



## MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - 4:30 PM

Hjemkomst Center  
202 First Avenue North, Moorhead  
\*\*Auditorium\*\*

Commissioners:

Matthew Leiseth, Chairperson

Paul Baker, Vice Chairperson

Lisa Borgen, Secretary

Amy Lammers

Steve Lindaas

Jason Ness

Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager

The Moorhead Public Service Commission welcomes and encourages customer input on issues listed on the agenda or of general water/electric utility interest—time and Commission permitting. Speakers are limited to 3-minute presentations. Customers wishing to address the Commission regarding a specific agenda item will be afforded an opportunity during the discussion of that item. Customers wishing to speak on matters not listed on the agenda will be given the opportunity to do so under the heading “Customers to Be Heard/Recognitions.” Each person requesting the opportunity to speak is asked to fill out a *Request to Speak Form* (located on the table in the back of the room) and present it to the Administrative Assistant in attendance at the meeting. Any follow-up or feedback will be done by e-mail on anything that cannot be resolved this evening.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approve Agenda**
3. **Approve Consent Agenda**

All agenda items listed with an asterisk (\*) are on the consent agenda and are considered routine or non-controversial. These items may be enacted by the Commission in one motion, which is a motion to approve the consent agenda. No discussion is expected for the items on the consent agenda; however, prior to approving the consent agenda, the Commission may request specific items be removed from the consent agenda for discussion and separate action.
- \*4. **Approve Minutes of April 14, 2026**
- \*5. **Approve Bills for Payment**
6. **Customers to Be Heard/Recognitions**
7. **Old Business**
8. **Reports**
  - a. **City Council**
  - b. **Public Service Commission**

- c. **General Manager’s Report**
  - d. **Accept Report on MPS’ 2025 Residential Customer Survey with GreatBlue Research**
  - e. **Accept Report on 2025 Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Summary and 2026 CIP Plan**
  - f. **Accept 2025 Annual Reliability Performance Report**
- 9. Approve 2025 Audited Financial Statements**
- \*10. Approve Task Order No. 17 with DGR Engineering for Northeast Substation Transmission Line Extension Project**
- 11. Approve Summer Voluntary Watering Restrictions**
- \*12. Approve 2026 Farm Lease Agreement**
- \*13. Approve Task Order No. 17 with KLM Engineering for Professional Services Related to AT&T’s Equipment Upgrade on MPS’ Oakport Water Tower**
- 14. Approve Task Order No. 14 with Apex Engineering Group Inc. for Master Plan and Feasibility Study at Moorhead Water Treatment Plant**
- \*15. Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project**
- \*16. Approve Task Order No. 4 with Terracon Consultants Inc. for 2026 Construction Materials Testing**
- 17. Approve Sponsorship Request from Moorhead Parks and Recreation for Movie Night in the Park**
- 18. Approve Sponsorship Request for 2026 Moorhead Sausage Fest**
- 19. Close Meeting for Executive Session (if needed)**
- 20. Upcoming Meetings**
- a. **Public Service Commission Meetings**
    - June 2, 2026 (if needed)**
    - June 16, 2026**
  - b. **Meeting Opportunities for Commissioners<sup>(A)</sup>**
    - **AWWA Annual Conference**  
June 21-24, 2026, Washington, DC
    - **APPA National Conference**  
June 26-July 1, 2026, Boston, MA
- 21. Adjourn**

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\*\*Some members of the Moorhead Public Service Commission may be attending today’s meeting via interactive technology.\*\*

<sup>(A)</sup> APPA = American Public Power Association - [www.publicpower.org](http://www.publicpower.org)  
 MMUA = Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association - [www.mmua.org](http://www.mmua.org)  
 MRES = Missouri River Energy Services - [www.mrenergy.com](http://www.mrenergy.com)  
 AWWA = American Water Works Association - [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org)  
 MN AWWA = American Water Works Association-Minnesota Section - [www.mnawwa.org](http://www.mnawwa.org)  
 MRWA = Minnesota Rural Water Association - [www.mrwa.com](http://www.mrwa.com)

**Minutes of the Moorhead Public Service Commission**  
**Hjemkomst Center, Auditorium**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 4:30 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Baker (Interactive Technology—Personal), Lisa Borgen, Matthew Leiseth, Steve Lindaas, and Jason Ness

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amy Lammers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** General Manager Travis Schmidt; Staff Members Cheryl Glasoe, Jake Long, Marc Pritchard, and James Sumba; MPS Attorney John Boulger; Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Commissioner Leiseth called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM. A quorum of the following members was present: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA.**

*Commissioner Ness made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lindaas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

**3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA.**

*Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

[The consent agenda approved above includes all items shown herein with an asterisk (\*). These items were considered routine or non-controversial by the Commission and were enacted by the Commission in one motion, which is the motion above to approve the consent agenda.]

**\*4. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2026.**

*Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2026. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

**\*5. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.**

*Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

- \*6. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 17-UGPR-45 WITH WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION.**

*Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 17-UGPR-45 with Western Area Power Administration for roles and duties related to transmission operator services, contingent upon final legal approval. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

- \*7. APPROVE TASK ORDER NO. 15 FOR MOORHEAD DOE SUBSTATION KV1A TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT AND AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TASK ORDER NO. 11 FOR CENTENNIAL SUBSTATION DIFFERENTIAL RELAYS UPGRADE WITH DGR ENGINEERING.**

*Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve Task Order No. 15 for replacing the KV1A transformer at the Moorhead DOE Substation and Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 11 for upgrading the differential relays at the Centennial Substation with DGR Engineering, contingent upon final legal approval. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

- \*8. APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR FURNISHING 15 KV INDOOR METALCLAD SWITCHGEAR AT MPS' NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST SUBSTATIONS.**

*Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for furnishing 15 kV indoor metalclad switchgear at Moorhead Public Service's Northeast and Southeast Substations, contingent upon final legal approval. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

- \*9. ACCEPT PETITIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER AND ELECTRIC SERVICES FOR PRAIRIE PARKWAY 3RD ADDITION AND PARTIDGE CREEK ADDITION.**

*Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to accept the petitions for installation of water and electric services for All of Prairie Parkway 3rd Addition and Partridge Creek Addition, Less Lot 26, Block 1, in the city of Moorhead in accordance with Minnesota Statute §429.031, Subdivision 2. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

- 10. CUSTOMERS TO BE HEARD/RECOGNITIONS.**

There were no customers to be heard.

General Manager Travis Schmidt recognized Moorhead Public Service Electric Operations Manager Eric John for reaching his 30-year milestone.

- 11. OLD BUSINESS.**

There was no old business to discuss.

## 12. REPORTS.

### City Council

Commissioner Borgen provided an update on lobbying efforts in St. Paul, Minnesota, funding for the FM Area Diversion Project, and the grand opening of The Loop—Moorhead Public Library and Community Center on April 18, 2026.

### Public Service Commission.

No report was made.

### General Manager's Report.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided an introduction to the General Manager's Report, which included updates on NERC requirements, 2026 AWWA Drinking Water Week, Moorhead Public Service (MPS) receiving APPA's 2025 "Diamond" Safety Award of Excellence, MPS employees' participation in the Essential Drive for Churches United, and federal and state legislative updates.

Water Plant Manager Marc Pritchard provided information on the American Water Works Association's 2026 Drinking Water Week, which will be held May 3-9, 2026. Pritchard stated that Drinking Water Week is an ideal way to help educate the public and promote positive interaction with the community.

### Accept Report on MPS' Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

Water Distribution Manager Jake Long provided an update on the installation of electric and water meters for MPS' Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project. Long and General Manager Travis Schmidt responded to questions of the Commission. Discussion was held.

*Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to accept the report on Moorhead Public Service's Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project. Commissioner Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

## 13. AWARD BID FOR 8TH STREET SOUTH WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT.

Water Distribution Manager Jake Long provided information on the 8th Street South Watermain Replacement Project and the bid award. Long responded to questions of the Commission.

*Commissioner Borgen made a motion to award the Base Bid for the 8th Street South Watermain Replacement Project to Border States Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$1,622,322.80, as shown on the Bid Tabulation attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, and authorize the General Manager to approve all change orders up to a cumulative maximum of 5 percent of the contract amount, not-to-exceed 5 percent of the approved construction contract. Commissioner Lindaas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

## 14. APPROVE AMENDED POLICY ON SPONSORSHIPS AND MARKETING.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided an update on the amended Policy on Sponsorships and Marketing. Schmidt responded to questions of the Commission.

*Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the amended Policy on Sponsorships and Marketing. Commissioner Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.*

**15. CLOSE MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Chairperson Leiseth stated that the meeting will be closed for executive session as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c), to discuss a possible property transaction involving Parcel No. 58.199.0150 in Moorhead, Minnesota.

***Commissioner Borgen made a motion to close the meeting for executive session. Commissioner Lindaas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.***

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:06 PM.

PRESENT IN CLOSED SESSION WERE: COMMISSIONERS PAUL BAKER (INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY), LISA BORGEN, MATTHEW LEISETH, STEVE LINDAAS, AND JASON NESS; GENERAL MANAGER TRAVIS SCHMIDT; AND MPS ATTORNEY JOHN BOULGER.

***Commissioner Ness made a motion to open executive session. Commissioner Lindaas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.***

THE MEETING RE-OPENED AT 5:41 PM.

***Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the City Hall Sublease Agreement with the City of Moorhead involving Parcel No. 58.199.0150, contingent upon final legal approval. Commissioner Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.***

Chairperson Leiseth stated that the meeting will be closed for executive session as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c), to discuss a possible property transaction involving Parcel No. 10.032.1000 in Clay County, Minnesota.

***Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to close the meeting for executive session and adjourn upon conclusion. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, and Ness. Voting No: None.***

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:46 PM.

PRESENT IN CLOSED SESSION WERE: COMMISSIONERS PAUL BAKER (INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY), LISA BORGEN, MATTHEW LEISETH, STEVE LINDAAS, AND JASON NESS; GENERAL MANAGER TRAVIS SCHMIDT; STAFF MEMBERS JAKE LONG AND MARC PRITCHARD; AND MPS ATTORNEY JOHN BOULGER.

[No action was taken in closed session; therefore, a motion was not presented in open session.]

**16. UPCOMING MEETINGS.**

Upcoming meetings of the Moorhead Public Service Commission are scheduled for May 5, 2026 (if needed), and May 19, 2026.

**17. ADJOURN.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

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*The minutes herein are approved on this 19th day of May, 2026.*

***APPROVED BY:***

***ATTEST:***

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***Matthew Leiseth  
Chairperson<sup>i</sup>***

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***Lisa Borgen  
Secretary<sup>i</sup>***

<sup>i</sup> Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Moorhead Public Service Commission adopted January 18, 2022, Article 3, Section 11, states, "The Chairperson and Secretary shall sign, execute, and acknowledge all instruments authorized by the Commission or as are incident to the office. If either the Chairperson or Secretary is unavailable to execute an instrument, the Vice Chairperson may execute the instrument in place of the unavailable officer. Execution of instruments by two officers is required."



