

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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New General Manager

With the recent retirement of Ross Loomans, we are pleased to announce that Dustin Timmerman, formerly Lyon Rec's Line Foreman, has officially taken on the role of General Manager, effective November 1, 2025.

Dustin has been an integral part of Lyon REC for 16 years, demonstrating exceptional leadership, dedication, and a deep commitment to Lyon REC and our community. His hands-on experience and commitment to excellence make him an outstanding choice.

Please join us in congratulating Dustin Timmerman on this well-deserved promotion and wishing him great success in this new role!



New Line Foreman

With the promotion of Dustin Timmerman, formerly Line Foreman, to General Manager, we are excited to announce that Bryan Herum will be stepping into the Line Foreman position.

Over the last eight years, Bryan has demonstrated leadership, dedication, and a deep understanding of the operations to Lyon REC. This transition ensures continuity, experience, and steady guidance as we move forward. Congratulations Bryan!!

REMINDERS

Lyon Rural Electric will be closed on November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Retirement of Patronage Dividends

The Board of Directors of Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative met on October 30, 2025, and approved a general retirement of patronage dividends to the members in the amount of \$351,675.92. This represents the remaining balance of \$29,715.53 of unpaid patronage dividends for 2011 and 64 % (\$208,992.12) of patronage dividend assigned for 2012 and 10% of (\$54,579.43) of 2024 for patronage dividends assigned from Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative operations. We are also retiring from your 2008 Basin allocation (\$58,388.84). Patronage dividends are returned to Cooperative members on a rotating schedule.

With this retirement of patronage dividends, Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative has retired \$9,835,793.13 in patronage dividends. Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative's retirement of patronage dividends is faster than most electric cooperatives in the nation. Per a study by The National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), our banker, as of December 31, 2024, the latest year reported, Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative has retired 39.72% of all patronage dividends assigned compared median, the cooperative in the middle of all reporting cooperatives, of 29.99% for Cooperative's reporting. Some electric cooperatives have never paid a retirement of patronage dividends.

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As a Rural Electric Cooperative member, you are part owner of a business. Basically, you have pooled your money with other members and created equity for your Rural Electric Cooperative to buy electricity and provide services at an affordable cost.

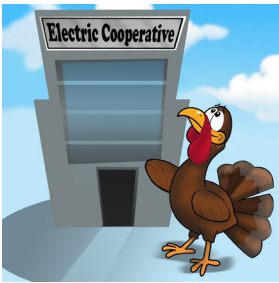
As a locally owned business, your Rural Electric Cooperative is committed to the people it serves and the communities in its area. Because cooperatives are member-owned and operated, one of the principles your Rural Electric Cooperative follows is a commitment to returning your investment. This is done in the form of patronage dividends.

Since Cooperatives are nonprofit, they return any margin to members through the patronage dividend process. The amount returned is in relation to the individual member's transactions or patronage, with the Cooperative.

When you think about your Rural Electric Cooperative, think about being an owner of a local business, because that is what you are. Reap the benefits from the Cooperative services provided today and look forward to a return on your investment in the future.

ENJOYING YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER?

Thank your electric cooperative



A successful Thanksgiving celebration depends on steady electricity. It keeps your raw turkey cold until it's time to pop it in the oven. It's ready when you are to bake pies and heat up side dishes. And it keeps your family and visitors warm as you enjoy the feast.

Think about how much you rely on electricity to make your Thanksgiving special: Refrigeration

keeps food safe for days. The oven and range run long cooks. Slow cookers and warmers hold side dishes at serving temperature. Small appliances make prep faster and easier. Lights, fans and chargers keep guests comfortable and connected while the house is busy.

Your electric cooperative works year round to maintain service. Crews prune trees, inspect poles and wires, and troubleshoot problems as quickly as possible. They keep emergency response teams on call even on holidays. When storms cause outages, crews work long shifts to restore service.

