



REC Planned Power Outage Notification
Dear Bob White,
There is a planned power outage in your area...
Please refer to the [Outage Map](#).

REC Member Outage Notification
Dear Bob White,
Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association
your area. Crews are being dispatched to restore power.

REC Member Outage Update Notification
Dear Bob White,
A crew is onsite at an outage in your area. Estimated Restore Time has been updated.

REC Member Outage Restored Notification
Dear Bob White,
Power has been restored.
If you are still out of power, call 320-269-2163.
Account: 123456
Service Address: 123 Random
Cause: reason{GroupDescription1}

MANAGER'S MESSAGE // PAT CARRUTH



General Manager

Mid-Year Financials Show Minnesota Valley in Good Shape

We are just ahead of where we thought we would be financially through the first half of this year. We have a total margin of just over \$602,000 through June compared to a budgeted total margin of \$538,000. Energy sales are running about 3% higher than they were last year at this point. Operationally, we have been successfully working through our planned construction projects for the year. We are also getting the maintenance projects completed that will ensure the system continues operating the way it needs to. Anyway, financially and operationally we are in good shape through mid-year.

Good News for Always Available Coal Fired Power Plants

The Environmental Protection Agency recently released its proposals to repeal the power plant rule and mercury air rule. This is an important course correction that will help electric cooperatives keep the lights on 24/7/365 at a cost families and businesses can afford.

The presently repealed power plant rule exceeded the EPA's authority, disregarded prior Supreme Court decisions and would require use of inadequately demonstrated carbon capture and storage technology. The mercury air rule was a costly mandate with no appreciable health benefits that would have forced closure of some coal-fired units that are critical to electric reliability.

President Trump then signed an Executive Order that exempts 68 coal-fired plants from this rule including our Dry Fork Station in Gillette, Wyoming. This Executive Order gave those plants an additional 4 years to develop affordable technology to meet the mercury air standard as it presently exists.

Outage Notifications are Now Available!

If you have a valid mobile phone number and email address in our system, we will now send you text and email updates when there is an outage at your location. The emails will also have a link to our real time outage map.

If you haven't already updated your contact information, it can be added through your existing online account or by signing up for an online account through our website or mobile app.



Method	Contact	Status	Action
📞	123-456-7890	Enrolled - Text Messages	
✉️	mvalley@mvalleyrec.com	Enrolled - Emails	

Manager's Message (continued from page 1)

Basin Tour Reminds Us of the Importance of Coal

Each summer the cooperative takes a busload of member-owners to Bismarck to look at the coal mines and the mine-mouth power plants and the hydroelectric facilities on the Missouri River. We have the drawings for the Basin Tour each year at our District Caucus Meetings and our Annual Meeting. The tour is designed to give our members a first-hand chance to witness the long journey electric power makes from its origination as a 15-foot-thick coal seam over 100 feet under the windswept prairie to the power outlet at their homes and farms. Additionally, the members on the Basin Tour are informed of our mandated collective investments in not always available or intermittent non-firm energy sources such as wind and solar.

Minnesota Valley depends on coal to provide energy for about 35% of the always available electric energy, electric power that is available 24/7/365. Always available natural gas electric power generation provides about 20%. The balance of your electric energy through our Basin Electric is hydropower and again, when available, wind and solar.

Contacts with Power Lines

Harvest is just around the corner and for those of you in production agriculture, you know how harried the season can get. Please take some time to discuss working safely around power lines with your family or those you will be working with to get the crop out and prep the land for next year's crop. Each year it seems there are more contacts with equipment and power lines. It is not just with Minnesota Valley, it is with all rural electrics across the country who serve power in agricultural communities such as we do.

So please, think overhead power lines this fall. We don't care about having to rebuild a line knocked down by equipment. That is our job. What we do care about is someone getting injured or killed. It happens and it happens fast. So please, be careful and have a great harvest season.

Have a great rest of the summer!

BASIN TOUR

The 2025 Basin Tour was a great experience from start to finish. In addition to enjoying the travel, food and fun, members gained insight into the "story behind the switch," learning just how much work behind the scenes goes into powering our everyday lives.



ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS // TODD BOLKEMA



Engineering & Operations Manager

This month we are happy to introduce **outage notifications**. For members that have contact information in our system, we will send out text and email messages for planned outages, new outages, outage updates and outage restorations. When you call in with an outage, we will check the members around you to verify the extent of the outage and then send a message letting you know the estimated time of restoration. As we are making repairs, we may send an outage update if that estimated time of restoration can't be met. After the power is restored, another message will be sent with a basic description of the cause. There are many members who have not signed up for online access to their account or who do not have their current cell number or email added. If you would like to receive outage notifications, I encourage you to update your information.

Our Lisbon Substation between Clarkfield and Montevideo had a failure of the transformer bushing in May. T&R Electric Supply out of Coleman, South Dakota was here in July to replace the bushings with a new matched set. The bushings weigh 125 pounds and are as tall as a person. T&R also brought out special test equipment to make sure the transformer was in good working condition and we sent samples of oil for testing. All the tests looked good and the transformer was put back into service in July. The spare transformer will stay in the substation until the ground either dries out or freezes and we can pull the heavy trailer out.

The pole inspection crew is making great progress this summer. As of July 15th they inspected 4,841 poles with 60 poles flagged for replacement. The pole inspections and replacements will result in more reliable service to our members. N two three two zero one We are well on our way to the goal of 6,000 poles inspected.



Find Your Location Number

If you find your location number in this newsletter, you will receive a bill credit that starts at \$10 (*Operation Round Up participants get an additional \$10 bonus*). If no number is claimed before the 25th of the month, the unclaimed amount **rolls over into the next month**. If both location numbers are claimed in a month, the recipients will split the credit. Once claimed, we will start again at \$10. If you find your number, call 320.269.2163 or 800.247.5051.



Comparative Report

	Jan-Jun 25	Jan-Jun 24	Jan-Jun 2005
Kwh Purchased	117,526,616	113,662,909	78,048,283
Kwh Sold	111,591,274	107,973,808	72,668,400
Cost Of Purchased Power	\$6,533,115	\$5,715,365	\$2,035,996
Patronage Capital Margins	\$602,264	\$449,218	\$301,586
Reserve For Taxes	\$169,998	\$132,000	\$87,600
Cost Per Kwh Purchased (mills)	55.59	50.51	26.09
	June '25	June '24	June '05
Total Plant	\$110,299,457	\$101,023,312	\$39,573,144
Number of Active Services	5,322	5,307	5,249
Avg. Residential Bill	\$242.83	\$204.47	\$113.81
Avg. Residential Kwh Consumption	1,515	1,520	1,494
Avg. Kwh Usage All Consumers	2,917	2,975	2,087
Peak Kw Demand (Peak Load)	35,171	32,300	26,486

Congratulations to Jason Stensrud who found his number last month and received \$10! If you find your number, claim by the 25th of August to be eligible for:



MEMBER SERVICES // SCOTT KUBESH



Member Services Manager

Rheem Marathon® Water Heaters

This may be the last water heater you'll ever have to buy!



Minnesota Valley offers lifetime warranty residential models that meets the newest federal efficiency requirements, at reduced costs for co-op members and our current rebates bring the cost even lower.

Minnesota Valley Water Heater Rebates

- 50 Gallon—\$100 rebate
 - 85 Gallon—\$200 rebate
 - 105 Gallon—\$300 rebate
- Note: Available to Minnesota Valley members only. The water heater must be installed on Minnesota Valley lines to receive rebate.*

Financing is available at 0% interest for 12 months on the Rheem Marathon water heater and installation. I three one three zero three A \$50 origination fee is required for the processing of the loan and approval will be based on previous payment history with Minnesota Valley Cooperative.

For more information on long-life Marathon water heaters, contact Member Services at 320.269.2163.

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LAST CHANCE ~~FOR~~ DOUBLE REBATES!

Don't miss this incredible deal before it ends on Labor Day! Get your **double rebates** on a heat pump today!

Call our Member Services Department at **320.269.2163**

BEST PRICE!

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