Water | Transportation | Municipal | Facilities

# Bid Tabulation

## Eighth Street South Watermain Replacement


City of Moorhead, Minnesota

April 1, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Conference Room at MPS Dispatch Operations Center, Second Floor, located at 215 Highway 75 North Moorhead, MN 56560

Apex Project No. 25.109.0252

Planholder	Bid Bond	Acknowledged Addendum(s)	Base Bid	Additive Alternate	Total Base Bid + Add Alt
Border States Paving, Inc.	X	Yes	\$1,622,332.80	\$739,935.75	\$2,360,164.50
Geislinger & Sons	X	Yes	\$2,164,834.00	\$811,817.00	\$2,976,651.00
R&R Excavating, Inc.	X	Yes	\$2,348,681.62	\$846,160.30	\$3,194,841.92

I certify that these bids were received on 4/1/2026, 2:00 PM, Conference Room at MPS Dispatch Operations Center, Second Floor

  
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**Jake Long**

## General Manager's Report

### 1. 2026 First Quarter Strategic Plan Update.

On December 3, 2024, the Commission approved a new three-year Strategic Plan to begin in 2025 and conclude in 2027. The plan was based on the Commission's and staff's recommendations to include six Strategic Directions. This structure aligns more closely with Moorhead Public Service's (MPS') current and future needs. The 2025-2027 Strategic Plan also features 2nd-Year Accomplishments for 2026 and Key Performance Indicators to measure MPS' operational performance. On December 15, 2025, the Commission approved the 2026 Strategic Direction Matrix. MPS staff provided quarterly updates on their action plans, which align with the Strategic Plan. Below are the six Strategic Directions of MPS and key highlights of MPS' activities for the first quarter of 2026.

#### Strategic Directions:

- Community
- Our Team
- Water
- Electric
- Finance
- Technology

#### Community:

- Staff from MPS and Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) continued to connect with key account customers and provide updates on rebates available through MRES' Bright Energy Solutions® (BES) Program. MPS staff has been attending design meetings for the redevelopment of the Moorhead Center Mall area, the Moorhead City Hall renovation project, and the 11th Street Grade Separation Project. Staff also worked with Moorhead Area Public Schools regarding electric school buses. Additionally, staff collaborated with American Crystal Sugar to preapprove a large chiller project with BES. MPS staff continues to modify MPS' website, which includes drought conditions, the status of the electric grid, and any pertinent information, as needed. Additional water and electric content continues to be added to MPS' social media platforms.
- Staff continues to work on other solar installation projects, including residential solar initiatives. During the first quarter, one customer completed a distributed (solar) installation, which was a holdover from 2025.
- During the first quarter of 2026, a draft Communications and Marketing Plan was prepared, and MPS will be working to finalize it during the second quarter of 2026.

#### Our Team:

- MPS staff continues to update and add new job descriptions for positions within MPS' Organizational Structure approved by the Commission. One position was filled during the first quarter of 2026, this was an open position from the fourth quarter of 2025.
- During the first quarter of 2026, MPS experienced three incidents—two reportable incidents and one non-reportable incident. One reportable incident resulted in additional employee time off due to restrictions.

- MPS staff held four events for MPS employees or the community during the first quarter of 2026. These included a “welcome baby basket” for an employee’s family, a Souper Bowl Chili and Soup Cook-off, an after-hours event at Courts and Pints, and an Essential Supply Drive that provided over 500 items to Churches United.
- MPS also drafted a succession plan document during the first quarter of 2026, which was reviewed and discussed with the management team, along with MPS’ Administrative Policy No. 39.0 on Succession Planning. The General Manager plans to discuss these documents with the Commission’s HR Working Group during the second quarter of 2026.
- MPS staff continues to develop a training plan for current and new employees related to job functions, software and operational technology, continuing education, and leadership. Several employees across all divisions were registered for leadership training in 2026. The training will begin during the second quarter of 2026 and is scheduled to be completed early in the fourth quarter of 2026.
- MPS employees continue to attend training provided by American Water Works Association (AWWA), American Public Power Association (APPA), and Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA), as well as other specific training that benefits MPS’ operations.
  - Two employees completed MMUA’s Meter School.
  - Two employees completed MMUA’s Emergency Preparedness and Restoration Conference.
  - Four employees attended Minnesota Rural Water Association’s Technical Conference.
  - One employee attended APPA’s Joint Action Conference.
  - One employee attended the Red River Watershed Management Board and the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Joint Annual Conference.
  - Two employees attended Mid-West ESRI Users Group’s Conference.
  - Several employees completed continued education for advanced degrees or professional development.

**Water:**

- MPS staff and consultants are working on plans to replace 1.7 miles of cast-iron watermain in 2026, exceeding the 1.25-mile annual replacement target established in MPS’ Strategic Plan.
- Water Division staff continues to work with regulators and other public entities on water supply and water quality issues impacting MPS. Staff is also collaborating with State of Minnesota entities regarding the sustainability and long-term viability of the Moorhead and Buffalo Aquifers. In addition, staff continues work on the 10-year update to the Wellhead Protection Plan for MPS’ groundwater sources, including the Buffalo and Moorhead Aquifers.
- Water Division staff issued Request for Proposals for the Water Treatment Plant during the first quarter of 2026 and expects to award a contract to the selected engineering firm during the second quarter of 2026.
- Staff continues replacing aging equipment installed at MPS’ Water Treatment Plant approximately 30 years ago, including the ozone generators used in the water disinfection process. This project is expected to be completed during the second quarter or early third quarter of 2026.
- During the Strategic Planning meetings held in the fourth quarter of 2025, staff provided an update on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project, and continues working toward securing access to the project while monitoring the financial impact on MPS ratepayers.
- During the first quarter of 2026, staff and contractors continued completing the annual requirements of MPS’ Lead Service Line Replacement Project through a coordinated line replacement effort.

**Electric:**

- Electric Division staff worked on its planned projects for the 2026 construction season during the first quarter of 2026. These projects are based on the asset management matrix criteria and other external factors, such as coordinating work with the City of Moorhead and the Northeast Substation project.
- MPS staff continues to work on the design layouts and the procurement of long lead-time equipment for the Northeast Substation and Southeast Substation relocation projects. Contracts for the high-voltage breakers have been executed, and contract negotiations for the transformers continue. Additional specialized breakers for these projects were awarded during the first quarter of 2026.
- Staff and consultants continue to work on the plans and design for the new Northeast Generating Station, along with specifications for the generators. Additional information regarding this project will be available in the second quarter of 2026.
- Staff also continued to work on planning for system capacity improvements for both distribution and transmission needs.

**Finance:**

- The Electric Division ended the first quarter of 2026 with a net position below the budget. Most of the variation from the budget came from operating expenses for purchased power, which exceeded the budget. Revenues were affected by changes in the market value of investment carrying values, resulting in revenues below the budget. Operating revenues were also slightly below the budget.
- The Water Division ended the first quarter of 2026 with a net position that exceeded the budget. Most of these revenues stemmed from operating revenues exceeding the budget and from changes in the market value of investment carrying values. For the first quarter, operating expenses were also slightly above the budget. A majority of these costs were attributed to materials and chemicals, which also exceeded the budget but still resulted in a net positive position.
- Staff continues to monitor the Commission's Policy on Financial Strength on an ongoing basis. At the end of the first quarter of 2026, MPS' water and electric days of cash on hand met the Commission's Policy on Financial Strength.

**Technology:**

- MPS has ongoing best practice assessments for cybersecurity that are reviewed by staff, who then implement any recommendations. MPS did not experience any cyber data breaches or data loss during the first quarter of 2026.
- Construction on MPS' Redundant Network Operations Center was substantially completed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2025. During the first quarter of 2026, MPS staff continued working to complete interior improvements in preparation for on-site equipment installation, with the facility expected to be operational during the third quarter of 2026.
- Full deployment of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project began during the third quarter of 2025, with only a few outstanding items remaining from the system acceptance test phase. At the end of the first quarter of 2026, approximately 14,800 electric devices and 4,400 water devices had been deployed and were operational.
- The Customer Information System update project held a kickoff meeting late in the first quarter of 2026, and several other technology projects were also completed during the quarter.

2. **Quarterly Dashboard Reports.**  
Attached are the 2026 Dashboard Reports for the first quarter. The dashboards include information for Electric, Energy Services, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Safety Committee, Social Media, Water, and other matters the Commission should be informed about.
3. **Update on Light Up Navajo Project.**  
MPS' line crew participated in the 2026 Light Up Navajo Project in Tuba City, Arizona, from April 12-18, 2026. During the project, the crew installed two miles of transmission line and helped connect six homes to the electric grid for the first time. Crew members described the experience as rewarding, noting the opportunity to help bring electricity to Navajo families and contribute to a project that will make a lasting difference in their community.
4. **Update on MPS Scholarships.**  
The Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation presented scholarship awards on April 29, 2026. MPS' four scholarships were awarded to students pursuing degrees in biology, engineering, exercise science, and water conservation and science.
5. **Thank You Note from MPS Scholarship Recipient.**  
Attached is a thank you note from Moorhead High School senior Elora Bearstail. Ms. Bearstail was awarded one of MPS' \$1,000 scholarships, which will be used toward her education in exercise science at Augsburg University.
6. **Thank You Notes from Resident's Participation in the Citizens Government Academy.**  
Attached are two thank you notes from a resident who participated in the City of Moorhead's Citizens Government Academy on March 31, 2026. Attendees toured MPS' Dispatch/Operations Center and Water Treatment Plant.
7. **Thank You Note from A Place for Hope.**  
Attached is a thank you note from A Place for Hope, a recovery and wellness center and food shelf. MPS staff was invited to tour the facility on April 9, 2026, and April 30, 2026. MPS donated 100 light bulbs and 40 oversized reusable tote bags for distribution to those in need.
8. **State Legislative Newsletter.**  
As a member of MRES, MPS benefits from lobbying efforts that are in MPS' best interest. Attached is the most recent newsletter from MRES.