You can help your electric cooperative help you by:

- **Reporting downed wires and staying clear of them.**
- **Keeping driveways and gates open so repair trucks can reach equipment.**
- **Staggering heavy appliance use throughout the day so you do not overload a single circuit or transformer.**

Electric service is part of the comfort and safety of your Thanksgiving gathering. As you give thanks before dinner, add a moment of gratitude for the teams that keep the lights on.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

With the holiday season approaching and more time spent in the kitchen, consider ways to save energy in the heart of your home. When possible, cook meals with smaller, energy efficient appliances, such as toaster ovens, slow cookers and air fryers. When using the range, match the size of the pan to the heating element. Keep range-top burners and reflectors clean so they reflect heat more efficiently. After your holiday meals are complete, load the dishwasher fully before starting the wash cycle.

Source: energy.gov

Operating Statistics		
SEPTEMBER		
	2024	2025
KWH Purchased	11,012,956	10,728,867
KWH Sold	11,169,972	10,497,185
Percentage of Line Loss		
(Year to Date)	2.65%	2.70%
Total Demand	19,325 KW	20,080 KW
Average Farm Consumption	2,932 KWH	2,808 KWH
Average Farm Bill	\$339.57	\$380.14
Income Per Mile	\$1,275.32	\$1,406.14
Expenses Per Mile	\$1,193.47	\$1,312.46
Miles Energized	885.19	872
Cost of Wholesale		
(For the Month)	6.15¢	7.74¢

Do you have electric heat?

Heating your home does not have to mean burning fuel. Electric systems are efficient, clean and increasingly practical.

Heat pumps are the leading electric choice. They extract heat from outdoor air or from the ground and move it indoors. Because they transfer heat rather than generate it, they use far less energy than many older systems. Modern air-source models and ground-source or geothermal systems work well in a range of climates.

Ductless mini-split systems heat individual rooms and avoid the energy loss that comes with ductwork. Radiant floor systems use thin mats under flooring to deliver gentle, even warmth. High-efficiency electric heaters are useful for zone heating in small spaces.

Why consider electric heat? It removes indoor combustion and the risk of carbon monoxide. Maintenance is often simpler. When paired with clean electricity from your electric cooperative or with rooftop solar, electric heat can sharply lower your home's carbon footprint.

Before you switch, tighten insulation and seal air leaks so you do not heat the outdoors. Get an energy audit and a professional load calculation to size equipment correctly. Ask about incentives and rebates from your cooperative or state that can ease upfront costs.

Check out hybrid systems, too. In some homes, a heat pump covers most of the year while a small backup system handles rare cold snaps.

Electric heating is worth exploring if you want cleaner air, reliable comfort and long-term savings.

Call Mid-Sioux To Schedule Your LiHEAP Appointment

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) offered through **Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.** may be able to help you pay your winter heating bill. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.

Your local Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications from November 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. Each applicant will need to furnish a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill; original Social Security or I-94 card for each household member; and proof of the household's income for the past month (4 weeks), the past twelve (12) months, or most recent tax return. Eligibility for participation is established according to the federal income guidelines listed at the right. Applicants eligible for an award will be paid on a first come, first served basis, and all payments are subject to availability of funds.

MAXIMUM GROSS INCOME	
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$31,300
2	\$42,300
3	\$53,300
4	\$64,300
5	\$75,300
For families with more than five members, add \$11,000 for each additional member.	

For more information or to make an appointment
contact your local outreach office, info@midsioux.org or **800-859-2025**
Hearing Impaired call 711

6 ways to cut energy use during holidays

Holiday cooking, decorating and hosting mean using more electricity in November and December than usual. Still, a few easy habits can help keep energy use in check while you enjoy the season.

Cook smart. Use lids and match pot size to the burner. Use residual oven heat by turning it off a few minutes before a dish is done. Cook multiple dishes together when possible. A slow cooker or pressure cooker is great for sides and keeps the oven free for the turkey.

