



# DELIVERING AFFORDABLE ENERGY: FAIR & ACCURATE RATES



**Dunn Energy Cooperative**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

By Jesse Singerhouse, General Manager

As a member-owned business, Dunn Energy Cooperative has a responsibility to treat every member fairly. One of the most important ways we do that is through how we design rates and bill for the energy service you receive. That means making sure the rates you pay are based on the actual cost of delivering electricity to your home, farm, or business. We've spent the past few months talking about that with our board and they are considering implementing a demand charge in our rate design. (3994003)

As we've shared before, several factors make up the expense of delivering electricity to your home, farm, or business. One is for the electricity you use. Another is for capacity—the cost of ensuring enough power is available during the hottest and coldest days of the year so service stays reliable. There's also an expense to move electricity from power plants to our area and then deliver it to your

home. Some of these expenses change depending on how and when electricity is used. Others stay the same no matter how much energy is used in a month. Some members use electricity evenly throughout the day, while others use more electricity during peak demand times. A demand charge will reflect the expense placed on the system during those peak demand times. Fair rates help ensure each member pays for the expense that their usage places on the system, while also keeping the cooperative financially strong.

Your cooperative works hard to make sure our rates stay fair and accurate. We regularly review our wholesale power costs and track changes in energy, capacity, and transmission charges. When those expenses change, we look closely at how they affect our system and our rates. We can also use data to better understand how electricity is used in our service area. This helps us see usage patterns and make sure our rate structures still make sense over time.

In addition, we regularly complete a detailed cost-of-service study with outside

experts. These studies help us fairly divide costs among member groups and help our board understand when a rate change is needed. Most importantly, we believe in being open and transparent because as a member-owner you deserve to understand what your cooperative is billing you for.

Developing a different rate structure that aligns with our costs will help our cooperative continue to safely deliver you energy that is reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible today and in the future.

## Controlling Demand by Shifting Energy Use

You are in the driver's seat when it comes to demand. Simply shift non-essential energy use outside of peak demand times:

**June-August:**  
2-6 p.m.

**December-February:**  
7-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m.

*Working for You*

## Hidden Account Numbers

If you find your account number hidden in the pages of this magazine and you call and tell us before the next issue is mailed, we'll put a **\$50 credit** on your electric bill. Happy hunting!

Last month's winners were Jonathan & Kristina O'Malley and Randy Skillings.

# SAVE THE DATE

**DUNN ENERGY  
COOPERATIVE**

**2026  
ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

**Registration & Dinner: 5:15 p.m.**

**Business Meeting: 6 p.m.**

Look for more information in your mailbox soon!



## NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The committee on nominations met at the office of the Cooperative in Menomonie, Wisconsin, on the 5th of March 2026 at 1 p.m. and having proceeded to make nominations for directors to be voted on at the Annual Meeting May 14, 2026, do hereby report that we do make the following nominations:

### **Nominees for director to succeed Karl Varnes:**

1. Larrie Rosen  
N14420 87th St.  
Clear Lake, WI 54005
2. Karl Varnes  
N13202 530th St.  
Ridgeland, WI 54763

### **Nominees for director to succeed Dean Stokke:**

1. Dean Stokke  
E7135 860th Ave.  
Colfax, WI 54730
2. James Zons  
E6322 County Rd D  
Colfax, WI 54730

### **Nominees for director to succeed Rachel Kummer:**

1. Rachel Kummer  
N1411 830th St.  
Mondovi, WI 54755
2. Paul Rasmussen  
E6803 90th Ave.  
Mondovi, WI 54755

The by-laws provide that 25 or more members may make their nominations in writing over their signatures on or before 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2026, and if such other nominations are made, they will also be posted with the above list of nominations made by the committee and such additional nominees listed on the ballot.

Anyone nominated for director by petition should turn in a resume and picture of themselves when the petition is turned in. This will give voting members information on directors.

## BY-LAW CHANGES & RESOLUTIONS

Any bylaw amendments or resolutions from the member must be in on or before 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2026, to accompany the annual meeting notice.



# WHAT IS LOAD MANAGEMENT AND HOW DOES IT HELP THE GRID?

**W**e've been talking a lot about demand lately and how to reduce it, but so far, it's been all about manual processes, like changing your habits. However, there is a way to help reduce demand that's pretty low impact when it comes to what you have to do on your end, and it's participating in our load management program.

You might also hear it referred to as Dual Fuel or Off-Peak electricity, but no matter how you word it, it saves you, our member, money. There are several different ways to participate in our Load Management program. You can get a flat credit on your electric bill for allowing us to control your electric **water heater (\$4/mo. for 12 months)** or central **A/C unit (\$8/mo. for 3 months)**. If you have **hard-wired electric heat**, you can choose to have that sub-metered (\$3.15/mo. second meter charge and whatever charges your electrician charges for wiring the submeter) along with the water heater and A/C unit and receive a lower per kilowatt rate.

The program is implemented **when demand for electricity threatens to exceed supply**. It can also be used economically, when the cost to purchase power to cover demand is exceptionally high.

Load refers to the demand placed by energy users on an electric system at any given time. Load varies by time of day and time of year. (7485001)

By reducing demand for electricity during peak hours through the Load Management system we save all members money in the long run.

## When does load control take place?

Before you make that decision though, you might want to know when a control will typically take place. **During the summer, controls will typically take place from 2-6 p.m. during the week. During the winter months controls will typically be seen in the morning (7-10 a.m.) and evening**

**hours (5-9 p.m.)**. Controls will not happen every day. They will happen on days with high demand (i.e., very hot or very cold days), and that is why it is important for you to have a back-up source of heat when participating in this program.

## The Details:

### Dual Fuel Heating

Two fuels can heat better than one. This program combines reliable electric heat with another heating source such as electric storage, gas, oil, or wood. For allowing Dunn Energy this privilege you receive a rate nearly half the general service rate. In order to participate in this program, members must have a hard-wired electric heat source and be willing to have a sub-meter, CT, and relay installed at their own expense. They must also have a reliable non-electric back-up heating source.

### Water Heater Load Management

Continuing our efforts to use our electricity efficiently, we offer load control for your water heater. The water heater must be electric and at least 50 gallons. Members participating receive \$4 credit on their electric bill, as long as the member is using 400 kW per month. Dunn Energy installs and maintains the receiver at no cost to the member. Having a properly sized water heater is important, as a control window can last up to six hours.

### Air Conditioning Load Management

Members can save \$24 per year by participating in our load management program for central air conditioners. The load control strategy will cycle the A/C unit 15 minutes on and off during peak demand times. Dunn Energy installs and maintains the receiver at no cost to the member.



## DUNN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RECEIVES ORU GRANT



Dunn County Emergency Management recently received an Operation Round Up grant for a pair of laptops to help run the county Mobile Command unit. The Mobile Command unit is not only used in times of emergency, but also with large events. In the photo above, Emergency Management Coordinator Jason Spetz shows how the software helped keep track of Rock Creek Fire personnel during a training exercise.

These computers allow for better tracking of personnel time management, as well as the location individuals are assigned to. It also gives Dunn County Emergency Management a back-up to their back-up space in the event the Dunn County Judicial Center is compromised during an emergency event. Emergency preparedness is a team sport, and Dunn Energy Cooperative is proud to help our local team succeed.



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

UW-STOUT JULY 14-16, 2026

Join us for a dynamic 3-day leadership event powered and ran by teens!

Develop your leadership skills while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative businesses.

Must be a high school student

Registrations due by June 23, 2026

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