHLIGHTS

Numbers are approximate.

2023

1.9B kilowatt-hour sales.

130,000
calls taken by
member services.

128
miles of
trees
trimmed.

19.5
MINUTES
average outage
duration per
member.

\$15.5M
saved by load
management
programs.

500+
members added to
our EV programs.

\$83,000
donated to our
communities.

\$2.6M
capital credits
returned to
members.

51,915
capital credit
checks mailed.

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Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors!

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JUNE 18-23



APPLY FOR THE 2024 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!

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Deadline is
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www.dakotaelectric.com/community/education-programs/

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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.

You may also request a copy of the brochure be mailed to you by calling 651-463-6212.

2023 HOLIDAY GLOW-OFF WINNERS!



DAKOTA CARES

In 2023, Dakota Electric employees held a variety of fundraising events and a pledge drive for local charities.

\$28,147
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Dakota Electric pays for residential members' recycling of CFL & fluorescent lamp bulbs at the Dakota County Recycling Zone located in Eagan.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Office Closed**
Jan. 1
- **Office Closed**
Jan. 15
- **Board Meeting**
Jan. 25, 8:30 a.m.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The board application and nominating committee links were incorrect in the December edition. Please use the following link to apply: www.dakotaelectric.com/about-us/annual-meeting-election



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