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Become a part of the Northern Solar Community today! *New payment options available!*



Beltrami Electric Cooperative plans to build an 80-kilowatt (kW) Direct Current (DC) community solar array at our headquarters. The array will consist of photovoltaic panels, each with a projected annual average output of 450 kWh. Northern Solar provides interested members an option to purchase renewable, locally-produced solar energy without the hassle of installing, permitting, maintaining and insuring their own solar array. Members may subscribe to as many panels as they wish, up to the equivalent of their annual average usage.

Members who wish to subscribe to Northern Solar will pay \$1,295 for a full panel's output or \$647.50 for a half panel's output. You can subscribe to panel(s) with a one-time upfront payment, or select a graduated payment schedule, with just 10 percent down, 40 percent due when the project breaks ground and the remaining 50 percent due upon completion of the project. Members will receive the energy produced by the panel(s) for 20 years as a monthly credit on their electric bill.

We have added a new financing option – Easy Pay – that allows members to select a 12, 24 or 36 month payment plan with no money down at 6 percent interest. The member will receive a monthly credit on their electric bill based on the portion of the array they have subscribed.

For members who don't wish to sign a 20-year contract, you now have the option to Pay As You Go. Simply tell us how many kWh/month you would like to come from Northern Solar and we will add it to your monthly electric bill. With no contract, you can cancel at any time.

If you would like to be a part of the Northern Solar Community Garden, contact Beltrami Electric Cooperative today! With additional flexible options, it is easier to subscribe now than ever before! For more information on financing options, please see page 3.

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All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electrical lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

ON THE COVER: New payment options are now available for Beltrami Electric's Community Solar project. See page 3 for more information.



Community solar, Co-op Month and the seven Cooperative Principles

Jared Echternach, *CEO*

Northern Solar

Last year we announced plans for an 80-kilowatt (kW) community solar array to be constructed at our headquarters facility. Northern Solar will provide members with an opportunity to purchase the electrical output from a solar panel at a guaranteed rate for 20 years. A credit for the output of the panel will appear on the member's electric bill. Advantages of community solar over individual installations include cost certainty, no ongoing maintenance and insurance expenses and no structural assessment or issues in relation to installing panels on the roof of your home. Not to mention purchasing locally-produced energy with cutting edge solar technologies.

To date, members have subscribed to the output of 70 panels, but as initial interest has subsided, we've had a difficult time reaching the 50 percent subscription threshold to begin construction. What we have learned over the past year, and from other electric cooperatives who have implemented a community solar project, is that flexible payment plans and alternative pricing structures can lead to increased participation. That said, we have created a new pricing structure to include an Easy Pay financing option where members can pay for their subscription over 12, 24 or 36 months with no money down at 6 percent interest and still receive a credit on their bill for their incremental output of the solar array.

We've also added a Pay As You Go option where members can purchase locally-produced solar energy on a per kilowatt-hour (kWh) basis as an adder on their electric bill. The cost is \$.0503 per kWh and will appear as a line item on your electric bill. The advantage of this program is that it requires no money down and members can come in and out of the program as they choose.

We are optimistic that by providing these flexible options we will gain the commitment needed to construct the solar project.

If you are interested in purchasing locally-produced renewable energy, please see the article on the cover and contact the cooperative to enroll.

Cooperative Month

October is one of my favorite months of

the year. The fall colors are exquisite, the air is fresh and outdoor opportunities abound. October is also Cooperative Month and I'd like to share with you the seven cooperative principles under which Beltrami Electric and cooperatives all over the world operate. I'd also like to share my local perspective of how we live out each of these principles on a daily basis.

1 VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.



Beltrami Electric exists to serve its members. If you come to us for electric service and agree to accept the responsibilities of membership, we will provide that service to you and we will deliver that service to the best of our ability.

2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.



Our members own this cooperative. Period. You elect the board of directors whose role is to set the strategic direction of your cooperative. They represent all of the member-owners. You have the option to run for the board of directors, to participate in your annual meeting and to take as much or as little interest in your cooperative as you desire. This is a very important, if not the most important, facet of the cooperative business model. Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) are regulated by a Public Utilities Commission. Cooperatives maintain their autonomy by being governed by their member-owners. This differentiator must not be forgotten and we must fight to protect and retain our local control.

