







# BILLING DUE DATE TO CHANGE

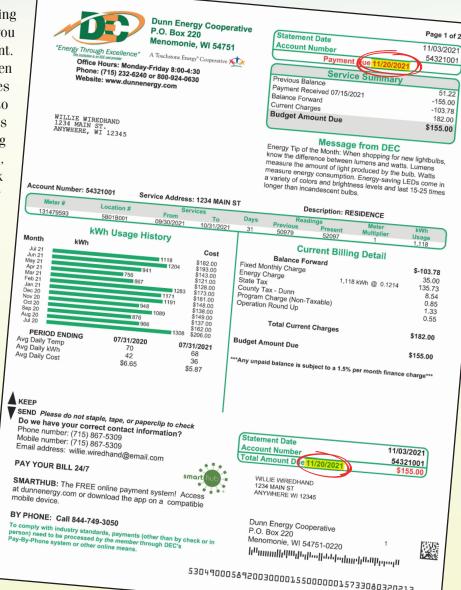
In August, the United States Postal Service (USPS) announced their finalized plan to slow mail delivery service starting October 1, 2021. With this information in mind, Dunn Energy Cooperative has made the decision to change the billing due date from the 15th of the month, to the 20th of the month. This will go into effect with the bill you receive

in November.

However, just because we are changing the due date doesn't mean we want you to change when you mail your payment. These five extra days are to help lessen the occurrence of accidental late fees charged to accounts. According to the USPS, the agency is changing its standard time frame for delivering first-class letters, flat envelopes, and periodicals. The benchmark will go from a one-to-three-day delivery window to a one-to-five-day delivery window. So, if there are an additional one to two days for us to get the bill to you, and then another additional one to two days for you to get your payment mailed to us, that eats up the extra five days we are adding on before the bill is due.

The people who will see the greatest impact of this change are those members who are on auto-pay. Bills will be drafted on the 20th of each month instead of the 15th of the month starting with the bill you receive at the beginning of November.

If you would like to get your bill sooner, and be able to pay it without worrying about stamps, you can always use SmartHub, our online account management program. It's convenient and free to use. All you need to know to sign up is your last name, account number, and billing zip code. You can find SmartHub on our website at dunnenergy.com or through your app store on your phone or tablet.



### FROM THE BOARD ROOM

## September 2021 Board Meeting Highlights





#### **Monthly Reports:**

Operations reported that 90 new services have been installed this year. Brushing continues in the Lucas and Tainter areas. Two linemen

attended Apprenticeship school in September and crews continue to work on line upgrades and maintenance as well as new services and pole replacements.

IT reported that Dunn is currently working on a shared services project with other local electric co-ops on a disaster recovery program. The group has built and tested a stand alone data center that any of the co-ops could utilize in the event of a disaster.

August financials showed kWh sales and revenues were about 3% over budget. Expenses are higher than budget this month mostly due to power costs being significantly higher than anticipated. Year-to-date revenues are above budget by 1.5% and other expenses are trending at or below budget for the year.

The CEO/General Manager shared that the new Dunn Energy EV charger at the 29 Pine/Eau Claire Travel Center location is up and running, with the ribbon cutting to be later that day. Dunn along with several other local electric co-ops held an EV Experience at the CVTC

Energy Education Center in Eau Claire on Sept. 25. Over 150 people were in attendance and were able to drive several models of EVs including the co-ops Chevy Bolt. Singerhouse also went over strategic planning goals and what is planned for following through with those goals.

#### The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the August 2021 Board meeting
- Capital credit estate payout for deceased members.
- Audit committee report of all checks, ACH payments, wire transfers, credit card statements, and investments accounts.
- Approved the budget for replacing a large service truck in 2022

#### **Other Business:**

Director Zwiefelhofer reported on Dairyland Power activities for the month.

Reviewed the monthly report of new Cooperative members.

Reviewed the monthly governance video that discussed key financial ratios

Conducted the annual CEO performance review



Please be advised the Winter Test for Interruptible Heat (Dual Fuel) Members is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th. This date is the Wednesday of the week before Thanksgiving, the same test day as prior years. This load control test is performed in advance of the winter Full Load Control season to ensure member familiarity with the control sequence and to ensure that backup heating systems have been validated for proper function.

Residential Interruptible Heat load classes will be controlled as follows:

#### **Control Start**

All Interruptible Heat load classes will begin control at 5:00 p.m. without pre-alert.

#### Restoral

Miscellaneous Heat loads (class 4B) will be restored at 8:30 p.m. All other Interruptible Heat loads (classes 2A, 2B, 2C and 2W) will vary in restoral, beginning at 9:00 p.m., with all loads restored by 10 p.m.



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