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Mark Your Calendar

Sep 1 .. Closed for Labor Day
Sep 15 Electric Bills Due
Sep 30 Board Meeting



Find Your Account Number & Win!

TEC has hidden an account number in this newsletter. If you find your account number, notify us by October 1st and receive a **\$10 bill credit**.



Who Owns What? Understanding Electric Equipment Responsibilities

JEREMY HUHNSTOCK | General Manager

Traverse Electric Cooperative is always prepared to respond swiftly to outages and restore power safely, but it is also important for homeowners to understand which parts of the electric system are their responsibility and which are maintained by us at the co-op. Understanding these key differences can help speed up repairs and ensure

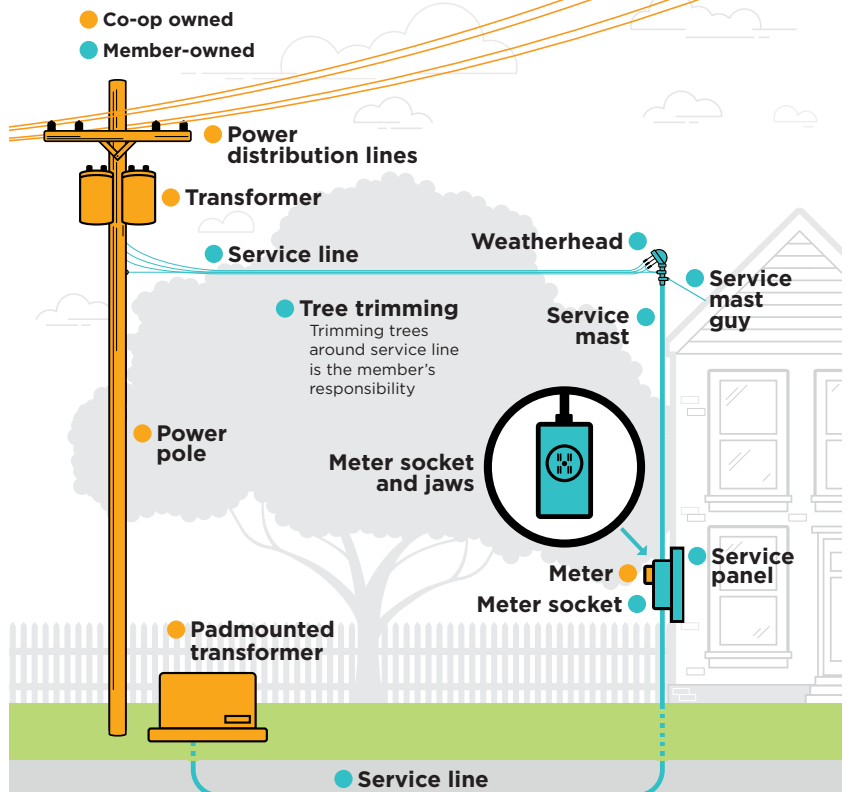
everyone stays safe when the weather turns rough.

TEC is responsible for maintaining and repairing the equipment and lines that run to your home, including utility poles, distribution power lines, electric meters and padmounted transformers.

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Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.



Note: This graphic depicts overhead and underground service. Please be aware of which type of service you receive at your home or business.


Who Owns What?

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TEC members are responsible for the equipment located between the electric meter and your home or business, including any underground service lines that lead into the structure and the service panel. Members are also responsible for the weatherhead and service mast located outside the home. If any equipment that you (the homeowner) are responsible for is damaged, please call a licensed electrician to conduct the repairs. A professional has the experience and know-how to assess and manage these types of repairs. When severe weather damages electrical equipment, it's important to note that any necessary repairs to the homeowner's equipment must be conducted before TEC crews can restore power to your home or business. By understanding the equipment, you are responsible for, the repair and restoration process will be smoother and faster.


Our community takes great pride in the beautiful trees and landscaping that contribute to the natural beauty where we live, however, regular trimming is essential to ensure reliable electric service and minimize damage from severe weather. TEC regularly trims trees throughout our service territory to improve service reliability. If you spot a tree limb that is obstructing a distribution power line outside your home, please call TEC so we can trim those limbs and maintain those lines. Any overgrown limbs or vegetation around the service line is the homeowner's responsibility, and in these cases, please call a professional tree trimming service to assist.

By working together to understand the essential equipment that powers daily life, we can all be better prepared to start the repair and restoration process if severe weather impacts our community.

If you have any questions about your electrical equipment, we're here to help. Please contact Traverse Electric Cooperative at (800) 927-5443. 