**Division/Response Person:** Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.

# Electric Operations First Quarter – 2026 Dashboard

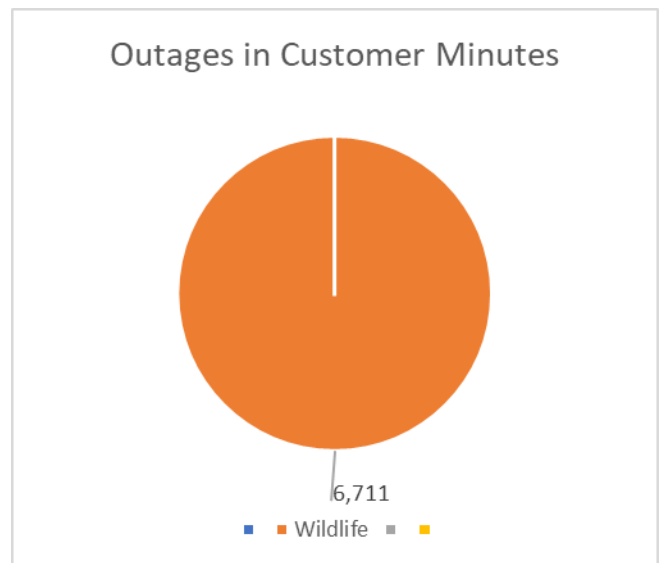


## Street/Security Lighting

- 12 LED Street Light Conversions
- 3 New LED street light installs

## Outages

- 4 outages – 6,711 customer minutes
  - Wildlife – 6,711



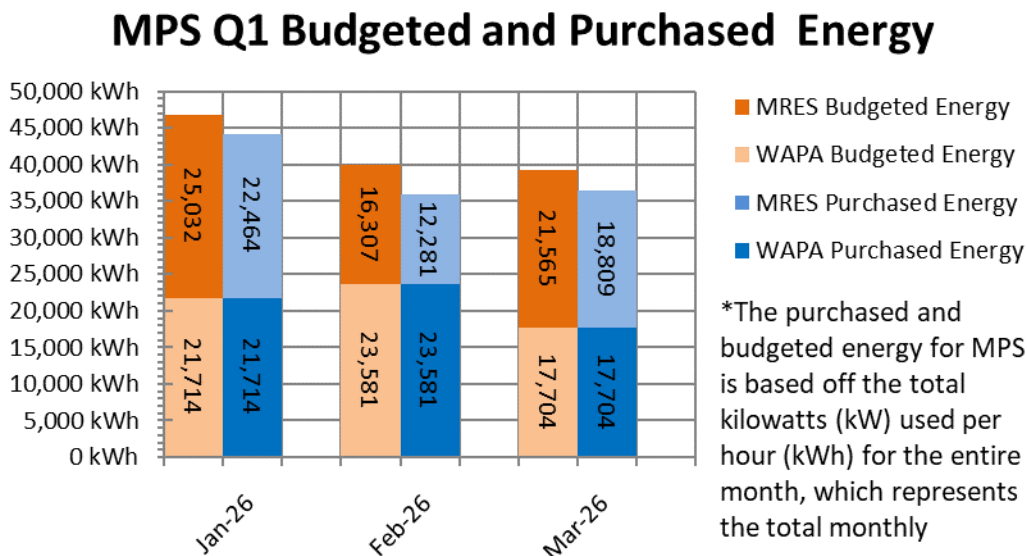
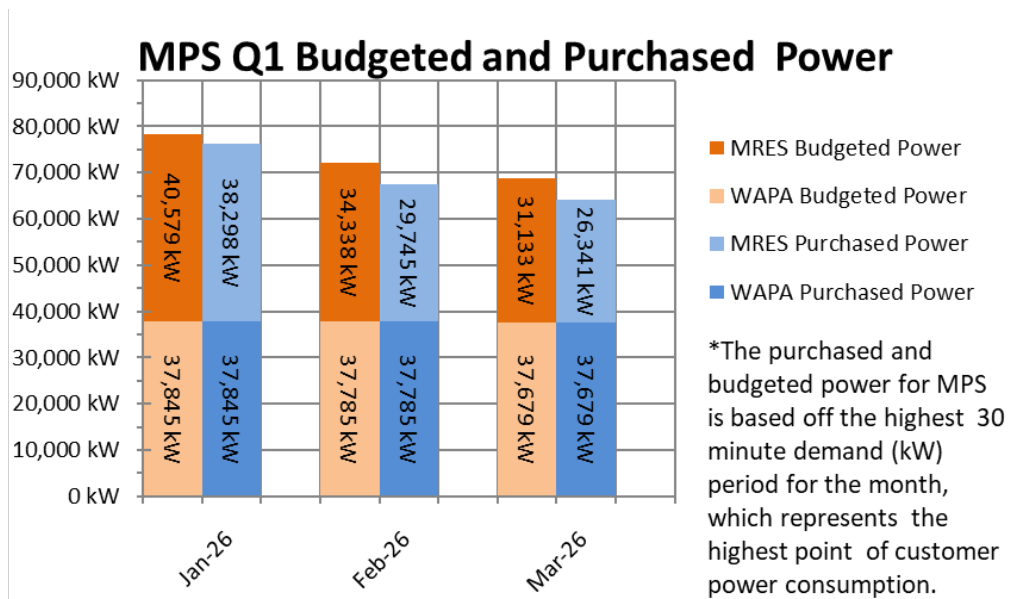
## Upgrades & Repairs

- Continued Security Light LED Conversion
- Started Annual Spring Street Light Checks
- Installed and Energized New Library Transformer
- Continued Socket Repairs from AMI Project
- Began Transferring Poles for Winter Maintenance Projects
- Performed Annual MRES IR Inspections
- Began Repairs from Annual IR Inspections
- Worked on Installing Equipment for the Redundant NOC
- Replace Three Phase on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N

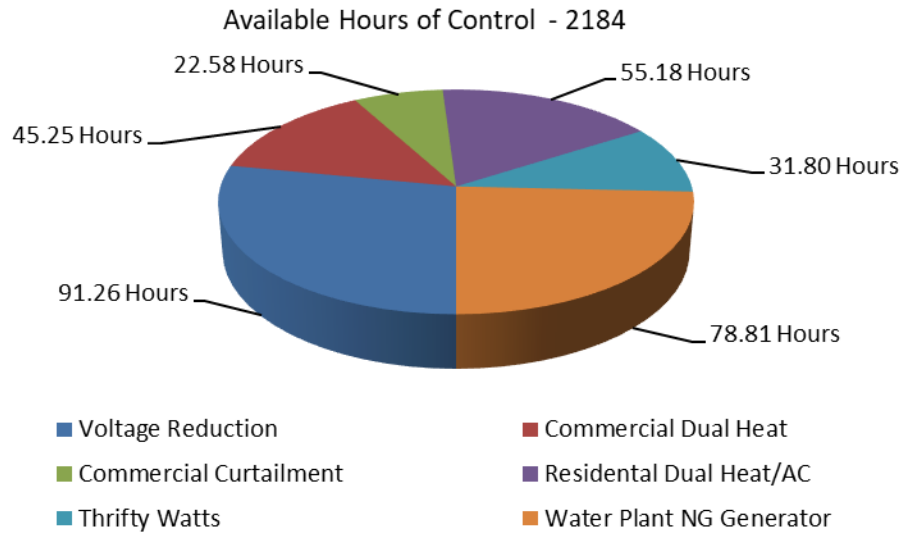
# Electric Division First Quarter – 2026 Dashboard



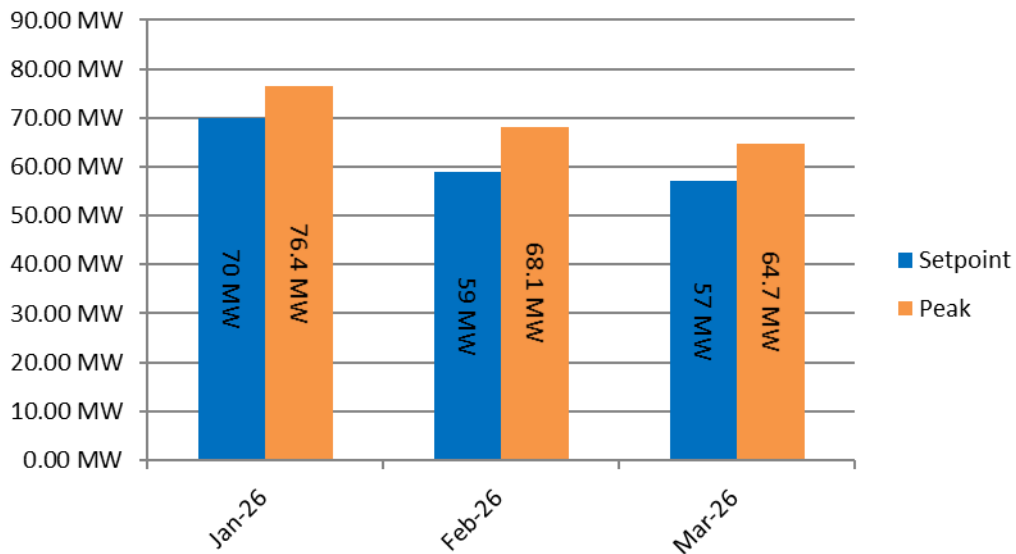
Moorhead Public Service – Electric Division is to provide safe, efficient, reliable, and environmentally – responsible electric power that is innovative and maximizes rate payer’s satisfaction. Below are several graphs that are dashboard to show how the electric division is completing these requirements on a quarterly basis.