3

MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.



Members participate by receiving and paying for electric service. The capital furnished by your economic participation is used to build and maintain the electric distribution system and to deliver energy and other services to the membership. As a not-for-profit cooperative, margins are allocated as patronage capital, used to reduce borrowing costs and then returned to the members as capital credits.

4

AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.



Our member-owners control their own destiny. Your cooperative was formed more than 75 years ago by a group of individuals who came together for the greater good. Your board of directors sets policy, rates and establishes the strategic direction of your organization. We are an independent, self-governed membership organization.

5

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.



Beltrami Electric promotes education and training of its members, board of directors and employees. We believe an educated and well-trained workforce can provide superior service to the membership. Education does not stop there, however. We will continue to educate our membership on the electric cooperative principles, legislative issues, energy efficiency, safety and technologies to help improve the quality of life for our rural communities.

6

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.



We work with other cooperatives to increase the value of your membership. We are members of not-for-profit supply cooperatives that allow us to receive better pricing on materials. We are members of financial cooperatives to reduce borrowing expenses. We seek assistance from area cooperatives during major storms and assist those cooperatives in their time of need. We utilize an after-hours dispatch service provided by a cooperative that knows how to treat our member-owners. We also partner with Paul Bunyan Communications

through co-ownership of Cooperative Development, LLC.

7

CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.



Beltrami Electric is committed to our local communities. Most of our members participate in a program called Operation Round Up, where members voluntarily round up their electric bill to the nearest whole dollar with those funds used to support community projects. Your cooperative also participates in economic development initiatives to spur growth in our communities, to create and retain employment opportunities and to expand service offerings to improve our quality of life.

These are just some of the examples of how we live the cooperative principles. As our founding members did more than 75 years ago, I encourage you to become active in your cooperative; to take an interest in its operation; to participate in the annual meeting and election process; and to fight to maintain our autonomy and independence.

Living the seventh Cooperative Principle

Last month we held the 12th annual Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open and raised more than \$8,000 for the United Way of the Bemidji Area. Over the past 11 years we have raised more than \$100,000 at this event to help our communities. I'd like to thank those who participated, our sponsors and our team of volunteers who put on another successful event to benefit people in our community.

New payment options available for Northern Solar (continued from page 1)

OPTION 1 One-Time Payment	OPTION 2 Easy Pay	OPTION 3 Graduated Payment Schedule	OPTION 4 Pay As You Go
Full panel: \$1,295 one-time payment each panel	Full panel: Select a 12, 24 or 36 month payment plan, payable on the electric bill	10% down, 40% due when the project breaks ground, with the remaining 50% due upon completion of the project	\$0.0503 per kWh rate adder
½ panel: \$647.50 one-time payment	½ panel: Select a 12, 24 or 36 month payment plan, payable on the electric bill	10% down, 40% due when the project breaks ground, with the remaining 50% due upon completion of the project	\$0.0503 per kWh rate adder
One-time upfront cost	No upfront cost. Payments spread cost over 12, 24 or 36 months, at 6% interest	Graduated payments up to time project is completed and energized	No upfront cost
Receive the energy produced by the panel(s) for 20 years	Receive the energy produced by the panel(s) for 20 years	Receive the energy produced by the panel(s) for 20 years	No contracts - can cancel at any time. You do not have a subscription to the panel(s), no energy credit on your electric bill
Receive monthly credit on bill based on subscription and actual production	Receive monthly credit on bill based on subscription and actual production	Receive monthly credit on bill based on subscription and actual production	Pay a monthly fee in addition to your regular electric bill to receive locally-produced solar energy

12th Annual Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open

raises \$8,100 for the



The 12th annual Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open was held Aug. 19 at Castle Highlands Golf Course, and raised more than \$8,000 for the United Way of the Bemidji Area. The annual tournament is the United Way's largest fundraising event.

