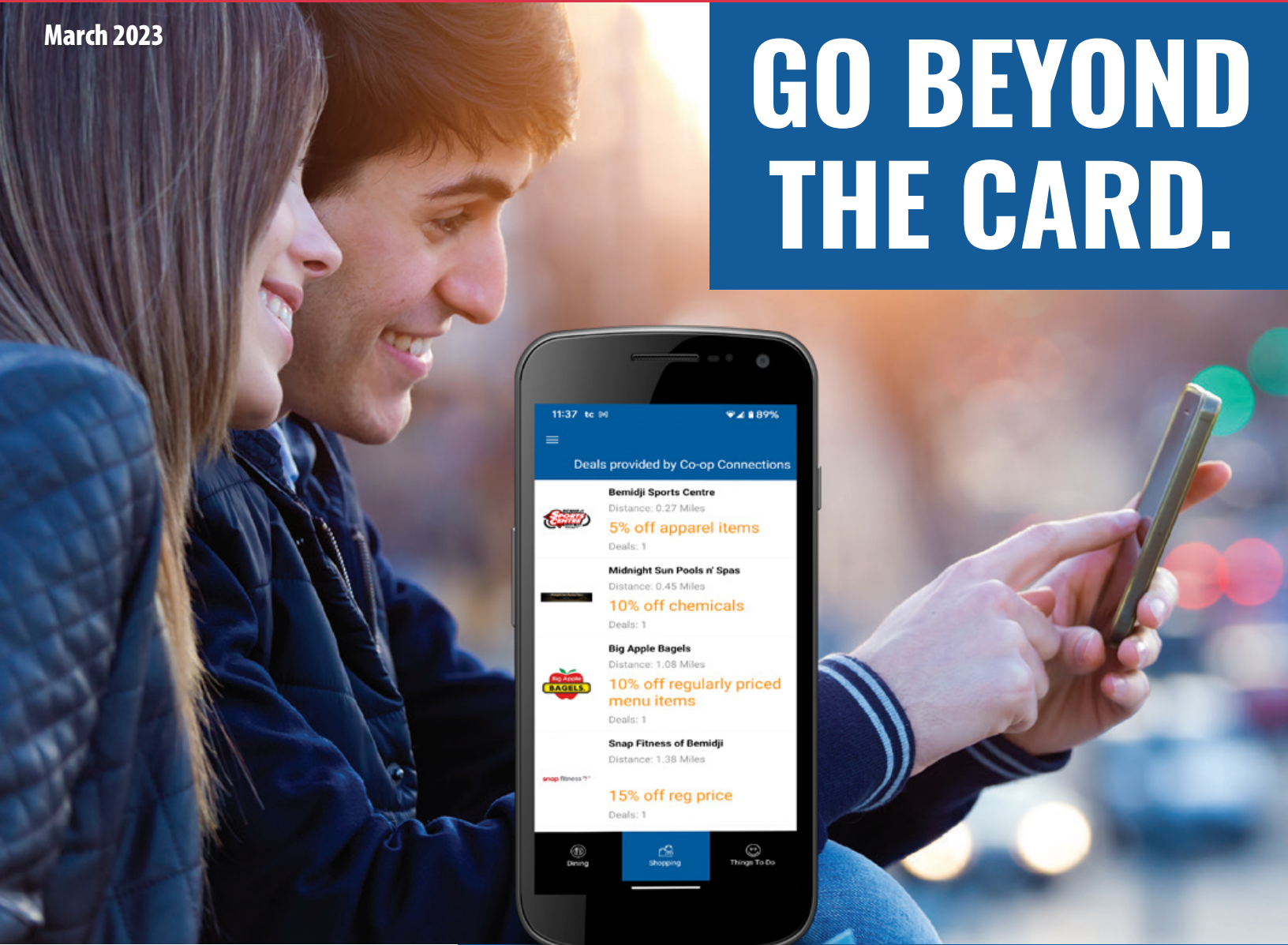


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Legislative update

by Jared Echternach, president and CEO

100% carbon free by 2040 HF7/SF4

Minnesota has passed a bill mandating electric utilities in Minnesota deliver 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040. While well intentioned, this bill has two major unintended consequences: It will increase costs and reduce reliability. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, maybe not even next year. But when you limit electric generation to carbon-free resources, existing technology cannot



meet the growing demand for electricity affordably or reliably. As more and more baseload generation such as coal, natural gas and nuclear is retired, or not considered under the new law, the more exposure we have to inadequate power supply. In other words, we are shorting ourselves of a reliable power supply.