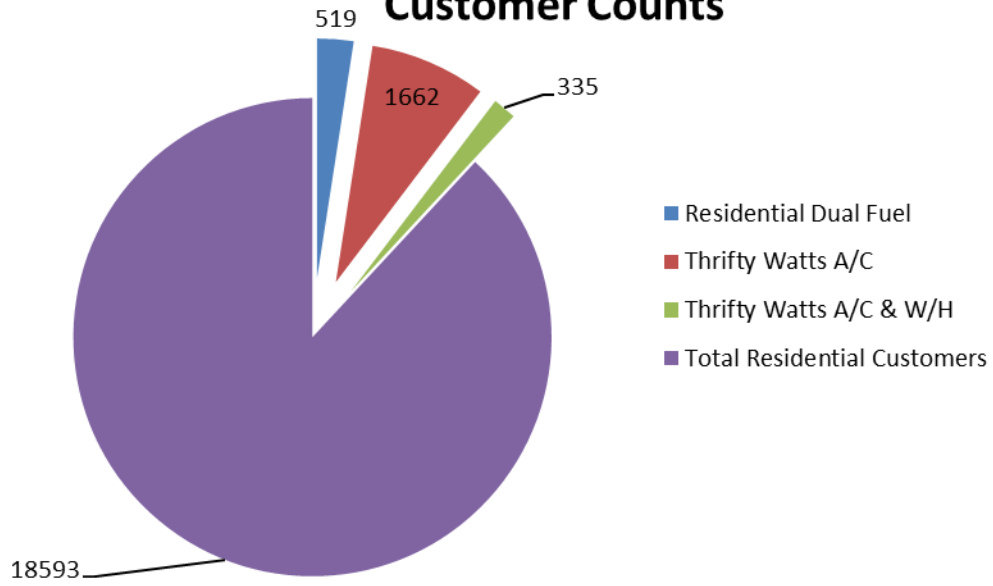
## MPS Q1 Load Management Control Hours



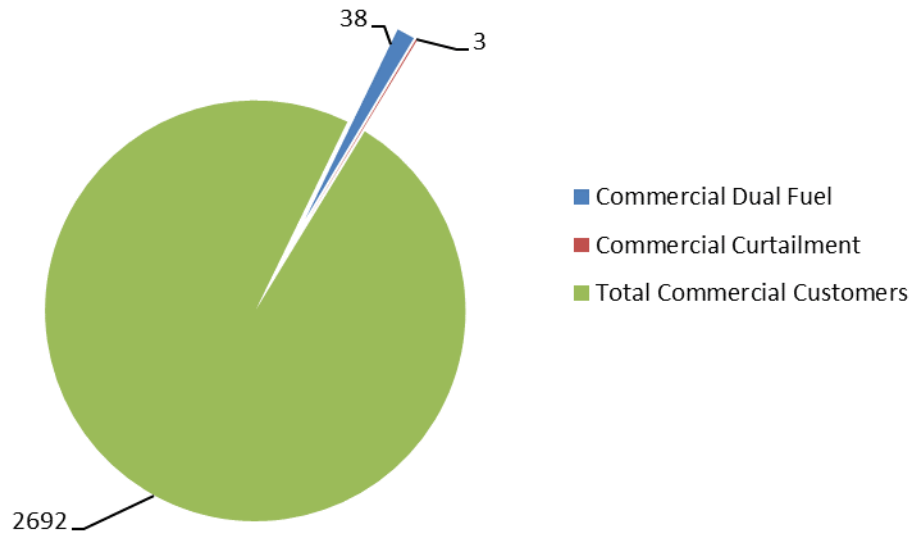
## MPS Q1 Setpoint and Peak



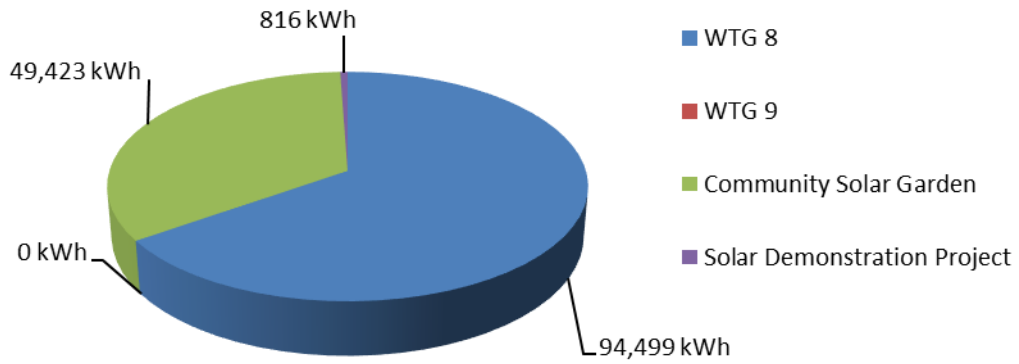
## MPS Q1 Load Management Residential Customer Counts



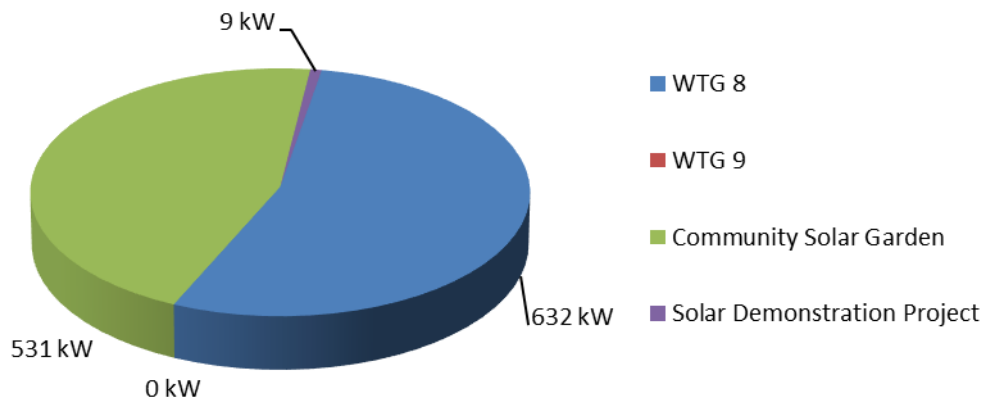
## MPS Q1 Load Management Commercial Customer Counts



## MPS Q1 Renewables Energy Production



## MPS Q1 Renewables Power Production



# MPS Q1 NERC Compliance Updates

## Self-Certifications in Q1 2026

- None.

## New NERC Standards in Q1 2026

- None

## Updated NERC Standards in Q1 2026

- None.

## Other Compliance Updates

- MPS performed its annual review of NERC Standards during the fourth quarter of 2025 and the early part of the first quarter of 2026. MPS also prepared for revisions to a couple of NERC Standards that will go into effect at the beginning of the second quarter.
- MPS applied to renew its NERC Exemption for MPS's 115 kV transmission line and 115 kV transmission assets. MPS did not receive a response to the application during the first quarter, so a response during the second quarter is expected.

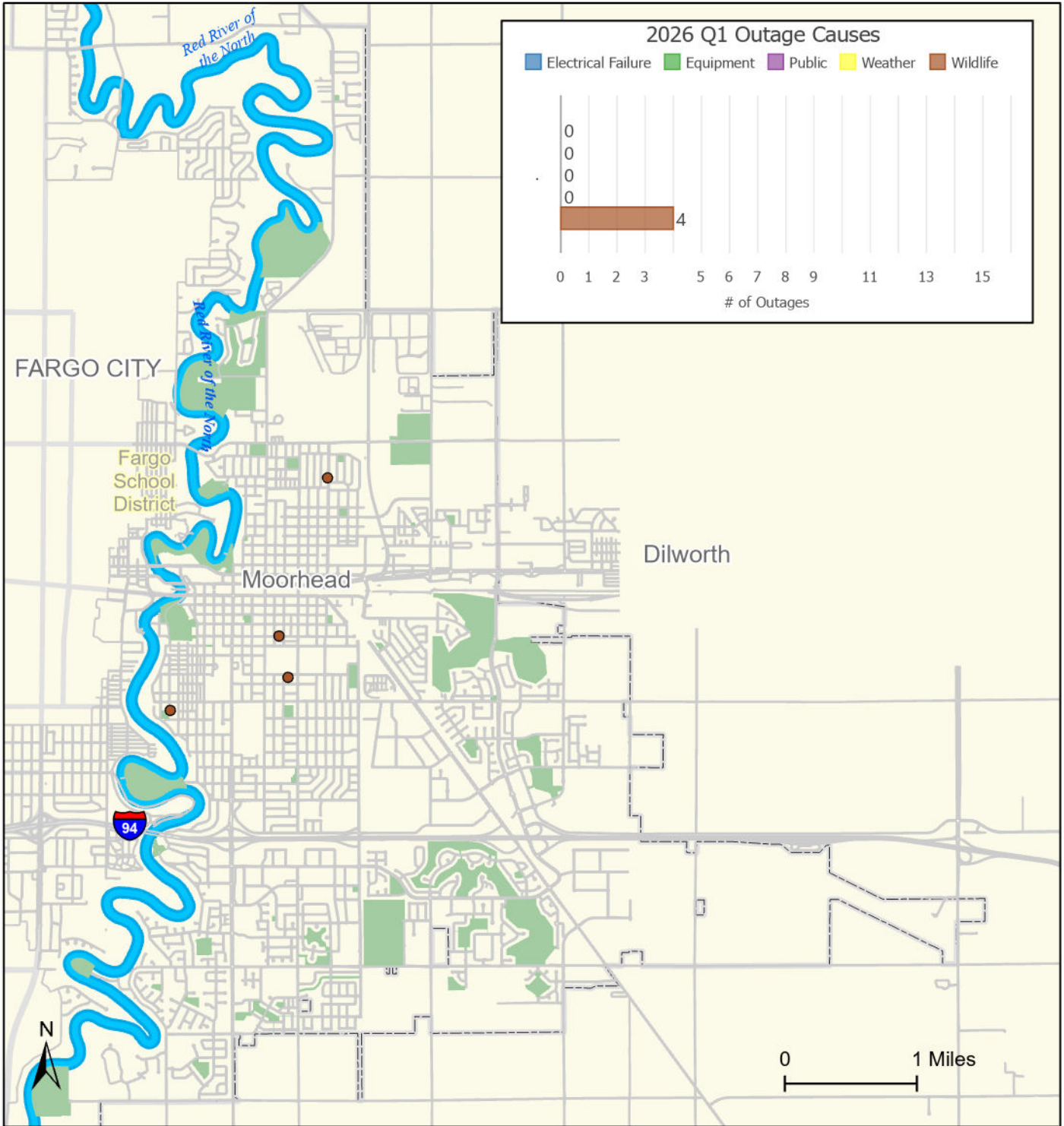
# Electric Outage Q1 2026

Q1 2026

Outage Group

<Null>

- Electrical Failure
- Equipment
- Public
- Tree
- Weather
- Wildlife
- <all other values>