Manage refrigeration. Do not leave the door open while you hunt for items. Chill drinks in a cooler so guests do not crowd the fridge. If you will have a lot of extra food, organize a staging area so people can find what they need quickly.

Decorate efficiently. Replace old string lights with LEDs and put them on timers or smart plugs. Use indoor timers so lights turn off at bedtime. Consider battery-operated candles for mantel displays.

Control heat. When cooking fills the kitchen with warmth, lower the thermostat a few degrees. Close off unused rooms and focus heat where guests gather. Encourage layering and cozy throws rather than higher thermostat settings.

Unplug. Unused chargers and appliances still draw power when plugged in. If you stream music or video, pause or stop devices when not in use.

Fill up. Run the dishwasher and washing machine only with full loads and use eco or air-dry cycles if your appliances have them

Restock your winter emergency kit

Winter storms can cut power quickly. A ready kit reduces stress and keeps your household safe until power returns.

Include these essentials in a weather-resistant bin:

- **Flashlights or headlamps for each person, plus extra batteries.**
- **Portable phone chargers, a car charger and at least one fully charged power bank.**
- **Extra blankets, warm clothing, hats and gloves stored together for quick access.**
- **Three days of nonperishable food and bottled water. Add a manual can opener and some ready-to-eat meals.**
- **A first aid kit, essential prescription medicines and copies of critical medical information.**
- **A battery-powered radio, whistle and a small fire extinguisher.**

Also, if the power goes out in your home, keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed to protect your food. Turn off or unplug electronics to avoid damage from surges when power returns. If you run a generator, keep it outdoors and well away from windows and vents.

Next, think about heat and pipes. Open cabinet doors under sinks to let warm air circulate to exposed plumbing. If a pipe freezes, use a hair dryer or warm towels—never an open flame—to thaw it.

Finally, plan for your family's medical needs. If someone relies on a powered medical device, call your utility in advance to learn about backup power options and restoration priority. Share your plan with a neighbor or family member who can check in during a storm.

Review and refresh your kit twice a year. Replace expired food and medicine, recharge power banks and check batteries. Label containers and store them where everyone can reach them in the dark.

Manage energy use with smart home tech

Winter weather can push your energy bills higher than you expect. Push back with a few smart devices that help you stay warm and cut electricity use. Many of them are easy to install and simple to use.

Start with a programmable thermostat. These devices have all kinds of settings, but their most basic advantage is that they allow you to set your home's temperature lower when you're ready for bed or when you leave for work. Then you can schedule it to warm the house a bit before you wake up or get home from work. Some models can learn your routine and make adjustments automatically.

Smart plugs are low cost and versatile. Plug lamps, humidifiers, space heaters and other electric devices into them. Then use an app on your phone to switch devices off when you do not need them. Timers and schedules stop devices from running unnecessarily and wasting electricity.

An energy monitor shows which appliances draw the most power. Seeing those numbers helps you spot problems like an old freezer running in the basement or an inefficient water heater. Once you see the evidence of wasted electricity, you can unplug the appliance or replace it with one that's energy efficient.

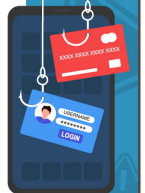
Smart lighting paired with LED bulbs saves energy. You can sync your lights with an app on your phone to dim them or set schedules so lights turn off when you go to bed. You can also group lights by room so they all turn on when you use them and turn off when you leave the space.

Even small changes can add up to energy savings, so start with one device and see if you notice a difference on your monthly bill.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Scammers will try anything to pressure customers into providing their personal information. If you are ever asked to pay your utility bill through a third-party transaction app, such as Cash App or Venmo, it's a scam. Remember, utilities will never request a payment through a third-party app. Always use authorized payment methods when paying your utility bills.

Source: Utilities United Against Scams



Nondiscrimination Statement

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form, AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at <https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-3027>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA containing all the information requested in the form. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by mail to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; by fax (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or by Email: program.intake@usda.gov