# CURRENT NEWS



# What's Happening

Stray Ressler returns from the Electric Youth Tour. Read more about her experience on C2 of our local pages in the August issue of North Dakota Livina.



Offices closed for Labor Day



**SEPT. 12** 

The next Operation Round Up application deadline



## In case you missed it...

### Factors that impact your rates

One topic that frequents the boardroom is rates and the impact those rates have on our membership. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is dedicated to keeping rates affordable, while ensuring reliable service for all of our members. Through strategic investments in infrastructure and technology, we aim to enhance our efficiency and minimize costs, ultimately benefiting you, our valued members. Read more on C3 of our local pages in the August issue of North Dakota Living.

## **Unclaimed capital credits**

A full list of unclaimed capital credits has been published in our August local pages. The list contains the names of current or former Mor- Gran-Sou Electric members who had general retirement capital credit checks mailed in December 2024. Read more on C4 of our local pages in the August issue of North Dakota Living.

Read these stories and more in this month's issue of North Dakota Living.

# 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). 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.



### **BASE CHARGE:**

You'll notice a base charge 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 charge is crucial to ensure reliable electricity delivery.

## **FACTORS THAT IMPACT RATES**

#### **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 rates have impacted the costs of materials, labor, and equipment needed for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.



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