"For the 12th straight year, we are thankful for the tremendous support of local and regional businesses," said Cammie Vogel, Beltrami Electric's campaign coordinator. "With their help, Beltrami Electric has held this tournament for 12 straight years and raised, cumulatively, more than \$100,000 to support area needs through the United Way and its partner agencies."

Beltrami Electric Cooperative thanks the businesses, the 114 golfers and the tournament volunteers on behalf of the United Way.



FIRST PLACE

(Left) The team from PBTV captured first place in the 5-person team scramble tournament. Brian Bissonette putts while teammates Bob Lindberg, Dane Jones, Doug Garrigan and Don Dale watch the line on his putt.



SECOND PLACE

(Above) Taking second place was Coca-Cola Bottling of Bemidji team. Matt Stevens, Jack Reed, Jerry Stevens and Andy Hilliard watch Cody Stevens as he takes his putt.



THIRD PLACE

(Left) Third place went to Bemidji Collision Center. Gary Cartwright, Robert Pemberton, Sr., Lee Pemberton and Rob Pemberton, Jr. watch as Dave Evenson hits a nice drive.



The Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open Golf Tournament Committee presents a check for \$8,100 to the United Way of the Bemidji Area. Pictured left to right: Kay Olson, Holly Solo, Rich Riewer, United Way Executive Director Tanya Hasbargen, Cammie Vogel, Jeff Noren and Angela Lyseng.



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Cooperatives Build Community

The seventh cooperative principle is Concern for Community. Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through employee involvement in local organizations, through charitable contributions to community efforts and through support for schools.

COLD WEATHER DISCONNECT RULE

216B.097 COLD WEATHER RULE; COOPERATIVE OR MUNICIPAL UTILITY.

Subdivision 1. Application; notice to residential customer.

(a) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must not disconnect and must reconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between October 15 and April 15 if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The household income of the customer is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income. A municipal utility or cooperative electric association utility may (i) verify income on forms it provides or (ii) obtain verification of income from the local energy assistance provider. A customer is deemed to meet the income requirements of this clause if the customer receives any form of public assistance, including energy assistance, that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50 percent of the state median household income.

(2) A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

(3) A customer receives referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

(b) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must, between August 15 and October 15 each year, notify all residential customers of the provisions of this section.

Subdivision 2. Notice to residential customer facing disconnection.

Before disconnecting service to a residential customer during the period between October 15 and April 15, a municipal utility or cooperative electric association must provide the following information to a customer:

- (1) a notice of proposed disconnection;
- (2) a statement explaining the customer's rights and responsibilities;
- (3) a list of local energy assistance providers;
- (4) forms on which to declare inability to pay; and
- (5) a statement explaining available time payment plans and other opportunities to secure continued utility service.

Subdivision 3. Restrictions if disconnection necessary.

(a) If a residential customer must be involuntarily disconnected between October 15 and April 15 for failure to comply with subdivision 1, the disconnection must not occur:

- (1) on a Friday, unless the customer declines to enter into a payment agreement offered that day in person or via personal contact by telephone by a municipal utility or cooperative electric association;
- (2) on a weekend, holiday, or the day before a holiday;
- (3) when utility offices are closed; or
- (4) after the close of business on a day when disconnection is permitted, unless a field representative of a municipal utility or cooperative electric association who is authorized to enter into a payment agreement, accept payment, and continue service, offers a payment agreement to the customer.

Further, the disconnection must not occur until at least 20 days after the notice required in subdivision 2 has been mailed to the customer or 15 days after the notice has been personally delivered to the customer.

(b) If a customer does not respond to a disconnection notice, the customer must not be disconnected until the utility investigates whether the residential unit is actually occupied. If the unit is found to be occupied, the utility must immediately inform the occupant of the provisions of this section. If the unit is unoccupied, the utility must give seven days' written notice of the proposed disconnection to the local energy assistance provider before making a disconnection.

(c) If, prior to disconnection, a customer appeals a notice of involuntary disconnection, as provided by the utility's established appeal procedure, the utility must not disconnect until the appeal is resolved.

