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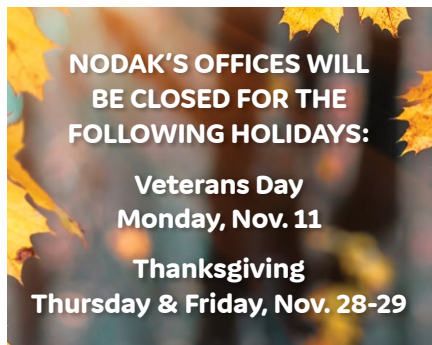
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*On the cover:* Nodak Electric's new Chevrolet Silverado EV.

## ELECTRIC OFF-PEAK HEAT RATES BEGIN OCT. 1

Members with subtractive or separately metered off-peak electric heating systems will be charged the applicable off-peak rate for energy usage beginning Oct. 1. The off-peak rates will continue to be charged for energy usage through May 31, 2025. Current off-peak rates are \$0.062/kWh for long-term and \$0.077/kWh for short-term controlled systems. It is a good idea to inspect, clean and test your heating system before cold weather arrives.

## PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR OFF-PEAK BREAKER IS ON PRIOR TO OCT. 1

Oct. 1 is the beginning of the heating season and the day members participating in the special electric heat programs will start getting a lower rate on their electric heat.

If you have a heat meter, but turn the breaker off during the summer, now is the time to turn the breaker(s) back on, so you can make sure to get credit for the electric heat you use.

**This is important!** If the breaker(s) is turned off, your heat will still work. However, your heat meter will not record the electric heat you have used. There is no way to calculate what you may have used for heating and you will pay the full price.

## DAILY CYCLING OF ELECTRIC STORAGE HEAT TO BEGIN IN LATE OCTOBER

Members heating with electric thermal storage, such as thermal storage room units, thermal storage furnaces or slab/in-floor heating, should turn on their heating system prior to Oct. 15 to allow a heat reservoir to build up before daily cycling of loads begins. The actual date cycling begins varies each season. Thermal storage heating is controlled each day from 7 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

## EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Trent Edens, Journeyman Lineman with the Grand Forks West crew, was promoted to Lead Lineman in the Grand Forks West location.



## PROTECT WHAT MATTERS:

**Be proactive and safeguard your accounts and personal information from cyber threats.**

Nodak Electric encourages members to stay safe online and add extra layers of security to their SmartHub account by utilizing multi-factor authentication (MFA).



*Mylo Einarson  
President & CEO*

## Electric vehicle FAQs

As electric vehicles (EVs) grow in popularity across the nation, many North Dakotans are beginning to wonder if now is the right time to make the switch. While EVs offer numerous benefits, there are also unique challenges to consider, especially in a state known for its wide-open spaces and frigid winters. No matter what type of car you drive today, it's important to know the shift toward electric transportation is well underway.

At Nodak Electric Cooperative, we frequently receive questions about electric vehicles (EVs) from our members. In this month's issue of *The Nodak Neighbor*, I'll address some of the most common questions we hear.

### **Q: Why is Nodak talking about electric vehicles?**

Consumer interest in electric vehicles is growing rapidly. At Nodak Electric, we want to ensure our members have access to accurate information about EVs and EV charging requirements, so you can make well-informed decisions when considering an EV purchase.

### **Q: Why does Nodak have an EV?**

This year, we purchased our first electric vehicle for research purposes. By using our EV and high-speed charging station, we can gather key data on how EVs operate and understand the infrastructure needed to support them. We purchased a Chevrolet Silverado EV to help raise awareness and promote understanding of EV technology. We also bring our EV to community events so people can ask questions, see it up close, and form their own opinions.

### **Q: Why is Nodak involved in EV infrastructure planning?**

All electric utilities are working now to ensure they have the infrastructure necessary to meet future EV charging demands – without compromising the reliable power supply to local homes and businesses. As your local energy

provider, Nodak is uniquely positioned to advise and assist members and local businesses as we prepare for an electric vehicle future.

