

# The Outlet

January 2026



## Community Cares grant applications - due Feb. 12

Riverland Energy provides financial support to communities through its Community Cares program. Funding for the Foundation is donated by members of the co-op who round their monthly electric bill up to the next even dollar amount. Grants are awarded by a board of directors to non-profit organizations, programs, or projects that improve our local quality of life.

To apply for a grant, download the application on our website. Deadline to apply is February 12, 2026.



## Welcome Aboard Katie!



Katie Dziedzic has joined REC as a Member Account Representative. She is one of the main

contacts for members, providing exceptional service by handling communications, payments, account updates, rebates, and energy service requests. She will be working at our Holmen office.

Katie lives in Onalaska with her husband, Nick, and their Goldendoodle, Birdie! When she's not at work you can find her spending time with friends & family, playing volleyball, golfing, hiking, & eagle watching!

## District Committee Elections & Annual Meeting Information

This month, members in Districts 3, 4, and 8 received a list of eligible members in their districts for nomination to the District Committee. Voting for these representatives is an important way to exercise your rights as a cooperative member. Once elected, District Committee representatives will participate in a meeting later in February and serve a four-year term, with the option for re-election at the end of their term.

The District Committee Meeting is an important opportunity for members to actively participate in the cooperative's governance by nominating candidates for director positions, emphasizing the cooperative difference and your member-driven right to choose our leadership. At the meeting, members will also receive updates on the cooperative's financial performance, accomplishments from 2025, and strategic plans for 2026. Specifically, during the 2026 District Committee Meeting, director nominations will be held for Districts 2, 5, and 9. The elections for these positions will follow in March, with the winners announced during the Annual Meeting.

Mark your calendars for Riverland Energy's annual meeting, scheduled for **March 28, 2026**, at Arcadia High School in Arcadia. This meeting is not only a chance to stay informed, but also an opportunity to engage in the important issues facing our cooperative. We look forward to seeing you there!

## OPERATING STATISTICS

### November 2025

	Monthly		Year-to-date	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
KWHS PURCHASED	23,214,730	24,194,508	265,021,512	278,169,654
KWHS SOLD	22,173,679	23,126,993	257,074,883	269,162,465
REVENUE	\$3,518,348	\$3,686,084	\$40,655,773	\$42,490,005
COST OF PURCHASED POWER	\$1,892,211	\$2,017,330	\$22,565,190	\$24,109,118
OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,301,466	\$1,313,193	\$16,710,382	\$17,234,198
OPERATING MARGINS	\$324,670	\$355,561	\$1,380,201	\$1,146,689
NON-OPERATING MARGINS	\$5,737	\$16,545	\$102,301	\$534,674
CAPITAL CREDITS-ASSOC. ORGANIZATIONS	\$77,687	\$91,243	\$1,200,134	\$1,441,792
TOTAL MARGINS	\$408,094	\$463,349	\$2,682,636	\$3,123,155

## Help us keep in touch with you!

Keeping your contact information up-to-date ensures we can reach you when necessary and maintain accurate account details. This helps us provide materials and information without any delays. Please make sure your account includes your current phone number and email address. Complete the form on our website or go to your SmartHub account to make updates.

## Energy Assistance

Need help with heating costs?  
Contact your local agency:

### Trempealeau County:

Trempealeau County Social Services

715-538-2311

Western Dairyland E.O.C

715-836-7511

### La Crosse County:

La Crosse County Human Services

608-785-5582

### Buffalo County:

Buffalo County Human Services

608-685-4412

## Month of December

### Billing Date:

January 1, 2026

(December usage)

### Current amount due:

January 31, 2026

Please continue making payments to avoid disconnection.

# CHANGE YOUR HABITS

To Save Money on Your Energy Bill



Whether you are looking for free or low-cost ways to save energy or need to make a major purchase that will help pay for itself over time due to energy savings, here are some ways to make a difference.



### No-Cost

- Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- Program your programmable thermostat.
- Use sunlight for heat in the winter.
- Fully load dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers.
- Use window coverings to keep out cold or heat.
- Turn off electronics when not in use.



### Low-Cost

- Use smart strips that turn off power to unused items.
- Make sure your HVAC system is serviced regularly and filters are changed as often as recommended.
- Purchase an insulating blanket made for hot water heaters.
- Find and fill air leaks in your home.
- Caulk between window/door frames and walls.
- Install a smart thermostat.



### Major Purchases

- Upgrade to a high-efficiency HVAC system.
- Purchase energy-efficient appliances.
- Insulate attics, exterior walls, basements and crawl spaces.
- Purchase a clothes dryer with a moisture sensor.
- Purchase a water-saving dishwasher or washing machine.
- Replace old windows with energy-efficient versions.

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 Safe Electricity.org®