Subdivision 4. Application to service limiters.

For the purposes of this section, "disconnection" includes a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts electric service in any way.

Beltrami Electric cold weather disconnect procedure

Per the Cold Weather Rule, Beltrami Electric Cooperative has a cold weather disconnect procedure in place. Our crews visit members who have not responded within 20 days of our mailed past due notice. Notices ask members to contact our office to create a payment arrangement and/or pay their bill within 20 days of receipt, and a response by the member will prevent them from paying an additional \$50 for a collection fee/occupancy check. Inability to make acceptable arrangements or payment will result in the disconnection of service after the 20-day period. If you have further questions, please call our office at 444-2540 or 800-955-6083.

Penalty process

ALL payments are due by the due date or penalty will be applied. (NOT POSTMARKED)

If you choose to pay by traditional mail, the payment **MUST** be received in our office by the due date. Please allow additional mail time to avoid a late fee **OR** visit our website at www.beltramielcric.com for more payment options.

Attention military service personnel

Section 325E.028 of the Minnesota statutes pertaining to utility payment arrangements for military service personnel outlines their rights and responsibilities effective Aug. 1, 2007. A municipal utility, cooperative electric association or public utility must not disconnect the utility service of a residential customer if a member of the household has been issued orders into active duty, for deployment or for a permanent change in duty station during period of active duty, deployment or change in duty station if residential consumer meets criteria set forth in this statute.

If, prior to disconnection, a customer appeals a notice of involuntary disconnection, as provided by the utility's established appeal procedure, the utility must not disconnect until the appeal is resolved.

Beltrami Electric's Cold Weather Rule/ Military Service Personnel Appeal Procedure:

If you wish to appeal, submit a personal letter stating your situation and issues in the dispute to 4111 Technology Dr. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Your letter of appeal must arrive at the Cooperative **BEFORE** the date of disconnection. You will be notified when the board of directors will review your appeal so that you may be present during it. No disconnection of service will take place during the appeal process.

If you would like a copy of these policies or forms sent in the mail, please contact the office at 218-444-2540 or 800-955-6083. An application without copies of income statements and proof of military orders overseas will be considered incomplete, resulting in the possibility of no shut-off protection.

Northern Lights CLASSIFIEDS

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- All ads must be 50 words or less.
- Members may submit one **For Sale** and one **Wanted** ad per issue.
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- Ads are published at no charge as space permits on a first-received, first-printed basis, with no guarantee your ad will appear.
- Ads are only allowed to be repeated for three consecutive months and must be resubmitted to run additional months.
- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- All telephone numbers are presumed to have a (218) area code unless otherwise noted.
- Include name and account number on all submissions.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramielc.com (preferred).
- Mail ads to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 488, Bemidji, MN 56619. If submitting by mail, ad must be printed clearly.

For Sale:

Heatilator ECO Choice Pellet Stove, CAB 50, with large pellet hopper. Bought new from Fleet-\$1,300. Used for three years-will sell for \$800. Everything works, in great condition. 368-4121.

Twin size sleeper couch, blue, great condition. \$200/obo. HP All-in-one computer, two years old,

rarely used. \$200/obo. Call Bill at 734-223-9917.

Set of four Firestone Transforce HT Tires. 265-70R-17". Less than 3,000 miles, purchased 1-1-16. \$575. Tires are in perfect condition. (I sold the truck I had put them on.) 987-2323.

Wheelchair scooter \$150 or best offer. Camping equipment \$25. His/Hers 26" bikes \$150 for pair. Charcoal grill \$25. 586-5756.

Used two-seater paddle boat. \$75. 515-570-3989.

Used Frigidare white 10-cu-ft top freezer. Good for small house/apartment 59.87 H, 24 W, 26.1 D. Model number FFTR1022QW. \$150 cash. 854-7444.

Hay for sale. 700-800 lb round bales. No rain, in hay shed. 766-7811 or 333-0585.

NEW Marvin Infinity white double hung window, 4 ft. x 6 ft. \$160. Call 586-3574.