Under the law, electric utilities are able to meet the carbon-free requirement through their generation portfolio, market purchases or by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) if they are not able to meet the requirement through the first two options. Several amendments were added to the bill to help mitigate potentially negative impacts. Carbon capture and sequestration will count up to the percentage the facility is able to produce carbon-free electricity. This amendment helps projects like Minnkota Power Cooperative’s Project Tundra – a carbon capture project currently being evaluated that would help baseload power plants continue to provide reliable electricity. The bill also includes

“off-ramps” for electric utilities that face reliability or cost issues during implementation. Unfortunately, these off ramps are ambiguous and arbitrary and require the approval of the governor-appointed Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. This takes local decision-making away from cooperative members and gives it to St. Paul regulators.

Property Tax on Co-op Distribution Infrastructure HF1171/SF1242

Over the past few years, the Department of Revenue has begun to exclude co-op owned rural meters and streetlights (attachments and appurtenances) from a rural electrification property tax exemption that has been in place since 1939. An agreement with the Department of Revenue to clarify this statute so that meters and streetlights, among other equipment, are covered by the exemption was included in the 2022 Omnibus Tax Bill that unfortunately did not pass. This session that would solidify the exemption.

Load management receivers SF 116/ HF1551

Our third priority continues to be exempting load management receivers from electrical inspection and permitting for routine maintenance and replacement by our qualified electricians. The Department of Labor and Industry has taken the stance this work must be permitted and inspected. We will seek legislation solidifying this exemption.

We continue to engage on your behalf on issues affecting your cooperative. I’m pleased to report that all of our local legislators support your electric cooperative on these issues. Thank you, Senator Green, Senator Utke, Senator Eichorn, Representative Bliss and Representative Grossell for your support.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami’s board conducted its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023. A quorum of directors was in attendance.

The following reports were given:

- President and CEO Echternach and the board discussed recent safety successes and observations and viewed a safety video.
- President and CEO Echternach made his monthly report, including legislative issues affecting the cooperative, upcoming legislative visits, grid resilience, employee updates, microgrids and Minnkota Power Cooperative.
- Ken Howe presented on the Wellness Center Project.
- Arlene Hogquist presented November’s financial report and December’s preliminary financial report.
- Mike Birkeland and Bob Gregg reviewed the annual net metering and cogeneration report and associated filings.
- The negotiations committee presented the tentative agreement between the cooperative and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.
- Directors and President and CEO Echternach discussed meetings attended, upcoming meetings and educational conferences.
- Chair Lund appointed all nine directors as delegates to Minnkota Power and Square Butte annual meetings.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved annual cogeneration report as presented.
- Approved director and president and CEO expenses.
- Approved the amended agreement with the IBEW.
- Approved April 21 board meeting date.

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 29, 2023.

HELP KEEP ENERGY RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE IN MINNESOTA

As a local energy cooperative, Beltrami Electric Cooperative (BEC) works daily to provide reliable, affordable power to the communities and member-owners we serve. We have a long history of coming together to turn on the lights for rural energy consumers. Over the years, we have adapted our business practices to continue providing reliable, affordable energy even though the industry continues to change at a rapid pace. **But we need your help!**

BEC is just one of 50 electric cooperatives that serve rural energy consumers in Minnesota. We have partnered with other Minnesota cooperatives through our statewide organization, Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA), and our national organization, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), to ensure we have a voice at the table and make our cooperative voices heard when it comes to energy policy in Minnesota.

Help us advocate for reliable, affordable energy for all of Minnesota's energy consumers by signing up for Voices for Cooperative Power (VCP), a network of electric cooperative member-owners who are working together to ensure the needs of rural America are reflected in state and national policy decisions.

You can learn more and sign up at <https://voicesforcooperativepower.com/minnesota>

VCP is a free service available for electric cooperatives through NRECA. Through the VCP platform, you will also be exposed to policy issues impacting energy cooperatives at a national level. NRECA maintains the service and sets the national priorities for VCP. Joining VCP is an individual decision and completely optional. You will not be enrolled automatically as a member of Beltrami Electric nor will you be required to contact your legislators by signing up for the service. Those who register can withdraw their registration at any time through VCP.