### **Q: Can I charge my EV with a standard outlet, or do I need a special one?**

Every EV comes with a 110-volt (Level 1) charging unit that can be plugged into a standard household outlet. Charging overnight for about eight hours will typically provide 36 to 40 miles of range per day. For longer distances or faster charging, a Level 2 charger provides up to a full charge in the same eight-hour period. Keep in mind that installing a Level 2 charger requires a licensed electrician.

### **Q: Does cold weather affect an EV's range?**

Yes, outside temperatures – especially colder weather – can impact an EV's range. Unlike gas-powered cars, where heat is generated by the engine, EVs must use battery power to heat the cabin and regulate the battery temperature. This extra demand on the battery can significantly reduce range in winter conditions.

### **Q: Will an EV meet my daily driving needs?**

If you're like most Americans, driving an average of 30 miles per day, an EV can easily meet your daily needs. However, in North Dakota, we often travel long distances, and EVs may require more planning for longer trips. Charging infrastructure and travel time are important considerations if you frequently drive long distances.

### **Q: Are EVs less expensive to drive?**

EVs are generally cheaper to operate than traditional gasoline-powered vehicles. Electricity is often more affordable than gasoline, and EV owners also save on maintenance costs. EVs have fewer

moving parts, eliminating the need for oil changes, exhaust system repairs, and other costly services that come with internal combustion engines. However, you should keep in mind that most EVs come with a premium on the initial purchase price.

### **Q: What incentives are available for EVs?**

Nodak Electric offers rebates for purchasing EVs, as well as off-peak charging rates for EV owners on our system. In addition, there are federal tax credits, rebates, and other incentives available for EV purchases. For details, visit [afdc.energy.gov](https://afdc.energy.gov) to learn more about federal incentives through the Clean Vehicle Credit program.

### **Q: Should I inform Nodak if I purchase an EV?**

Yes, please let us know if you purchase an EV. As more members transition to electric vehicles, it's helpful for us to understand where EVs are located in our service area. This allows us to ensure we have the necessary infrastructure in place to meet charging needs and maintain reliable power for everyone.

Electric vehicles offer a promising solution for members looking to reduce their carbon footprint and those looking to reduce their long-term costs. However, there are challenges specific to North Dakota, such as range anxiety and the effects of cold weather on battery life. Nodak Electric Cooperative is here to help members navigate these challenges with our EV incentives and infrastructure improvements.

For qualifying installations, Nodak offers an affordable off-peak rate for members installing a level 2 charger at their residence and a rebate for the electric vehicle charger. Please visit [nodakelectric.com/electric-vehicle-ev-charging-program](https://nodakelectric.com/electric-vehicle-ev-charging-program), or contact us at 701-746-4461. Nodak is here to help.

## Nodak Electric continues to complete construction projects



**Cole Johnson**  
Engineering Manager



Construction season is in full swing at Nodak Electric, though it got off to a late start this year due to a wet spring. Despite the delay, our lineworkers and contractors have already completed approximately 60 miles of trenching and directional boring this summer, along with installing nearly 400,000 feet of underground wire. In recent years, our cooperative has typically completed around 100 miles of trenching and installed close to 1 million feet of underground wire during the summer construction season. While we are currently behind our historical averages, our dedicated team is working

diligently through the fall, with construction expected to continue until late November.

Fall is generally the busiest time for trenching projects. With crops coming off the fields, this season allows us to cover miles of countryside with minimal disruption. If you're planning a project that requires our involvement, now is the perfect time to reach out. Whether you are considering building a new house, establishing a new bin site, or installing drainage tile in a field, no project is too small to start a conversation. Early planning is crucial, especially given today's supply chain challenges. For example, three-phase

transformers used in large bin sites, shops or commercial buildings can take up to a year to arrive after an order is placed. While Nodak strives to maintain a small inventory of these transformers, we cannot guarantee availability for every project.

Once the project details are finalized and a route is determined for our underground installation, there is generally a 3-4 week delay before trenching can begin.