## Outage Details:

**Outages:** 4

**Outage Minutes:** 139

**Customer Minutes:** 6,711

**CAIDI:** 3.40

Standard: 60 Minutes or less

**SAIFI:** 0.10

Standard: 1.00 outages a year or less  
or 0.25 outages a quarter or less

**SAIDI:** 0.327

Standard: 60 minutes or less

**ASAI:** 99.999

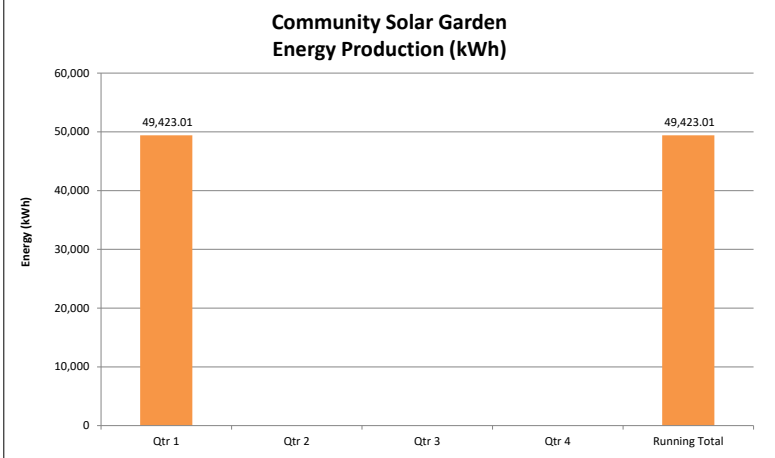
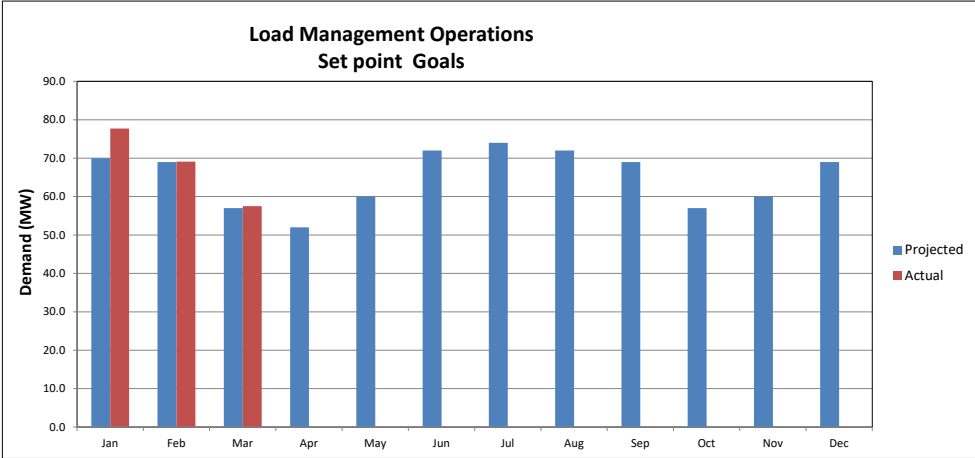
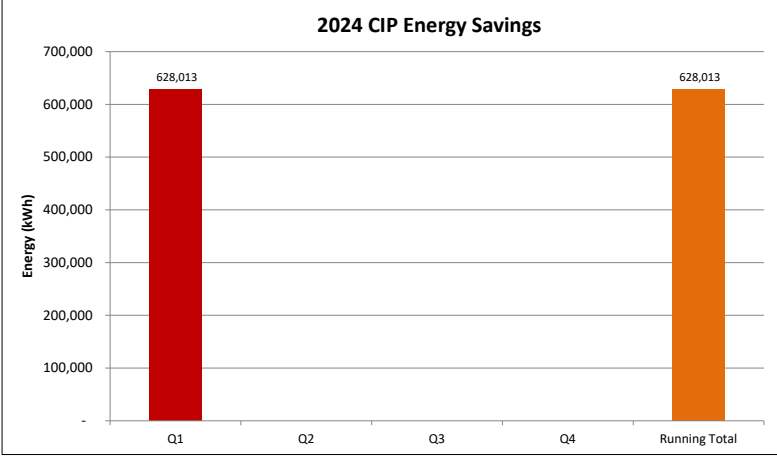
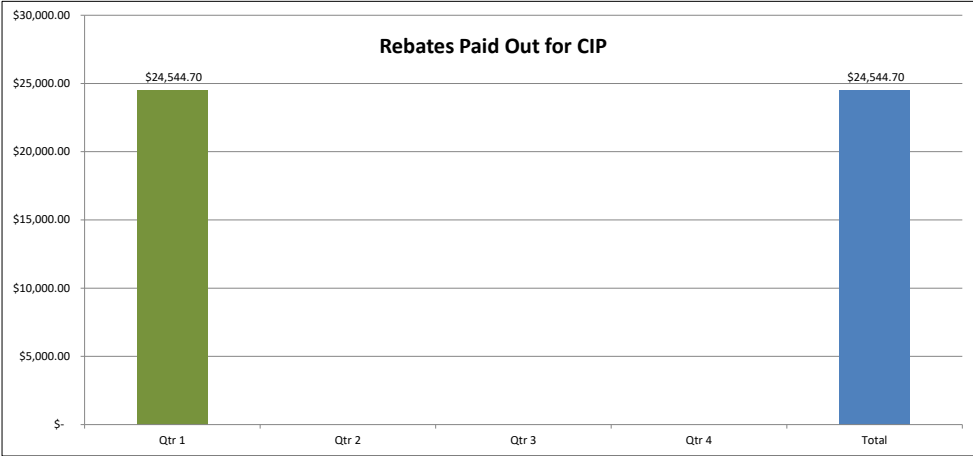
Goal: 99.999%





# Energy Services Dashboard

## 2026 Quarter 1





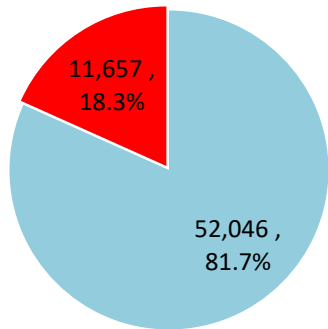
# Moorhead Public Service Quarterly Billing and Collections Summary

## Quarterly Totals

Q1 2026

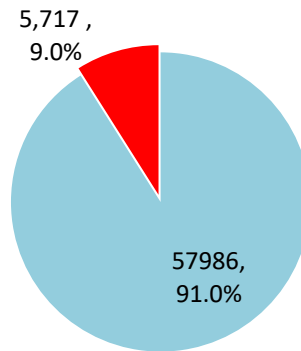
Cycle	Billed	Account Balance		(1st Notice)	% Past	(2nd Notice)	% Requiring	Service	
		Current	% Current	Past Due / Cut-off Notice	Due	Auto Calls Over 12- 15 Days Late	2nd Notice	Disconnected	% Disconnected
10	4,614	3,790	82.1%	824	17.9%	339	7.3%	49	1.1%
20	4,400	3,532	80.3%	868	19.7%	427	9.7%	52	1.2%
30	4,952	3,646	73.6%	1,306	26.4%	680	13.7%	50	1.0%
50	5,398	4,570	84.7%	828	15.3%	344	6.4%	30	0.6%
60	6,309	5,226	82.8%	1,083	17.2%	533	8.4%	56	0.9%
70	7,978	6,246	78.3%	1,732	21.7%	940	11.8%	78	1.0%
80	4,975	3,904	78.5%	1,071	21.5%	521	10.5%	46	0.9%
85	6,642	5,303	79.8%	1,339	20.2%	708	10.7%	42	0.6%
90	7,240	6,462	89.3%	778	10.7%	410	5.7%	39	0.5%
95	11,195	9,367	83.7%	1,828	16.3%	815	7.3%	132	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,703</b>	<b>52,046</b>	<b>81.7%</b>	<b>11,657</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>5,717</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

### Total Bills



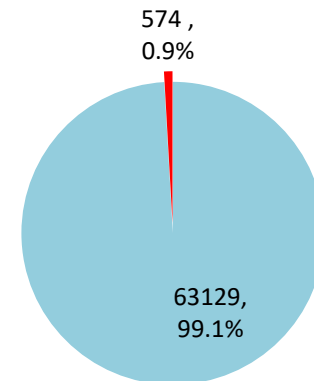
■ Account Balance Current ■ (1st Notice) Past Due / Cut-off Notice

### 2nd Notice - Automated Call Reminder



■ 2nd Notice Not Required ■ (2nd Notice) Auto Calls Over 12-15 Days Late

### Final Resolution - Service Disconnected



■ Service Not Disconnected ■ Service Disconnected

## Moorhead Public Service Quarterly Billing and Collections Summary

### Quarter-by-Quarter Recap

Cycle	Billed	Account Balance		(1st Notice)	% Past	(2nd Notice)	% Requiring	Service	
		Current	% Current	Past Due / Cut-off Notice	Due	Auto Calls Over 12- 15 Days Late	2nd Notice	Disconnected	% Disconnected
2018 Q3	58,836	50,332	85.5%	8,504	14.5%	3,741	6.4%	645	1.1%
2018 Q4	59,737	51,313	85.9%	8,424	14.1%	3,447	5.8%	534	0.9%
2019 Q1	60,199	51,800	86.0%	8,399	14.0%	3,053	5.1%	229	0.4% *
2019 Q2	60,579	51,481	85.0%	9,098	15.0%	4,045	6.7%	364	0.6%
2019 Q3	59,505	49,916	83.9%	9,589	16.1%	4,197	7.1%	389	0.7%
2019 Q4	60,074	50,601	84.2%	9,473	15.8%	4,428	7.4%	188	0.3%
2020 Q1	63,127	53,785	85.2%	9,342	14.8%	2,636	4.2%	89	0.1% #
2020 Q2	61,045	51,336	84.1%	9,709	15.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0% #
2020 Q3	60,146	50,402	83.8%	9,744	16.2%	5,300	8.8%	0	0.0% #
2020 Q4	60,337	50,366	83.5%	9,971	16.5%	5,760	9.5%	0	0.0% #
2021 Q1	60,308	50,657	84.0%	9,651	16.0%	5,544	9.2%	63	0.1% %
2021 Q2	60,188	51,158	85.0%	9,030	15.0%	4,161	6.9%	719	1.2%
2021 Q3	60,262	51,008	84.6%	9,254	15.4%	4,705	7.8%	585	1.0%
2021 Q4	60,412	51,063	84.5%	9,349	15.5%	4,687	7.8%	393	0.7%
2022 Q1	60,560	51,078	84.3%	9,482	15.7%	4,322	7.1%	315	0.5%
2022 Q2	60,381	50,309	83.3%	10,072	16.7%	4,939	8.2%	370	0.6%
2022 Q3	60,458	50,490	83.5%	9,968	16.5%	5,239	8.7%	321	0.5%
2022 Q4	61,016	50,921	83.5%	10,095	16.5%	5,619	9.2%	310	0.5%
2023 Q1	61,460	50,602	82.3%	10,858	17.7%	5,695	9.3%	330	0.5%
2023 Q2	61,130	50,871	83.2%	10,259	16.8%	5,644	9.2%	517	0.8%
2023 Q3	61,141	49,965	81.7%	11,176	18.3%	5,892	9.6%	664	1.1% **
2023 Q4	61,494	50,398	82.0%	11,096	18.0%	5,527	9.0%	560	0.9%
2024 Q1	62,082	51,027	82.2%	11,055	17.8%	5,434	8.8%	569	0.9%
2024 Q2	61,769	51,075	82.7%	10,694	17.3%	5,705	9.2%	654	1.1%
2024 Q3	61,973	50,629	81.7%	11,344	18.3%	5,815	9.4%	645	1.0%
2024 Q4	62,349	50,774	81.4%	11,575	18.6%	5,852	9.4%	564	0.9%
2025 Q1	62,495	51,414	82.3%	11,081	17.7%	5,422	8.7%	520	0.8%
2025 Q2	62,173	50,595	81.4%	11,578	18.6%	5,546	8.9%	737	1.2%
2025 Q3	62,610	51,100	81.6%	11,510	18.4%	6,067	9.7%	638	1.0%
2025 Q4	63,743	52,094	81.7%	11,649	18.3%	6,135	9.6%	589	0.9%
2026 Q1	63,703	52,046	81.7%	11,657	18.3%	5,717	9.0%	574	0.9%

\* Per city council and MN Department of Commerce direction, ceased disconnection of water or electric service to collect unpaid city charges.

# Ceased service disconnections per PSC action related to COVID pandemic.

% Disconnections for non-payment reinstated May 2021

\*\* Collection of unpaid city services initiated for residences with a separate water service.