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INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OF 2022



The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is full of incentives to help you and your family go electric. The dollars will be available in the form of both tax credits and rebates. These funds are designated for homeowners to make improvements to their home, such as heat pumps, upgrades to electric wiring or electric panels, and more. Tax credits are available now and include purchasing new or used electric vehicles. The rebates should start to become available by the end of 2023, depending on how Minnesota rolls out its incentive program.

View an IRA savings calculator at www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator to see what you could qualify for today. At an income of \$40,000 per household with four household members, you could save up to \$14,000 in upfront discounts and \$1,250 in tax credits. These upgrades are also driven by energy efficiency, so you could see savings on your electric bill as well.

Additional information and resources are available on our website at www.beltramelectric.com/rebates-and-incentives. **Please note, information regarding the IRA is constantly being updated. We will share more information as it becomes available to us.*

NOTICE TO COGENERATORS

In compliance with Beltrami Electric Cooperative adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, Beltrami Electric Cooperative is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers who



satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. Beltrami Electric Cooperative is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rate and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility.

Any dispute over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Beltrami Electric Cooperative board. Interested members should contact **Beltrami Electric Cooperative, 4111 Technology Dr. NW, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56601**, or call **218-444-2540**.

BOB GREGG COMPLETES CERTIFIED KEY ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE PROGRAM



Bob Gregg has met the requirements to become a Certified Key Accounts Executive (CKAE®). Since 1998, when the program began, more than 575 rural electric marketing professionals have attained CKAE® status.

In order to earn the certificate, Bob had to complete

coursework, pass an exam and submit business and marketing plans for evaluation. His written plans were judged by an outside business professional for content and strategic acumen.

The CKAE® certificate is a program offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in order to improve service to commercial and industrial accounts. This is done through the establishment of business goals, identification of key-account profiles, the practice of professional sales management and the application of sound decision-making processes. Congratulations, Bob!

WELCOME NEW HIRE LANDON YERBICH

Landon Yerbich joined Beltrami Electric in January in the operations department as a mechanic. A graduate of Bemidji High School, Landon holds an associate in applied science degree in diesel mechanics and a diploma in welding technology from Alexandria Technical and Community College. Landon has extensive experience working on a variety of equipment and will be responsible for servicing and maintaining the cooperative's fleet, including pickups, trucks, heavy equipment and more. He enjoys hunting, four-wheeling, and spending time at his parents' farm. Landon and his wife, Andrea, live north of Bemidji with their daughter. Welcome, Landon!



What does it cost? IT ALL ADDS UP!



Investing in a reliable electric system

The electric co-op industry is capital intensive. We will be featuring a different item each month to help put into perspective some of the costs that go into proving reliable electric service for our members.

On average, how much do large bucket trucks* cost?

a. \$290,000

c. \$100,000

b. \$160,000

d. \$350,000



* BEC has 39 line trucks, including digger derricks, small and large bucket trucks, and pickups that we use to maintain a reliable electric system.

BUSINESS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Business Development Manager Bob Gregg (left) presents an energy efficiency rebate check to owner Tom Osowski. Also pictured is co-owner Matt Donat and office manager Crystal Hegg.

Beltrami Electric recently welcomed a new member business, **King of the Road Trailers**, south of Bemidji off Highway 71 at 325 Oak Hills Rd SE. King of the Road Trailers offers a vast inventory of steel and aluminum trailers for purchase, including utility, cargo/enclosed, equipment, racing, ATV, flatbed and more. They also offer trailer rentals and are the local dealer for SCAG and Bad Boy mowers.

King of the Road Trailers is open Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays by appointment. As a newer business in the Bemidji area, they are excited to build relationships in the community and will work hard to ensure their customers have a pleasant experience.

Beltrami Electric's Business Development team worked with King of the Road Trailers to complete a business lighting rebate. For more information about business rebates, contact our office at **218-444-2540**.

Classifieds

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
 - o Ads submitted by March 1 will be published in April issue.
 - o Ads submitted between April 2 and May 1 will be published in May issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com. (preferred)
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- All ads must be 50 words or less and typed or printed clearly.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- 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 each month.
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.