TEC Reviewing Rates Amid 2026-27 Increase

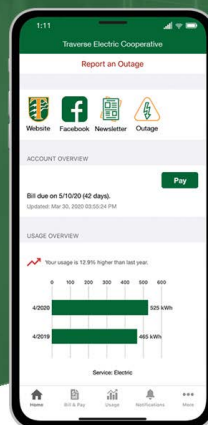
Basin Electric Cooperative higher than forecasted increase for 2026 & 2027

When Traverse Electric adjusted our rates at the beginning of 2025, we were expected to see an average increase of 2.8% in 2026. Basin Electric's forecasted increase will be around 10%. TEC will review our rates with STAR Energy to see if there will need to be any adjustments made for 2026. Thank you for your understanding. 

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Electricity used to operate major appliances accounts for a significant portion of your home energy use. Here's an easy way to lighten the load on your clothes dryer. Before you dry a load of damp clothing, toss in a clean, dry towel. The towel will absorb excess water, shortening the drying time. If your dryer does not include an autosense feature, reduce the timer to about half of what you normally would. Remove the towel about 15 minutes after the cycle begins. Shorter drying times will extend the life of your dryer and save energy.

Source: homesandgardens.com



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Save time with easy payment options to avoid late fees and service interruptions.



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Family Fun Night



LEFT

Tayden George (l) and Isaac Hoverson (r) are pictured with a line truck all set up and ready to go for Traverse County's 4th Annual Family Fun Night held July 26 at the Traverse County Fairgrounds.

BELOW

Kids enjoyed a cool treat and spent a little time learning about what linemen do and wear.



YELLOW LIGHTS?

Slow down — the bus is stopping.

RED LIGHTS + STOP ARM?

Stop — kids are loading or unloading.

Stay back at least 10 feet and watch for kids crossing unexpectedly.

July 2025 Traverse Electric Board Meeting Highlights

The July regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

Absent: None.

Staff members present were General Manager, Jeremy Huhnstock, Dale Schwagel, and Karen Lupkes.

President Diekmann called the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved.

Approved the YE 12/31/24 and 3/31/25 Audit Report.

Steve Barnett, CEO of SDREA, discussed the SDREA organization and activities.

The minutes of the June regular board meeting were approved.

The June check register was approved.

Discussed the East River and Basin Electric video reports, and the NRECA training video: The Board's Role in Safety.

Diekmann gave an East River Board Report.

Marks and Thoennes reported on the MREA District Meeting.

Huhnstock presented the General Manager's Report, which included:

- Provided a Basin Electric update.
- Provided an East River update.
- REED Fund review.
- NRECA update.
- MREA and MN legislative update.

- SDREA and SD legislative update.
- Other matters of interest.

Lupkes gave the Office Manager's Report, which included:

- June 30, 2025 accounts receivable balances were reviewed.
- A list of new members was reviewed.
- NISC software conversion update.
- Update on Electrical Dept. and Generator Program.
- East River power bill and Basin's financial reports reviewed.

Reviewed and approved the June 2025 Financial Report.

The Operations Report was presented per written report. Items included:

- Provided a crew update.
- Reviewed upcoming and completed projects.
- Wet conditions continue to delay projects.
- Cabinet inspections were completed.
- Carr's Tree Service is facing rain delays to start tree trimming.
- Reviewed our Safety Program.
- Outages were reviewed.

Selected Basin Annual Meeting voting delegates.

Reviewed upcoming meetings and attendees.

Meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Doug Diekmann, Beardsley, MN
Vice-President: Terry Monson, Veblen, SD
Secretary: Matthew Glynn, Sisseton, SD
Treasurer: Michael Marks, Norcross, MN
Stacy Ehlers, Wheaton, MN
Michael Gaulrapp, Breckenridge, MN
Jared Hamling, Rosholt, SD
Bradley Rudolph, Dumont, MN
Kaley Thoennes, Chokio, MN

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Jeremy Huhnstock – General Manager
Karen Lupkes – Office Manager
Dale Schwagel – Operations Manager
Melissa Przymus – Accountant
Stacie Johannsen – Billing Clerk

OPERATIONS PERSONNEL

Richard Davis – Foreman
Joe Gahlon – Journeyman Lineworker
Isaac Hoverson – Journeyman Lineworker
Austin Reinke – Journeyman Lineworker
Tayden George – Apprentice Lineworker
Jordan Pearson – Apprentice Lineworker
Chris Falk – Facility/Staking Technician
Robert Groebner – Facility Technician

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Nick Helseth	605-280-2188
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Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
May 1 – September 30

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TEC June 2025 Financials

	Jun 2024	Jun 2025	YTD 2025
Total Revenue	\$1,041,796.95	\$1,232,485.67	\$7,468,467.88
Cost of Power	\$659,085.37	\$710,265.59	\$4,233,307.96
Total Cost of Service	\$1,106,156.39	\$1,150,785.32	\$6,974,614.32
Operating Margins	\$(64,359.44)	\$81,700.35	\$493,853.56
Total Margins	\$(31,112.13)	\$87,104.93	\$881,509.21
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Purchased	10,348,282	9,965,511	67,730,947
Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) Sales	9,931,000	9,459,496	64,586,226
Line Loss	4%	5%	4%