5 hp MTD Wood Chipper/Shredder \$100; 50 steel posts 6' \$3.25 each or \$140 for all 50. Call 319-529-0810.

1999 Chevy Malibu 3.2, \$1,000/obo; two-yr-old Troy Bilt 42" riding lawn mower, \$600; 16' Lund, console steer, 40 hp Evinrude, Shoreland'r trailer + extras, \$4,500, call 335-8862.

'94 Sea Ray 17', IO Mercruiser, mill dress top and boat cover, electric winch, Shoreland'r trailer, always stored inside and trailered. Mint condition. Call 751-9357 or 766-5200.

Oak TV/stereo cabinet on casters, 3 shelves, 2 doors 40"x60"x22" \$40; Lg blue balance ball w/pump \$10; two Yakima 4' round bars with rain gutter towers \$25; 18" Yakima locking ski mount with keys for round bar \$20; 1/5 karat solitaire diamond wedding ring set 14k white gold w/diamond swirl cluster size 5 1/2 \$200. 586-2541.

2005 7-passenger Dodge Caravan (near Bemidji) with stow & go seats, electric windows, cruise, CD/radio. \$1,500. Call Jerry at 763-238-3330.

Seasoned popple and balsam firewood. \$25 per pickup load. You haul. Red golden pheasants, \$20/ea. 586-2839.

2001 Dakota Navigator, 8-person spa w/chemicals and outside steps, \$1,500, very good shape. 1993 Arctic Cat Jag DLX snowmobile, \$300, nice shape and runs great. 407-0516 or 751-8356.

2006 Winnebago Tour motor home, 40 ft, 350 hp Cat Diesel Engine, 3 slide-outs, king bed, exterior entertainment center, 4-door refrigerator, dishwasher, convection/microwave oven, 44,500 miles, \$78,500, Call 224-3251, Laporte.

Solid 16' 1989 Tracker Deep V w/40 hp Johnson, trailer w/bow mount MinnKota and electronics \$3,400; 14' Lund w/excellent 15 hp Johnson and possible trailer \$1,500; 17' Grumman canoe \$275; Mistral sail board and accessories \$500; 20 lb propane cylinder \$25; 30.06 Springfield rifle, shotguns, and .22 Marlin; three 10' dock sections w/hardware \$150; mountain bike \$75; Eden Pure heater \$150; 308-5413.

1977 Bethany pop-up camper, propane stove and furnace, two fold out sleepers, \$750/obo. 224-2633.

Antique oak bed with dresser w/mirror, antique chest of drawers, antique corner China hutch, antique gold leafed mirror, wicker settee. 224-3329.

Midwest pet products: Canine camper soft side dog crate w/zip carry case, large (41#-70#), 25x36x28, \$75. Gold zinc-coated metal Model 540-24 pet exercise pen w/step-thru door, 24x24 panels fold flat, \$25. Both in very good condition. 751-2739.

Cultivator, field or row crop 3-point hitch Ford. \$300. NordicTrack x-country ski machine \$125/obo. 16-ft Larson boat w/60 hp Johnson outboard and trailer \$250/obo. 368-9913.

"White" (brand name) sewing machine, Model #565, mounted in wooden cabinet. \$50. Call Sue 224-2699.

2013 Arctic Cat XF1100 snowmobile, 4-stroke, block heater, hand warmers, heated seat, custom cover, 3,168 miles \$8,000/obo. 1999 Arctic Cat 600 EFI snowmobile, 4,400 miles. \$1,500/obo. 987-2076.

1983 Oldsmobile Royale, 4-door, 88,600 miles, 5.0 I v8, very clean. Asking \$1,050/obo. 759-1433.

Wood carvers: basswood tree trunk blocked. \$5 each. 224-2789.

Two-inch receiver hitch for Ford ranger or Mazda \$75 and 48 inch aluminum "Better Built" pickup toolbox \$100. Call 478-3559.

Cabela's Do-All Game Kaddy (paid \$170) with 2" hitch adapter (paid \$59). Attach to any 2" receiver to easily lift and load large game. Never been used. Asking \$115. Call 243-2445 (please leave a message if no answer).