For Sale:

Girls' Ski jacket/pants, \$150; prom gowns, \$25 each; Queen box spring, \$40; microwave, \$10; 31" TV, \$60. 218-751-9357.

Bonanza Co-Ax Reloading Press (Forster), the press is in good working condition, I no longer need it. \$185. 218-444-9929.

Large supply of rough cut and finished lumber. Specialty items available also. Red and white pine and red and white oak. 218-243-2368.

1999 Suburban 1500 4x4. Second owner vehicle. High miles but undercoated and 99% rust free. Very clean interior. Lots of service records. \$2,500. 218-820-4234.

Stained glass art tools and supplies. Everything you need to start a hobby or business. 150+ glass panels of many colors and styles. Includes cutting and shaping tools, diamond grinder, soldering tools and materials plus pattern and instructional books. \$450 or trade for everything. 928-503-1806. Please leave a message.

Wood burner Blaze King 1980's Princess \$500, older wood burner \$200. Please call 218-368-2707.

96-inch-long kick out recliner couch, green, center drop down section with cup holders, no tears in upholstery, clean, no smoking or pets in the house. You haul, bring help to load. \$250. 218-759-1433.

Pontoon/dock ladder, aluminum 4 step, \$75.

Four antler mounts, \$125 for all/or will sell separately. Three 1950's enameled letters from a storefront, spells P I E, great condition, \$90. 218-556-5088.

Used England Stove Works, Inc. wood burning stove. Model 24-ICD/50-SHW25. I can e-mail photos if interested. Located in the Tenstrike area. Asking \$400. Please call after 6 p.m. 701-772-0892.

2015 Pullrite Superglide 2700 fifth wheel hitch, 16,000# with brackets \$900. 218-760-2655.

Oats by the bag or truckload. \$3.75 per bushel. Call 218-766-8167.

4' x 5' round bales of good mixed alfalfa and grass hay for sale. Call before 7 p.m. and ask for Dave. 218-751-8191.

Hay for sale: organic 2nd crop, alfalfa-grass mix, 4 x 5 rounds #900, close to Bemidji, NO RAIN. Also 1st crop, \$40. Excellent quality. Call 218-407-2052.

Berry pickers repellent with a BANG, that will scare a bear away for a mile: one owner, pocket model Taurus 38 Special, with laser, trigger lock, wood lock box, shells, shoulder pouch (ammo will fit a 357). Purchased from Gander Mountain. \$550 cash or may trade on 4x4. Permit to buy required. 218-760-9608.

Old fashioned butcher block, like new, 24" x 30" top, 10" thick, 32" high. Great functional decoration for a log home. Crazy expensive online. Make offer. Call or text 218-766-6238.

1955 Ford Convertible. Very good condition. Power steering, brakes, windows and seats. Continental kit. White with red and white interior. Pictures available upon request. \$32,500/obo. Cash only. 218-760-1095.

2018 Jayco Greyhawk Prestige motorhome, 32' w/2 slides, like new, 7,000 miles, double fridge, 3 TVs and many extras, below book at \$97,000. 970-901-2605.

Three aluminum walkers: plain walker with two small wheels, \$10. Folding walker with two 5" wheels, \$15. Folding walker with wheels and also forearm support brackets with adjustable clamps, \$20. 218-760-3614 leave a message.

ATV tires for 3 wheelers and 4 wheelers, good tires with the rim. \$99. 218-368-9243.

Garmin map device, \$20; set of Cambridge crystal square stem goblets, sherbets and serving pieces, \$350; set of My Bookhouse thru Fairy Tales (Circa 1920's) at \$20 each, TI-89 Titanium calculator with case, \$75. Call 218-751-9357.

Small square hay bales, dry, no rain. \$3.50 each. 218-444-0622.

Savage AXIS .243 Win. 3-9s40mm scope w/case, \$400. Savage AXIS .308 Win. 3-9x40mm scope w/case, \$400. CVA OPTIMA .50cal. black powder 3-9x40mm scope w/case, \$200 in accessories, \$400. 218-586-2654.

Beach King lift canopy for 40120 Beach King boat lift. \$600/obo. Has been used three seasons so is in good condition. Located at Cass Lake, Minn. 218-791-1336.