**Moorhead Public Service Quarterly Billing and Collections Summary**  
**Quarter-by-Quarter Recap - State Energy (and Water\*) Assistance**

	Customers	Amount Received	Average Per Household
2020 Q1	1121	225,019.93	200.73
2020 Q2	717	169,331.87	236.17
2020 Q3	157	32,466.00	206.79
2020 Q4	488	79,015.00	161.92
<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>505,832.80</b>	<b>380.33</b>
2021 Q1	865	239,685.07	277.09
2021 Q2	724	267,529.23	369.52
2021 Q3	538	195,205.03	362.83
2021 Q4	625	633,298.66	1,013.28 *Water Assistance Started
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>1,335,717.99</b>	<b>889.89</b>
2022 Q1	795	638,937.37	803.69
2022 Q2	668	378,506.13	566.63
2022 Q3	1,138	170,764.68	150.06
2022 Q4	673	312,725.80	464.67
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>1,500,933.98</b>	<b>900.38</b>
2023 Q1	882	411,873.00	466.98
2023 Q2	817	400,588.05	490.32
2023 Q3	271	52,458.00	193.57 *Water Assistance Ended
2023 Q4	917	281,192.62	306.64
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>1,146,111.67</b>	<b>713.64</b>
2024 Q1	601	201,551.38	335.36
2024 Q2	312	84,461.73	270.71
2024 Q3	24	2,579.00	107.46
2024 Q4	991	348,850.68	352.02
<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>637,442.79</b>	<b>455.32</b>
2025 Q1	538	190,888.00	354.81
2025 Q2	272	80,933.00	297.55
2025 Q3	10	2,565.00	256.50
2025 Q4	758	262,027.42	345.68
<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>536,413.42</b>	<b>339.93</b>
2026 Q1	518	194,341.00	375.18
2026 Q2			
2026 Q3			
2026 Q4			
<b>Total 2026</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>194,341.00</b>	<b>375.18</b>

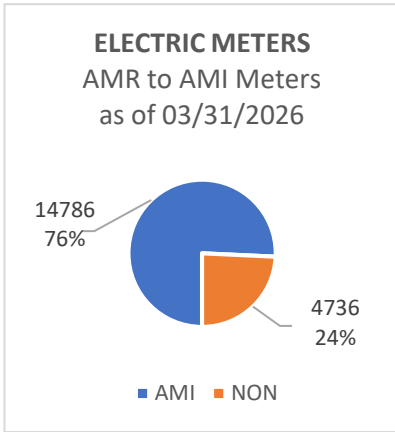


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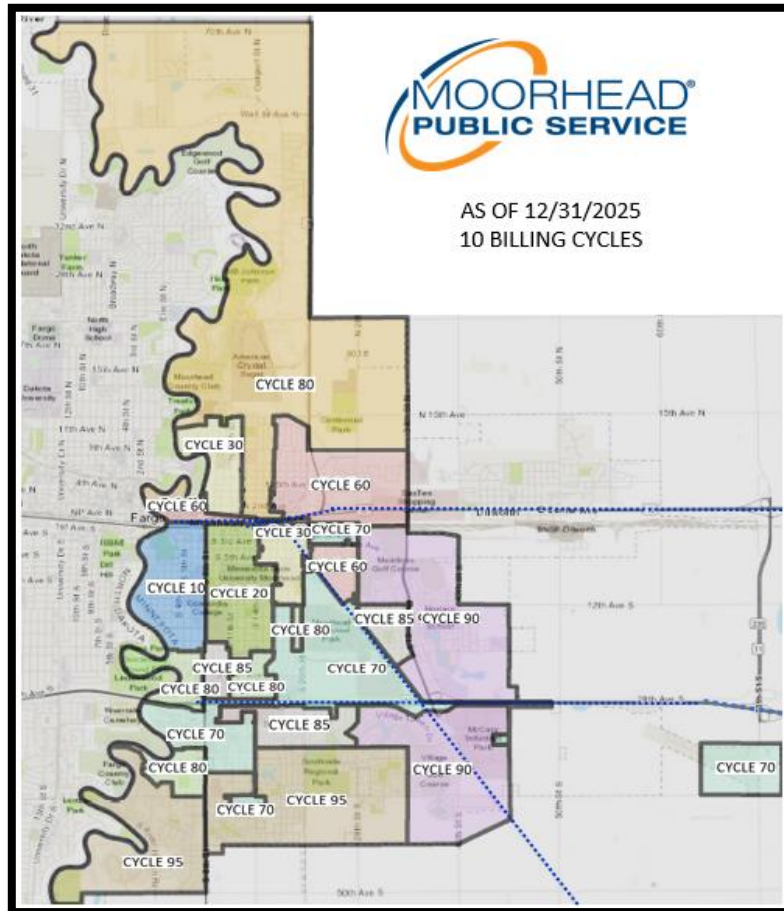
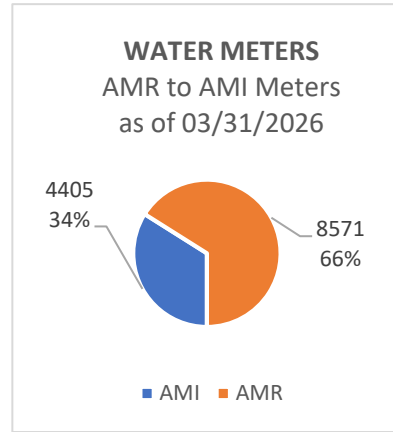
Cycle	Electric		Water		Grand Total
	AMI	NON	AMI	NON	
Cycle 10	1549	19	821	142	2531
Cycle 20	1512	17	1004	122	2655
Cycle 30	1688	27	866	65	2646
Cycle 50	1882	28	280	850	3040
Cycle 60	2070	19	947	287	3323
Cycle 70	2561	41	260	866	3728
Cycle 80	540	1171	67	803	2581
Cycle 85	330	1817	30	1021	3198
Cycle 90	162	1513	23	1643	3341
Cycle 95	2492	84	107	2772	5455
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14786</b>	<b>4736</b>	<b>4405</b>	<b>8571</b>	<b>32498</b>



12/31/2025

Electric  
40%

Water  
17%





**MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION**  
**ELECTRIC DIVISION**  
 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 3/31/2026 (PRELIMINARY)

CURRENT QUARTER	QUARTER BUDGET	VAR FR BDGT	VAR %	PRIOR YR QUARTER	PR YR VAR	PR YR CHG		YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VAR FR BDGT	VAR %	PRIOR YR	PR YR VAR	PR YR CHG	
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>															
11,653,819	11,275,140	378,679	3%	11,467,676	186,144	2%	Sales of Electricity	11,653,819	11,275,140	378,679	3%	11,467,676	186,144	2%	
1,035,052	1,589,070	(554,018)	-35%	678,678	356,374	53%	Other Operating Revenue	1,035,052	1,589,070	(554,018)	-35%	678,678	356,374	53%	
12,688,872	12,864,210	(175,338)	-1%	12,146,354	542,518	4%	<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	12,688,872	12,864,210	(175,338)	-1%	12,146,354	542,518	4%	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>															
30,078	79,170	(49,092)	-62%	36,081	(6,004)	-17%	Production	30,078	79,170	(49,092)	-62%	36,081	(6,004)	-17%	
5,215,040	4,780,640	434,400	9%	4,875,914	339,126	7%	Purchased Power	5,215,040	4,780,640	434,400	9%	4,875,914	339,126	7%	
647,759	662,170	(14,411)	-2%	566,984	80,775	14%	Transmission	647,759	662,170	(14,411)	-2%	566,984	80,775	14%	
705,709	945,670	(239,961)	-25%	940,276	(234,568)	-25%	Distribution	705,709	945,670	(239,961)	-25%	940,276	(234,568)	-25%	
135,866	157,470	(21,604)	-14%	132,952	2,914	2%	Customer Accounts	135,866	157,470	(21,604)	-14%	132,952	2,914	2%	
8,575	4,250	4,325	102%	3,200	5,375	168%	Customer Info, Educ., & Awareness	8,575	4,250	4,325	102%	3,200	5,375	168%	
15,084	26,470	(11,386)	-43%	13,857	1,228	9%	CIP Programs	15,084	26,470	(11,386)	-43%	13,857	1,228	9%	
806,499	721,910	84,589	12%	790,690	15,809	2%	Admin & General	806,499	721,910	84,589	12%	790,690	15,809	2%	
1,080,000	807,510	272,490	34%	1,037,019	42,981	4%	Depreciation	1,080,000	807,510	272,490	34%	1,037,019	42,981	4%	
0	25,740	(25,740)	-100%	25,836	(25,836)	-100%	Buy-Out Amortization	0	25,740	(25,740)	-100%	25,836	(25,836)	-100%	
8,644,610	8,211,000	433,610	5%	8,422,809	221,801	3%	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	8,644,610	8,211,000	433,610	5%	8,422,809	221,801	3%	
4,044,261	4,653,210	(608,949)	-13%	3,723,545	320,717	9%	<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	4,044,261	4,653,210	(608,949)	-13%	3,723,545	320,717	9%	
<b>NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>															
83,250	83,250	0	0%	83,250	0	0%	Revenue from Nonutility Operations	83,250	83,250	0	0%	83,250	0	0%	
158,438	231,840	(73,402)	-32%	777,071	(618,632)	-80%	Investment Interest & Market Adj	158,438	231,840	(73,402)	-32%	777,071	(618,632)	-80%	
23,422	(25,830)	49,252	-191%	22,145	1,277	6%	Miscellaneous Items	23,422	(25,830)	49,252	-191%	22,145	1,277	6%	
(289,437)	(379,400)	89,963	-24%	(308,722)	19,285	-6%	Interest Expense	(289,437)	(379,400)	89,963	-24%	(308,722)	19,285	-6%	
(24,327)	(90,140)	65,813	-73%	573,743	(598,070)	-104%	<b>NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>	(24,327)	(90,140)	65,813	-73%	573,743	(598,070)	-104%	
4,019,935	4,563,070	(543,135)	-12%	4,297,288	(277,353)	-6%	<b>INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	4,019,935	4,563,070	(543,135)	-12%	4,297,288	(277,353)	-6%	
<b>TRANSFERS TO CITY</b>															
(1,931,250)	(1,931,250)	0	0%	(1,899,990)	(31,260)	2%	General Fund - Base	(1,931,250)	(1,931,250)	0	0%	(1,899,990)	(31,260)	2%	
(12,300)	(12,300)	0	0%	(12,300)	0	0%	Economic Development	(12,300)	(12,300)	0	0%	(12,300)	0	0%	
(505,500)	(505,500)	0	0%	(504,000)	(1,500)	0%	Capital Improvement	(505,500)	(505,500)	0	0%	(504,000)	(1,500)	0%	
(2,449,050)	(2,449,050)	0	0%	(2,416,290)	(32,760)	1%	<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS TO CITY</b>	(2,449,050)	(2,449,050)	0	0%	(2,416,290)	(32,760)	1%	
97,766	0	97,766	0%	5,852	91,915	1571%	<b>CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; OTHER ITEMS</b>	97,766	0	97,766	0%	5,852	91,915	1571%	
1,668,651	2,114,020	(445,369)	-21%	1,886,849	(218,198)	-12%	<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	1,668,651	2,114,020	(445,369)	-21%	1,886,849	(218,198)	-12%	
1,664,400	2,109,580	(445,180)	-21%	1,886,849	(222,449)	-12%	Check Figure	1,664,400	2,109,580	(445,180)	-21%	1,886,849	(222,449)	-12%	

