

Taylor Report

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LOAD MANAGEMENT EVENTS AND WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

We're always working to keep your electricity reliable, affordable, and available when you need it most. One important way we do that is through load management.

Whether it's making everyday energy-efficient choices at home or participating in special programs that reduce usage during peak times, your efforts help us manage electricity wisely. Conserving energy not only helps lower your own bill, it strengthens the reliability of the grid, reduces demand on generation resources, and helps control wholesale power costs for our entire membership.

Throughout the year, there may be times when we ask members to reduce electricity use. These requests happen for different reasons, and the timing and devices involved may vary. For members enrolled in our load management programs, this may include temporary control of systems to help lower demand during peak periods or grid emergencies.

Understanding why and when these events occur can help you make informed choices and see how your actions benefit the greater community. As with any event or anytime, it's always beneficial to conserve energy.

2. COST MANAGEMENT

BREAKING IT DOWN Energy Management Events

GOAL: Reduce electricity use during high demand/prices

WHEN: Summer (Jun., Jul., Aug.) or Winter (Dec., Jan., Feb.)

WHAT: Summer - enrolled air conditioners, dairy water heaters, manual standby generators | Winter - enrolled interruptible heat (a.m.), manual standby generators, dairy water heaters, grain dryers (p.m.)

WHY: A Peak Alert (Full Load Control Event) is called by Dairyland Power Cooperative. These occur only in the summer or winter seasons when the regional grid is expected to reach its peak demand for the season, resulting in higher wholesale prices. Electricity supply at these times is sufficient to cover demand, but the cooperative wants to reduce the amount of electricity

1. ENERGY SAVINGS

BREAKING IT DOWN Energy Management Events

GOAL: Stabilize market prices

WHEN: Anytime

WHAT: Summer-enrolled residential water heaters, dairy water heaters, air conditioners. Winter-enrolled residential water heaters, dairy waters, interruptible heat systems

WHY: Economic Load Controls are called by Dairyland Power Cooperative based on short-term, high-energy prices. They are designed to keep energy costs affordable.

3. GRID RELIABILITY

BREAKING IT DOWN Energy Management Events

GOAL: Reliability/Stabilize Electricity Supply

WHEN: Any time (enrolled devices will be **tested** once each season (4x/yr) unless an Event has occurred that season)

WHAT:** Enrolled residential electric water heaters, then, if needed: enrolled air conditioners or interruptible heat systems, dairy water heaters, manual standby generators and grain dryers

WHY: Maximum Generation Events are called by the regional grid operator - MISO - when there is a reliability concern. There may be a risk of insufficient generation resources to power our members' needs. Reducing electricity use during a Maximum Generation Event is crucial for all members, but only enrolled devices will be affected.

****These devices will be called upon as needed, not all at once**

Two Representatives From Taylor Electric Get Elected to YLC Board



Front row: Kelby Schneider, Sienna Steines, Aliya Cox, Jacob Schmidt. Back row: Braxtyn Marx, Laura Wegerer, and Max Klussendorf.

The 2025 Youth Leadership Congress was held at UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI, July 15-17, 2025. Future leaders from electric cooperatives across the state were in attendance, including Owen and Max Klussendorf, sons of Taylor Electric's Secretary/Treasurer Cheri Klussendorf and her husband, Ryan, of Medford. Also in attendance was Laura Wegerer, daughter of Jamie and Karen Wegerer, also of Medford.

YLC is aimed at building leadership skills while ensuring attendees leave with a solid understanding of what electric cooperatives are, and the potential career opportunities

they offer. They also have the opportunity to enter WECA's essay contest for scholarship funds.

YLC Board Elections are also a main event. Teens threw their hat in the ring securing one of six coveted seats on the board. They each delivered an energetic speech with their own creative influence demonstrating their personality, co-op knowledge, and leadership skills. Last year, Owen Klussendorf was elected to the YLC board. This year, we are excited to announce that his brother, Max, was also elected to the YLC board along with Laura Wegerer. They will be involved with many activities throughout the coming year.

Max and Laura will work to educate peers about electric cooperatives and will be invited to travel to the nation's capital next summer for the 2026 NRECA Youth Tour. They will also be instrumental in planning the 2026 Youth Leadership Congress. One board member will be selected to represent Wisconsin at NRECA's 2026 PowerXchange in Atlanta in March.

Max had this to say about YLC, "I really thought it would be this boring thing my mom made me do, but it was so much fun. The speakers didn't just talk to us—they spoke into me. They helped me discover who I am, who I want to be, and showed me how to be a faucet, pouring life into others, not a drain that takes away from others."

The etiquette dinner was truly eye-opening, as we learned how to eat properly at a dinner event. The hypnotist was a great time. Who would have thought I would get up in front of 100 people and belt out Miley Cyrus tunes? This was an all-around great event that I would definitely recommend to others!"



Above photo: 2025 YLC participants Max Klussendorf and Laura Wegerer.





Left: Brothers Owen (r) and Max Klussendorf along with Laura Wegerer

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Safety Tip

Keep plants and fences away from green transformer boxes — especially the padlocked side. Utility crews need at least 10 feet in front and 4 feet on the sides to work safely and quickly during outages. Keep a clear path to the transformer — even if it's in your yard, it's technically on an easement, and they still need access!





Board Report – June 2025

- Approved May disbursements totaling \$396,339. 10 new member applications, and May 2025 construction in the amount of \$158,583.
- Reviewed financial results for May with \$297,157 Operating Margins and \$321,980 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 13 outages in May, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 0.1170 hours.
- Three applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$5,098 to be paid out at the net present value of \$1,970.
- 34 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the June 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$12,029.
- Other topics covered included follow up on the annual meeting, demand billing, donation requests, upcoming meetings, and DPC activities.