Wanted:

Wool sweaters for crafts. 218-556-2743.

Do you want that old chair re-caned? Call Nate at 218-407-0168.

Pet sitting, retired teacher, will care and love your pet while you are gone. Your house or mine, Blackduck/Bemidji area. 218-766-6510.

Your retired XP or pre-Windows 7 computer, in working condition. 218-224-2739.

Looking to buy: used low-cut commercial carpet. Used, treated 2x6 boards for remod/hunting cabin. Two bright red S-10 front fenders. Two black S-10 front fenders. One drivers' door for black S-10 blazer. All parts for a 1995-2003 S-10. Rear bumper for 2002 Chevy pickup. Call or text 218-368-2369.

Free:

Anyone interested in pork fat from a butchered hog for rendering, have some frozen to give away in 5-lb bags from Oct. 2022. Call 218-766-8503 leave message.

Couch, upright piano, queen box spring. 218-751-9357.



Operation Round Up® Application Deadline

Do you know of a nonprofit organization in our service territory that would benefit from a grant from Operation Round Up? Community organizations and nonprofit groups may apply for an Operation Round Up grant by completing and returning an application form. For more details and a fillable application, visit our website at www.beltramelectric.com/operation-roundup.

Grant applications must be received by **FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023**.



Need help paying your electric bill?

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid. (Eligibility is based on energy costs, household size and the three most recent months of income.) The following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill.

Bi-CAP in Bemidji

6603 Bemidji Ave N
Bemidji, MN 56601
218-751-4631

Bi-CAP in Walker

8245 Industrial Park Rd NW
Walker, MN 56484
218-547-3438

KOOTASCA

201 4th St. NW, Suite 130
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
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MAHUBE-OTWA

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Visit <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/> for EAP income guidelines and program information.

Beltrami Electric's Indoor Garage Sale to benefit



SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

Booth reservations for vendors will be open on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, and will be accepted until all booths have been filled. If interested, come into our office at 4111 Technology Dr. NW in Bemidji and sign up or contact Cammie at **218-444-3675** or cvogel@beltramelectric.com.

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\$5 off any sewing or vacuum service
200 Paul Bunyan Dr S, Suite #2, Bemidji
sewbemidji.com

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\$1.00 off adult admission, up to four adults (single visit only, not valid with other offers)
130 Minnesota Ave SW, Bemidji
beltramihistory.org

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1826 Anne St NW, Bemidji
bemidjisportscentre.com

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bemidjiwoolenmills.com

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1710 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
bigapplebagels.com/bemidjimn

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19600 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji
bvskiarea.com

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10% off regular-priced items (not valid with other discounts)
108 3rd St NW, Bemidji
compass-rose.com

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gallerynorthbemidji.com

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keithspizza.com

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kenkthompsonjewelry.com

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lakesareapowersports.com

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13477 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji
lakesmarketandliquor.com

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mckenzieplacebemidji.com

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23654 398th St, Laporte
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bemidjifloral.net

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512 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
papamurphysbemidji.com

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snapfitness.com/us/gyms/bemidji-mn/

Stittsworth Meats

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WHAT IS ENERGY ASSISTANCE? Also referred to as LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) or EAP (Energy Assistance Program)

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The federal aid program is intended to provide financial assistance to households that meet income guidelines (50% of state median income) and have an energy burden, whether you rent or own your home.

How do I apply for energy assistance? Applications can be requested directly through your local EAP office or can be obtained at the Department of Commerce (DOC) website, <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance-program>. There is a fillable PDF application that can be completed and submitted

either by mail, email or fax. The DOC is in the process of launching an online application.

You will need to provide documents as part of your application. The required documents should be submitted with the application. You should be prepared to provide the following:

- Your name and current contact information and address
- Names and social security numbers, or alternative ID numbers such as permanent resident, I-94 or I-766, of all people residing in your home as of the date of your application
- Household income and documents to verify income (EAP looks at the prior three months of income from the signature date of your application)
- Names of the utilities that provide heat and electricity to your home, along with account numbers

Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program is federally funded through Health and Human Services and is administered by the Department of Commerce through partnerships with service providers throughout the state, including tribal governments and local nonprofit organizations.