Contact the Nodak Electric Engineering Department today to start planning your next project and ensure a smooth, timely installation process.



# BEHIND THE SCENE: NODAK POWER RESTORATION

Any time the power goes out, time seems to move slowly – a 15-minute outage can feel like hours. So, when a major storm or other disaster causes widespread damage to Nodak's system, the longer outage times may leave you frustrated. Just remember that our trained lineworkers are working nonstop in challenging conditions to quickly and safely restore power to as many members as possible.

To help shed light on what happens when things go dark, here are seven things you might not know about Nodak's power restoration process.

**1**

**All work starts with an assessment.** Because every outage is different, we don't immediately know what equipment we might need or how dangerous the situation is. We need to evaluate the scene(s) of the issue and create a game plan for fixing the problem without overlooking safety or the power flow to our other members.

**2**

**We often prioritize getting the power back for the largest number of members in the shortest amount of time.** Nodak crews will start at the affected substation and work out from there to bring on as many electric services as possible.

**3**

**Your outage reports are important to us.** When you call or report an outage, it helps Nodak gather information about the extent of the event. Call 1-800-732-4373 or 701-746-4461 to report an outage any time of day.

**4**

**Always have a backup plan.** We don't always know how long it will take to restore power. If you rely on electricity for life support purposes or important home items like sump pumps, be sure to have a backup like an interruptible power supply (UPS), a generator, or battery supply.

**5**

**Nodak crews face many dangers during outages.** As if working around high-voltage electricity wasn't enough, crews must be aware of falling limbs, wild weather elements, dangerous wildlife and passing drivers. If you drive by a work zone, please do so slowly.

**6**

**It might take a while.** Nodak's system is a part of a larger electrical grid, and sometimes problems occur at our interconnected utilities that could affect our members. When this happens, we must wait patiently for them to complete their repairs before we can act on our side of the line.

**7**

**Occasional flickering lights are good!** A light flicker, or "blink," isn't a true outage. It's actually a sign Nodak's equipment is working as it should and preventing a larger power problem. Blinks are often caused by wayward critters or branches contacting lines.

**SEE A LIVE NODAK OUTAGE  
MAP AT ANY TIME BY VISITING  
NODAKELECTRIC.COM/OUTAGES.**

**Remember: Report an outage by  
calling 1-800-732-4373 or 701-746-4461.**



# NODAK ELECTRIC SUPPORTS ELECTRICAL TRADES CAMP

Nodak Electric Cooperative, along with other electric cooperatives and the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC), partnered with the Bismarck Career and Technical Education Center, Bismarck State College and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to sponsor an electrical trades camp, June 9-14. Nearly 30 high school students attended this hands-on electrical trades camp at NDAREC's Lineworker Training Center. The program included electrical training, pole climbing exercises and safety training. Students who completed the program can receive a ¼ high school work experience credit and have the potential to receive a ½ credit if a job shadow or internship experience is completed. Sponsorship for this program is an excellent example of how the cooperative network invests in the future workforce. Those who helped sponsor are Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative, Northern Plains Electric Cooperative, Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative, McKenzie Electric Cooperative, North Central Electric Cooperative, Nodak Electric Cooperative, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Capital Electric Cooperative and Great River Energy.

# — GREAT REBATES —

Add comfort and energy efficiency to your home with help from Nodak Electric Cooperative!