12-gauge shotgun, muskie rod and reel, tackle box and several lures. 335-8862.

Gehl 2500 Skid Steer w/bucket, \$2,500. 224-2443 or 230-815-0474.

1987 Chevy 1-ton gas dually 4 wheel drive 4-speed. Also have a 416 Auto Reset plow. Can be reached at 766-3283.

15-ft sport boat with square stern. Heavy duty camo fiberglass. Great for duck hunting. \$350. 766-4707.

Lorance iFinder H2O handheld GPS unit, great condition. No SD card. \$60. 444-6014.

10'x10'x6' chain link gated dog kennel and large doghouse. Doghouse needs repair (new roofing materials included in price), \$350/obo. (1958) 14' Cadillac aluminum fishing boat, trailer, anchor, oars, depth finder and 15 hp Sea King motor/gas tank \$650 or best offer. 556-2282.

Kid's oak bunk bed, twin on top, full on bottom with drawers under, reversible stairs also with drawers underneath. Very solid bed. Excellent shape. \$650. 368-3189.

Hay: square bales \$3, round bales \$30. 243-2325.

2014 Kia Optima LX in good condition, remote start, sun roof, no longer needed. 766-0228.

Portable fish house and ice auger. Clam Denali house one zipper is burnt, but still operates. Asking \$300. Eskimo S33 Stingray just had engine for maintenance. Asking \$150. Will sell both for \$400. Call or text Henry at 701-388-3709.

Alumcraft boat, 16-ft w/Spartan trailer, excellent condition. Asking \$1,400/obo. 12-gauge shot shell

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This is to certify that the main source of heat for my home (more than 50 percent) is furnished by **permanently** installed electric heating equipment (not portable) and I, therefore, am eligible for the electric heating sales tax exemption as provided by Minnesota State Law. This is for the billing months of November through April only.
**Exemption forms should be resubmitted every five (5) years.*

Account # _____ Member Name _____ Location # _____

Date of Application _____ Meter # _____ Member Signature _____

Electricity sold for residential use is not taxable for the billing months of November through April when sold to metered members who use it as their primary source of residential heat. If more than one type of heat is used, electricity is not taxable if it is the primary source of heat. Primary source of residential heat is the source that supplied more heat than

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Some buildings have both residential quarters and commercial operations. If there is one meter for the entire building, the exemption applies if more than 50 percent of the square

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1999 GMC 1500 Suburban SLE, V8 engine, over-sized gas tank. Exc. cond. Runs great. No rust. Auto transmission, antilock brakes, cruise, privacy windows, AC/heat, dual air bags. Power windows, locks, mirrors, doors and seats. AM/FM/CD/cassette player. Class 3 hitch, luggage rack, engine block heater, keyless entry. Excellent tires. 127 K miles. \$9,000/obo. 368-4834.

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12' Howard sailboat and trailer. Clean, good condition. \$950. 931-209-3260.

Artist professional drawing desk-table w/tool storage \$50; Weider 6-station universal weight machine, \$40; Ryobi 10" table saw \$50. 766-1167.

King size water bed w/12-drawer two-level base and headboard. Complete with liner, wave reducing mattress bladder, liner and heater. \$150/obo. Call Mike 230-3215.

Thompson Contender "Super 16" 410/45cal shotgun/pistol, 16" barrel vent rib, single shot, blued barrel and action. Ex. condition. \$650 cash, call mornings. 444-2958.

Snap-on electric pressure washer, 1650 psi, 35' power cord. Never used. 335-6838.

Square bales, inside, no rain. \$3.50/bale-first cutting. \$4/bale-second cutting. Call 407-0278.

Sears ST16 yard tractor w/cab, snowblower, wheel weights and chains; 42" mower deck w/ extra blades and belts; tiller with electric lift, disc and road blade; all manuals. \$850. 224-3157.

Heavy Hauler trailer w/new 5' x 10' .60 treated 2"x10" bed w/side racks, 7:50-16 LT tires, 2" ball hitch, lifetime license and lights. \$1,000. 224-2523.