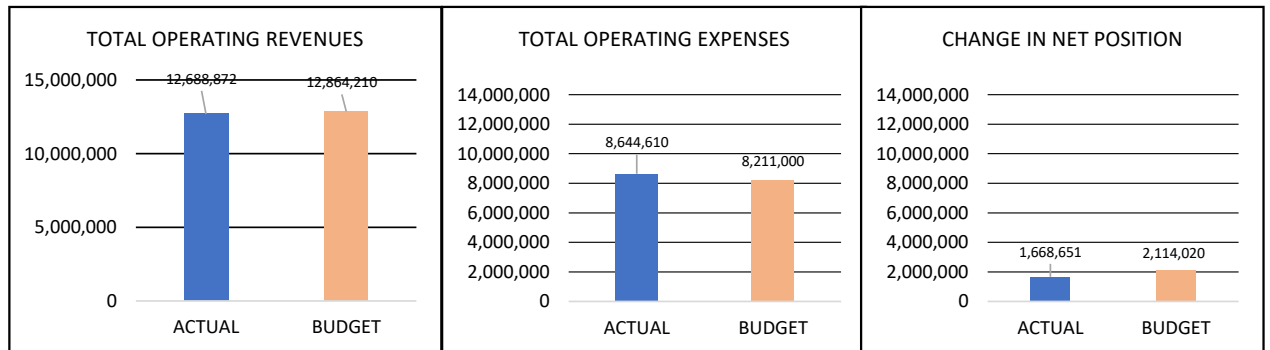
**NOTES**

For the quarter, Total Operating Revenues were 1% under budget.

For the quarter, Total Operating Expenses were 5% under budget. Within Operating Expenses, the total Purchased Power and Transmission expense were 7% over budget.

Non-Operating items generated \$66,000 more in expense than expected. The vast majority of the expense was a result of interest and market valuation increases to investments. As a result of these items, Income Before Transfers for the quarter was 12% under budget.

The combination of Operating and Non-operating items resulted in the Change in Net Position to be 21% under budget for the quarter.



**03/31/2026 Days Cash On Hand Summary**

Cash and Reserves	Budget Daily Exp	Calc. Days on Hand	Req'd Days	Excess or (Deficit) Days
38,343,655	106,044	362	200	162

**MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION**  
**WATER DIVISION**  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 3/31/2026 (PRELIMINARY)

CURRENT QUARTER	QUARTER BUDGET	VAR FR BDGT	VAR %	PRIOR YR QUARTER	PR YR VAR	PR YR CHG		YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VAR FR BDGT	VAR %	PRIOR YR	PR YR VAR	PR YR CHG
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>														
2,828,808	2,570,400	258,408	10%	2,632,292	196,516	7%	Sales of Water	2,828,808	2,570,400	258,408	10%	2,632,292	196,516	7%
27,967	3,910	24,057	615%	4,709	23,258	494%	Other Operating Revenue	27,967	3,910	24,057	615%	4,709	23,258	494%
<u>2,856,775</u>	<u>2,574,310</u>	<u>282,465</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>2,637,001</u>	<u>219,774</u>	<u>8%</u>	<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<u>2,856,775</u>	<u>2,574,310</u>	<u>282,465</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>2,637,001</u>	<u>219,774</u>	<u>8%</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>														
87,601	123,720	(36,119)	-29%	61,036	26,564	44%	Source of Supply	87,601	123,720	(36,119)	-29%	61,036	26,564	44%
1,005,268	920,030	85,238	9%	808,487	196,781	24%	Water Treatment	1,005,268	920,030	85,238	9%	808,487	196,781	24%
280,760	307,570	(26,810)	-9%	295,907	(15,147)	-5%	Distribution	280,760	307,570	(26,810)	-9%	295,907	(15,147)	-5%
65,518	87,990	(22,472)	-26%	78,484	(12,967)	-17%	Customer Accounts	65,518	87,990	(22,472)	-26%	78,484	(12,967)	-17%
469	230	239	104%	0	469	0%	Customer Info., Education, & Awareness	469	230	239	104%	0	469	0%
453,816	451,430	2,386	1%	509,921	(56,105)	-11%	Admin & General	453,816	451,430	2,386	1%	509,921	(56,105)	-11%
660,000	590,220	69,780	12%	643,551	16,449	3%	Depreciation	660,000	590,220	69,780	12%	643,551	16,449	3%
<u>2,553,431</u>	<u>2,481,190</u>	<u>72,241</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>2,397,387</u>	<u>156,044</u>	<u>7%</u>	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<u>2,553,431</u>	<u>2,481,190</u>	<u>72,241</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>2,397,387</u>	<u>156,044</u>	<u>7%</u>
303,344	93,120	210,224	226%	239,614	63,729	27%	<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	303,344	93,120	210,224	226%	239,614	63,729	27%
<b>NON-OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b>														
55,500	55,500	0	0%	55,500	0	0%	Revenue from Nonutility Operations	55,500	55,500	0	0%	55,500	0	0%
50,366	18,590	31,776	171%	207,429	(157,064)	-76%	Investment Int Inc & Market Adj.	50,366	18,590	31,776	171%	207,429	(157,064)	-76%
21,047	15,510	5,537	36%	17,332	3,716	21%	Miscellaneous Non-operating	21,047	15,510	5,537	36%	17,332	3,716	21%
(125,839)	(111,060)	(14,779)	13%	(149,533)	23,693	-16%	Bond and Loan Int Expense	(125,839)	(111,060)	(14,779)	13%	(149,533)	23,693	-16%
<u>1,074</u>	<u>(21,460)</u>	<u>22,534</u>	<u>-105%</u>	<u>130,728</u>	<u>(129,654)</u>	<u>-99%</u>	<b>NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>(21,460)</u>	<u>22,534</u>	<u>-105%</u>	<u>130,728</u>	<u>(129,654)</u>	<u>-99%</u>
304,417	71,660	232,757	325%	370,342	(65,925)	-18%	<b>INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	304,417	71,660	232,757	325%	370,342	(65,925)	-18%
<b>TRANSFERS TO CITY</b>														
(152,400)	(152,400)	0	0%	(131,250)	(21,150)	16%	General Fund	(152,400)	(152,400)	0	0%	(131,250)	(21,150)	16%
(31,500)	(31,500)	0	0%	(31,500)	0	0%	Capital Improvements Fund	(31,500)	(31,500)	0	0%	(31,500)	0	0%
<u>(183,900)</u>	<u>(183,900)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>(162,750)</u>	<u>(21,150)</u>	<u>13%</u>	<b>TOTAL CITY TRANSFERS</b>	<u>(183,900)</u>	<u>(183,900)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>(162,750)</u>	<u>(21,150)</u>	<u>13%</u>
2,834	0	2,834	0%	6,967	(4,132)	-59%	<b>CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; OTHER ITEMS</b>	2,834	0	2,834	0%	6,967	(4,132)	-59%
<u>123,352</u>	<u>(112,240)</u>	<u>235,592</u>	<u>-210%</u>	<u>214,559</u>	<u>(91,208)</u>	<u>-43%</u>	<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<u>123,352</u>	<u>(112,240)</u>	<u>235,592</u>	<u>-210%</u>	<u>214,559</u>	<u>(91,208)</u>	<u>-43%</u>
120,518	(115,330)	235,848	-204%	214,559	(94,042)	-44%	<b>CHECK FIGURE</b>	120,518	(115,330)	235,848	-204%	214,559	(94,042)	-44%

**NOTES**

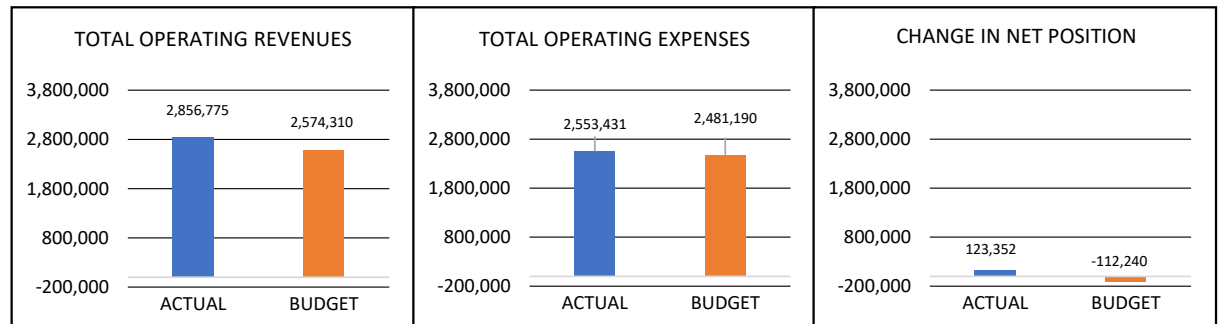
For the quarter, Total Operating Revenues were 11% over budget.

For the quarter, Total Operating Expenses were 3% over budget. Within the Expenses, increased material costs and chemical needs to treat water resulted in Water Treatment costs coming in 9% over budget for the quarter.

For the quarter, net Non-Operating income exceeded expected budget non-operating net expense by nearly \$22,000. The largest items within this account group were related to interest income and book market value gains on investments.

For the quarter, Income Before Transfers was 233,000, or 325% over budget.

The combination of Operating, Non-operating, and contributed items resulted in the Change in Net Position for the quarter to be over budget by \$236,000.



<b>Days Cash On Hand Summary</b>				
Cash and Reserves	Budget Daily Exp	Calc. Days on Hand	Req'd Days	Excess or (Deficit) Days
10,104,552	26,140	387	225	162

# Human Resources Quarterly Dashboard

2026 Quarter 1

## U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Employee Counts Reported

*(Full-time and part-time employees to include paid Commissioners)*

January 2026	65
February 2026	67
March 2026	67

## New Hires Processed During Quarter

*(Payroll Setup / Federal E-Verify (I-9) Processed / MN New Hire Reporting)*

Full-time	1
Part-time and Commissioners	1
Total	<u>2</u>

## Full-Time Separations Processed During Quarter

*(State PERA Reporting / (COBRA) Health Insurance Notifications)*

0

## OSHA / Workers Compensation Reporting

Total Injury Incidents Reported During Quarter	3
OSHA Form 301 Recordable Incident Reports Initiated*	2
Workers Compensation First Claims Initiated**	2

\* Only incidents that require attention from a medical provider are reported on OSHA Form 301 incident reports. Per OSHA recordkeeping requirements, minor injuries requiring only routine first aid attention do not need to be recorded.