## ELECTRIC HEATING

HEATING SYSTEMS	REBATE
Plenum heaters, baseboard, electric furnace and hanging unit heater	\$25/kW
Cable floor heat, electric boiler and brick storage unit	\$45/kW
Mini-split or air-source heat pump	\$150/ton
Ground-source heat pump	\$250/ton



## WATER HEATERS

ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS	REBATE
55 gallon or less	\$125/unit
56-99 gallon	\$200/unit
100 gallon or greater	\$300/unit
Additional rebate for new building construction	\$100
Additional rebate for conversion from existing natural gas or propane to an electric water heater	\$250



## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS	REBATE
Electric vehicle (EV)	\$50/kW
Commercial – forklifts, Zambonis, etc.	\$50/kW



Residential Charger

Commercial Charger

**Rebates are available to help you upgrade your heating and cooling system, water heater and chargers for electric vehicles. Nodak Electric offers these rebates to encourage load development, load retention and wise use of energy.**

*All systems must be new equipment and controlled on Nodak's off-peak program. A check will be issued to participating members after a visit from a Nodak technician.*

*Please call our Energy Services team at 701-746-4461 or 800-732-4373 if you have any questions about off-peak or the rebate program. Visit [nodakelectric.com/rebates](http://nodakelectric.com/rebates) to learn more about incentives and criteria.*

## PRIDE OF DAKOTA HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

Nov. 22 & 23, 2024 • Alerus Center, Grand Forks  
Friday: 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Rural Development Finance Corporation  
GROWING COMMUNITIES

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION AWARDS GRANTS IN NODAK'S SERVICE AREA

Nodak Electric Cooperative is a member of the Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC). As a result, communities in our service area are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$3,000 for community-based projects. RDFC is making these funds available so that more people become aware of its larger loan program that funds community-based projects and nonprofit entities with low-interest loans.



RDFC has recently granted \$800 to **Cavalier Recreation** to make repairs to the city pool. Repairs will include resurfacing the pool structure, removal of the diving boards and stands and the replacement of a new 1-meter diving board, repairs and resurface of the gutter system, and more.



A grant of \$800 went to the **Hatton Helping Hands Food Pantry**. The Hatton Helping Hands Food Pantry's mission is to address the food needs of adults, children and seniors from Grand Forks, Steele, and Traill Counties. Funds will be used to purchase food items from the Great Plains Food Bank, the local Millers Fresh Foods of Hatton, and Walmart in Grand Forks.



An \$800 grant went to **Lankin Legion Auxiliary**. The Legion is used as Lankin's community center for wedding receptions, funeral receptions, graduations, meetings, birthdays and various fundraisers for surrounding churches and clubs. Funds will be used to replace cabinets, countertops, sinks and faucets in the kitchen that were damaged due to a water leak.

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## CO-OPS ARE COOL. Celebrate National Co-op Month!

As a member of Nodak Electric Cooperative, you're part of something special. You're a member-owner of a rural electric cooperative that strives for innovation, works to give back to its community and provides the region with safe and reliable power. This National Co-op Month, we're celebrating some of the things that make being a co-op member so cool.

### Community Engagement

Whether it's sponsoring local events, supporting schools, or providing energy efficiency workshops and electric contractor trainings, rural electric cooperatives are deeply committed to the well-being of their communities.



### Member-owned and Governed

Unlike investor-owned utilities, electric cooperatives are owned by members like you. This means you're not just a customer. Members have a say in how Nodak Electric is run by voting for the board of directors, who ensures that decisions are made with the community's best interests at heart.

### Affordable Rates

Because we operate on a not-for-profit basis, we focus on providing our services at cost to our members. Any excess profits are returned to members in the form of capital credits or used for upgrades to our services.

### Sustainability Initiatives

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Nodak Electric's wholesale power provider, works to keep a diverse energy portfolio with 41% of its energy generation coming from carbon-free resources. Members can also elect to participate in energy efficiency programs like off-peak or Infinity Renewable Energy, through which you can choose how many kilowatt-hours come from wind generation.



### Positive Rural Impact

Electric cooperatives were created to bring electricity to rural areas that were overlooked by other utility companies. Cooperatives like Nodak Electric continue to be a lifeline for rural communities, providing essential services and helping to drive local economic growth.



**THANKS**

We want to thank our members for your continued support and engagement this National Co-op Month. You are what makes Nodak Electric so cool. To learn more about your electric cooperative, visit [nodakelectric.com](http://nodakelectric.com) or give us a call at 701-746-4461! We are here for you.