

CURRENT NEWS



What's Happening

Thanks for joining us in Bowman at Rock the Block in July!



Sept. 7

Office closed for Labor Day



Sept. 8

RDFC application deadline



Sept. 15

Nominations for New England Public School students due for Touchstone Energy Student of the Month

Cooperative happenings

Touchstone Energy Student of the Month

September marks the beginning of Slope Electric Cooperative's Touchstone Energy® Student of the Month program. This program aims to recognize outstanding K-12 students by sponsoring a school project or initiative, selected by the winning student, in the amount of \$200. Visit our website for details.

RDFC grant funds available

The Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) announced it has approved a 2026 grant allotment of \$2,000 to Slope Electric to be used to support community-owned entities, nonprofits and community-based projects. The application deadline is Sept. 8. Read more on our website, www.slopeelectric.coop, under the RDFC page.

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



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

UNDERSTANDING

YOUR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S ENERGY COSTS

YOUR BILL IS PRIMARILY MADE UP OF 2 COMPONENTS



ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION

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



SYSTEM ACCESS FEE

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

FACTORS THAT IMPACT YOUR ELECTRIC BILL



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



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



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



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



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