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DPC HITS ALL-TIME PEAK LOAD IN JULY

July certainly was a hot month! In fact, it was one of the hottest Julys on record. The National Weather Service reports that nationally, July 2006 was one of the hottest months in more than 25 years. As the dog days of summer dragged on, my thoughts were centered on peak electrical load and the value of our load management system.

On July 31, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Clark Electric's power supplier, set an all-time peak high with an average load of 892.2 megawatts (mw). This compares to the previous peak high of 858.5 mw that was set in July 2005. The increase of 33.7 mw is a change of 3.9 percent in one year. While this doesn't seem like a large number, it is the rough equivalent of 33,000 homes coming on-line

in one month. As the extremely hot weather left the area, loads returned to more normal levels.

Once again, the DPC load management system proved extremely valuable in curtailing load during peak periods. Through the load management program, DPC saves money and resources, which helps keep our power costs as low as they can be for everyone on our system. DPC estimates that the load management system realized savings in excess of \$700,000 in the month of July alone.

I would like to thank all of our members who participate in the load management system and urge members who currently do not participate to consider doing so. By allowing the cooperative to install a load control device on your electric water heater or heat pump, you can help keep your costs down. Just call the office and visit with John Knox, our member services director, for more information. ■

Member Appreciation Day

Plan on coming to Clark Electric's Member Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 7, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Clark Electric's Business Center on Dallberg Road (west of Greenwood on Hwy G, 1/2 mile from the blue bridge).

This is a family event! First, there will be a great pancake breakfast, with many community participants sharing information. This year, Our Lady of Victory Hospital from Stanley will be sharing health and wellness information. And don't forget the prizes! For the kids, there will be giant inflatables, face painting,

and pumpkin painting. A fire safety and smokehouse demonstration along with a hotline demonstration will be given several times throughout the day.

This is your cooperative! Come and celebrate with the rest of your neighbors, friends, and fellow members by kicking off Cooperative Month with Clark Electric Cooperative. ■

Clark Electric Cooperative has been chosen as the kick-off site for the start of Cooperative Month. Special presentations will be made that day.



LEADERSHIP

Youth Leadership Congress Proves Its Success Again

2006 YLC

Enthusiastic, involved student attendees and a tightly knit group of committed Youth Board members combined to make this year's WECA Youth Leadership Congress a superior educational event. That was the assessment of Director of Member Services John Knox following the program at UW-River Falls July 19-21.

"This could be the best Youth Congress we've had, at least in my memory," Knox exclaimed. "We had outstanding students—enthusiastic, high-energy, and interested in all aspects of the program. They were willing to share ideas and assume leadership roles."

Knox said the 2006 enrollment of 139 high school students eclipsed last year's total by two, and the six-member Youth Board was "intelligent, fun, respectful, and willing to take on new roles to ensure a successful conference."

Highlighted during the three-day program on the college campus were sessions emphasizing the value of cooperation, including Craig Hillier's dynamic presentation on leadership and creativity. In addition, students attended learning seminars on careers, credit issues, and strategic thinking, and they took in a hotline demonstration presented by Dunn Energy Co-operative.

Student comments on evaluations revealed an acquired understanding of cooperative principles and organization, according to Knox, whose own glowing appraisal of the conference seemed to be borne out by other student expressions: "I wouldn't change anything," "It was a wonderful opportunity," "Very well run," "It was extremely sweet," "I would love to come again," "This rocks!"

We hope your students would like to participate next year. We have room for several more students. Watch for announcements in the *Cooperative Spectrum* or the *Wisconsin Energy Co-operative News* at your local school. ■



Clark Electric's representatives at the Youth Leadership Congress are pictured at the top. Following are scenes of various activities that revolved around cooperative principals.

Load Management System

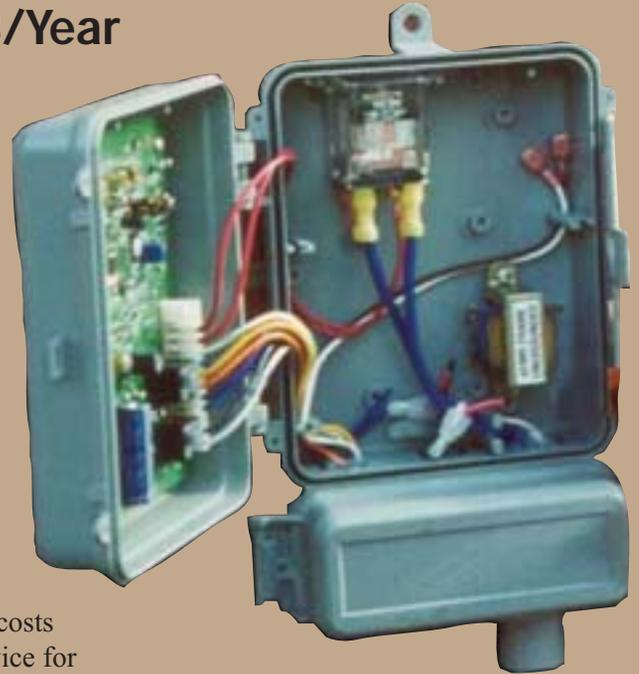
Simple Device Can Save You \$48/Year

The Load Management System (LMS), managed by Dairyland Power Cooperative, controls water heaters, electric heat, air-conditioning systems, grain-drying systems, or other large controllable loads. The LMS helps keep the costs of purchasing energy down, which helps to keep the cooperative's rates stable.

When it gets very cold or very hot, the LMS is operated so that Dairyland does not have to buy very expensive power. Our members, along with thousands more from the 25 other Dairyland system cooperatives, use the LMS together to keep energy costs down.

You, the member, benefit from the LMS in a couple of ways, either by receiving a credit on your electric bill or by taking advantage of special electric rates.

The LMS system is a solution that truly comes out of doing things the cooperative way—working together to keep costs as low as possible. If you do not have a load management device for your water heater, call today to find out how to get one. ■



OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Energy-Saving Tips That Can Lower Your Demand

We would like to share a few energy-saving ideas that will help you manage your electric bill.

- Set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees in the summer and no higher than 68 degrees in the winter.
- Use a programmable thermostat with your air conditioner and furnace.
- Use ceiling and portable fans to enhance the cooling ability of your air conditioner. Even mild air movement can make you feel cooler.
- Draw shades or blinds to prevent the sun from adding more heat to the room or to help keep the heat in during the winter.
- Try to avoid peak energy use (3 p.m. to 8 p.m.) for chores requiring electrical use, such as running the dishwasher and doing laundry.
- Make sure your air conditioner and furnace filters are clean for peak efficiency.

For more energy-efficiency tips, try these web sites at the right. ■

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- ✓ www.weca.coop
- ✓ www.ecw.org
- ✓ www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips
- ✓ www.energysavingtips.gov



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