

CURRENT NEWS



What's Happening



Sept. 7

Offices are closed in observance of Labor Day



Sept. 15

Nominations for Touchstone Energy Student of the Month-Ashley Public School due



Sept. 30

Operation Round Up application deadline

Thanks for joining us at Emmons County Ag Day at the Co-op Corner!

Cooperative happenings

Student of the month program returns

As the 2026-27 school year begins, we are excited to announce the return of our Touchstone Energy® Student of the Month program! For more information and to nominate a student, visit our website.

Operation Round Up deadline approaching

The Operation Round Up Board awards funds in the form of grants to non-profit agencies, corporations or organizations for charitable causes. Applications for charitable causes and crucial needs are being accepted and are due Sept. 30. Visit our Operation Round Up webpage for more information and to apply.

RDFC grant funds available

The Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) announced it has approved a 2026 grant allotment of \$2,000 to KEM Electric to be used to support community-owned entities, nonprofits and community-based projects. Read more at www.kemelectric.com on our RDFC webpage.

Read this month's issue of North Dakota Living and more by scanning the QR code or visiting our website.



UNDERSTANDING

YOUR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S ENERGY COSTS

YOUR BILL IS PRIMARILY MADE UP OF 2 COMPONENTS



ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION

Your energy usage is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh). Think of it as the amount of electricity you use over time. For example, leaving a 1,000-watt appliance running, like a hairdryer, for one hour consumes one kWh. The more appliances and devices you use, the higher your kWh consumption. We encourage energy efficiency to help you lower your usage and save on your bills.



BASIC CHARGE

You'll notice a base charge on your bill. This charge covers system maintenance, upgrades and maintaining and operating our infrastructure, including power lines, substations and equipment. It ensures reliable service regardless of your energy usage. The charge is crucial to ensure reliable electricity delivery.

FACTORS THAT IMPACT YOUR ELECTRIC BILL



Wholesale Electric Provider | Changes in rates charged by wholesale providers directly impact our costs.



Market Conditions | Fluctuations in the market influence wholesale rates and, consequently, member rates.



Contractual Agreements | Long-term contracts with providers shape rate stability or volatility.



Inflation | Inflation impacts the costs of materials, labor, and equipment needed for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.



Weather | Extreme weather conditions can affect energy demand and supply, impacting rates.



Aging Infrastructure | Maintaining and upgrading aging system requires investment contributing to overall costs.