Precor elliptical fitness crosstrainer, model# EFX 5.17i, like new, hardly used. Call 587-5571, ask for Mary.

1998 Ford Ranger XLT 4x4 pickup, ext. cab, 192K miles, \$600. 335-6635.

Stevens 410 shotgun, bolt action, \$150. 751-5667.

Kenmore electric wall furnace, 30,000 Btu. 2 vertical water pumps for 2" wells. Call 556-6736.

Oak drafting table, \$80. Trolling motor, like new, \$300. 42" grass catcher, \$40. 556-9635.

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1963 Corvair Spyder, turbo engine, 4 spd, no rust, 80,000 miles, stored in garage, not running. \$3,500. 2009 Mercury Grand Marquis, 80,000 miles, good runner, \$9,500/obo. 209-6773.

Oil space heater, includes all hardware, 30-gallon barrel tank and oil, excellent shape, great buy for deer camp. Priced to sell. 760-9608.

½ box of Federal 7M Fatal Shock shells. ½ box at \$18. 547-1800.

Hay for sale: no rain or dust. Older hay rake, \$200. 1989 motor home, very good condition, \$5,000. Call 444-4493.

Homemade crazy and block quilts; twin \$35, full \$40, queen \$45, king \$55. Antique oak chairs, \$25 each. Rockers, \$70. Parlor table, \$75. Sq. oak 44x44 dining room table, \$150. Portable or cabinet sewing machines, \$15 each. 6 refinished matching oak chairs, \$150. Portable touch-n-sew machine, \$15/obo. 243-2702.

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Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016. A quorum of directors was present.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Echemnach gave his monthly report, including discussion on 2017 membership of the board members into the NRECA Action Committee for Rural Electrification, strategic planning and the Minnesota Minnesota Managers meeting.
- CEO Echemnach and Sam Mason discussed Northern Solar and presented proposed pricing structure changes to the board.
- Sid Stetten gave the financial report for July, including review of work orders.
- Cooperative member, Rollie Morud, addressed the board regarding solar energy, net metering and renewable energy.
- CEO Echemnach and the policy committee presented revised, rescinded and new policies to the board.
- President Coe reported on the MREA board meeting and the Minnesota Power Cooperative board meeting.
- Charlie Parson and Sue Kringen reported on the power plant tour.
- Sue Kringen reported on the New Director Orientation.
- The Energy Issues Summit was discussed.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the consent agenda and work order inventories.
- Approved pricing structure changes for subscriptions to Northern Solar.
- Approved all policies as presented.
- Approved the strategic planning process for Nov. 1-3, 2016.

The next board meeting will be Sept. 28, 2016.



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Seeking nominations for the 2016 Touchstone Energy® Community Award

Do you know an organization that has made outstanding contributions to our local community? Beltrami Electric is seeking applications for the Touchstone® Energy Community Award, which recognizes businesses, nonprofits and community groups that have shown a strong commitment to our community. Any organization that has helped make their community within the areas served by Beltrami Electric a better place to live and work is eligible for the \$500 cash award.

Community members may nominate an organization, association or business by completing the Touchstone Energy Community Award application form, available at Beltrami Electric Cooperative, 4111 Technology Dr NW, Bemidji or online at www.beltramielectric.com. Questions may be directed to Angela Lyseng at 444-3689. The application will require a description of the project, program or event and the positive impact it brought to the community. **Completed applications must be received at Beltrami Electric's office by Oct. 31.**



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"As an electric cooperative serving this area, we have a high regard for community involvement," CEO of Beltrami Electric Jared Echternach said. *This award allows us to*



2015 award winner - Jack Pine Stables

highlight and encourage those organizations that have shown an outstanding commitment to our community."

The award recipient will be announced Nov. 4, 2016, and will then

contend for the statewide Touchstone Energy Community Award, which has a cash prize of \$1,000. The statewide award winner will be recognized at the Minnesota Rural Electric Association's annual meeting in February 2017.

The Minnesota Touchstone Energy cooperatives are part of a national alliance of more than 700 rural electric cooperatives that adhere to the values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.

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