\*\* Workers' Compensation Filings submitted when there is notification of an office visit, medical visit or other situation that may have a financial or cost impact.

## Quarterly Reporting and Testing Requirements

Completed

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Quarterly Random Tests Completed X

The following are completed during the first month following the end of the quarter:

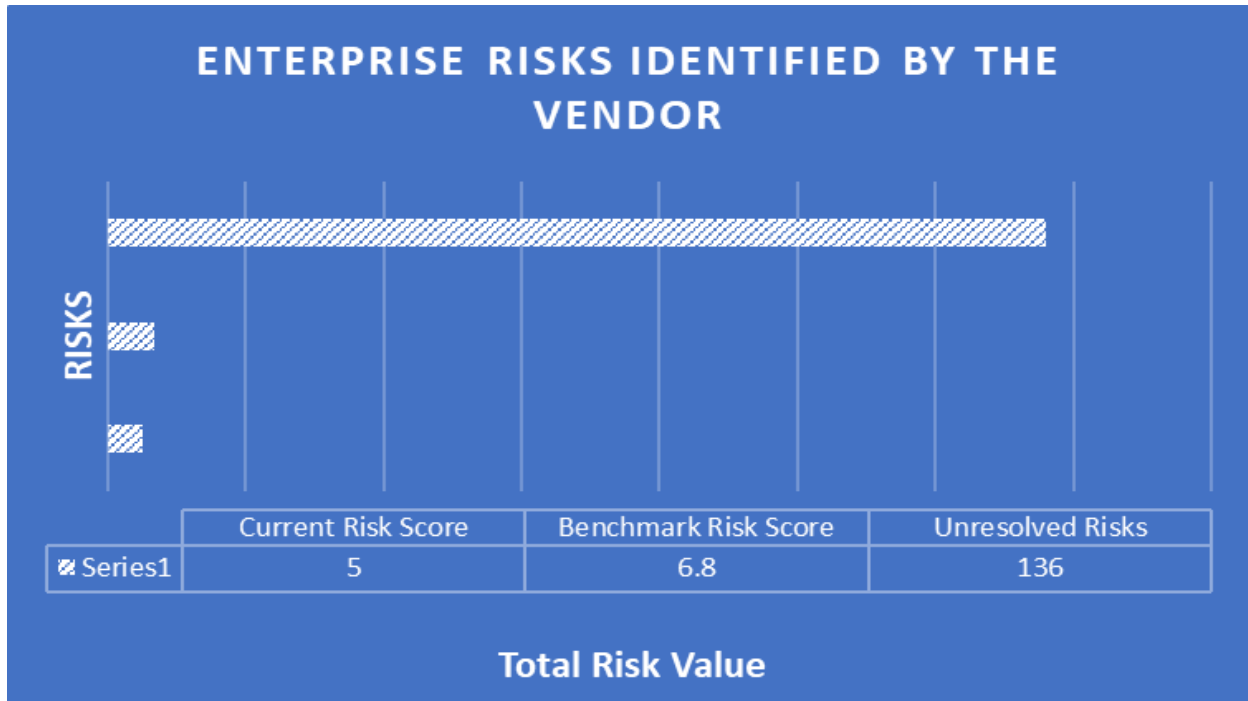
Federal Quarterly Withholding Tax Reported / Filed	X
MN State Quarterly Withholding Tax Reported / Filed	X
ND Quarterly Withholding Tax Reported / Filed	X
MN Quarterly Unemployment Insurance Income Reported / Filed	X

## Other Items During Quarter

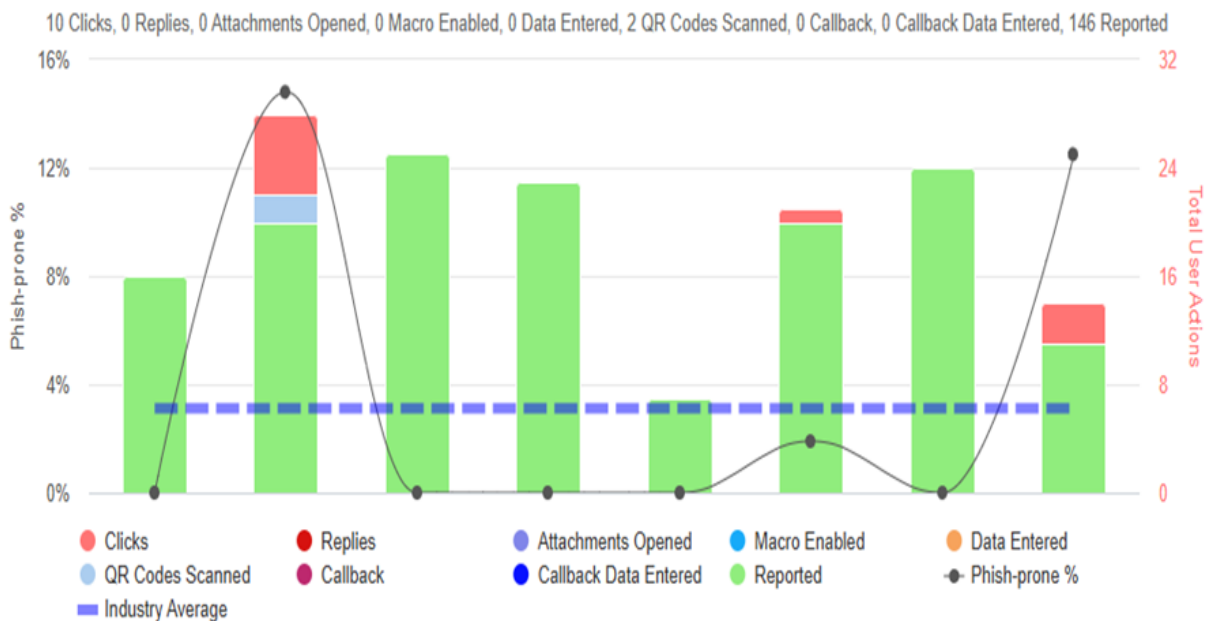
Payments to benefit providers made using 2026 rates X



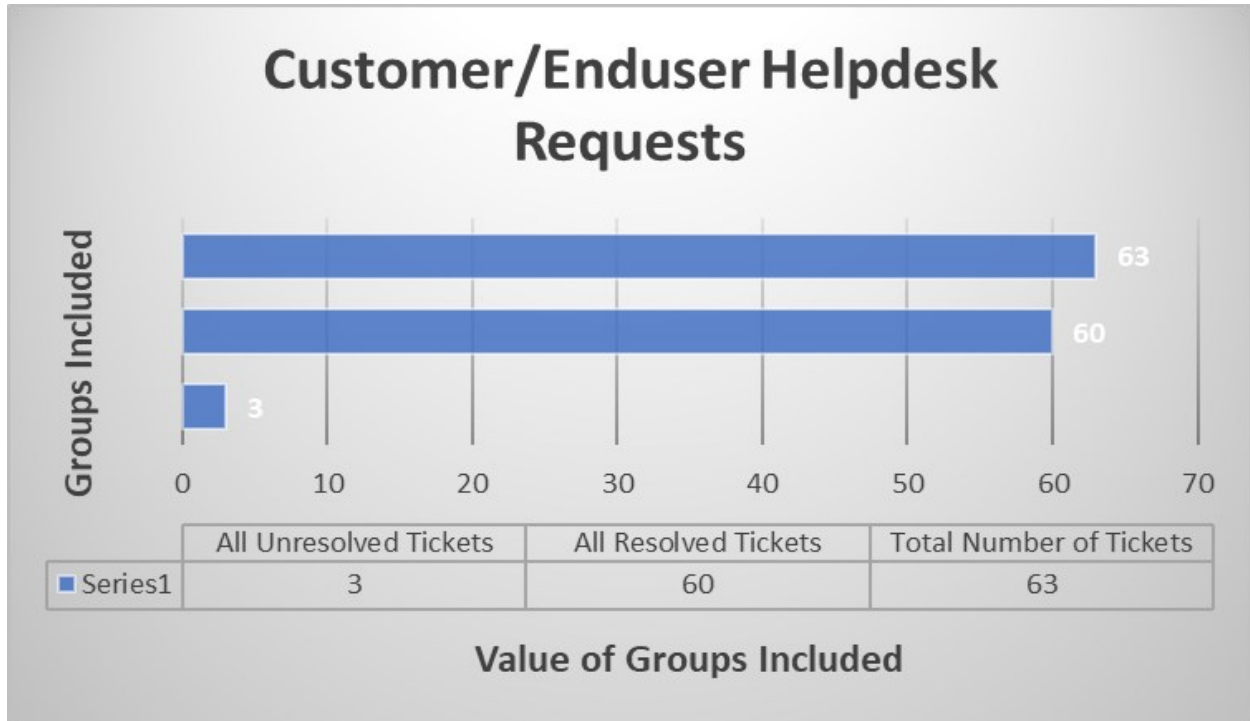
## Enterprise Risk Identified by the Vendor



## Phishing Security Test -Last 3 Months

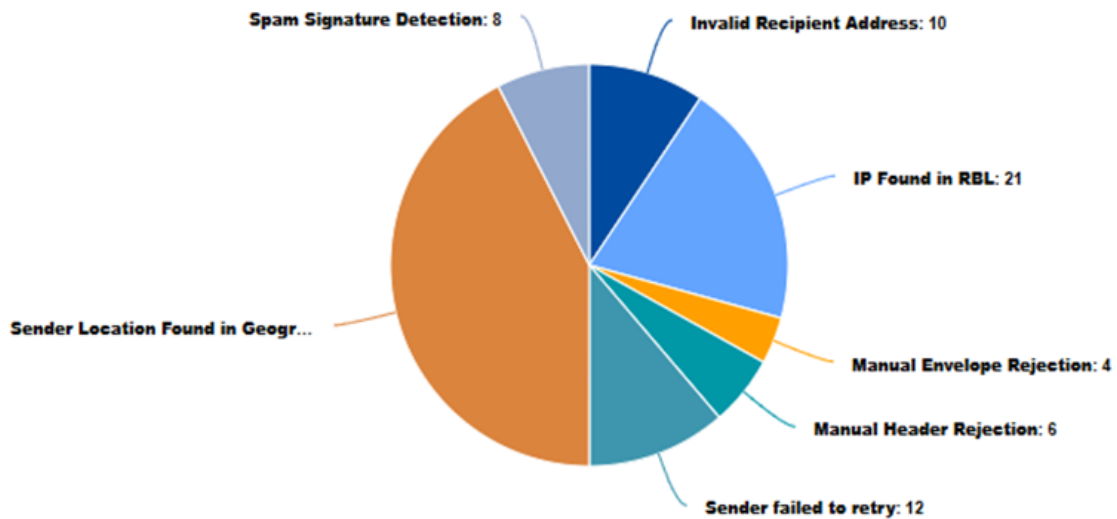


## Technical Requests Made by MPS User

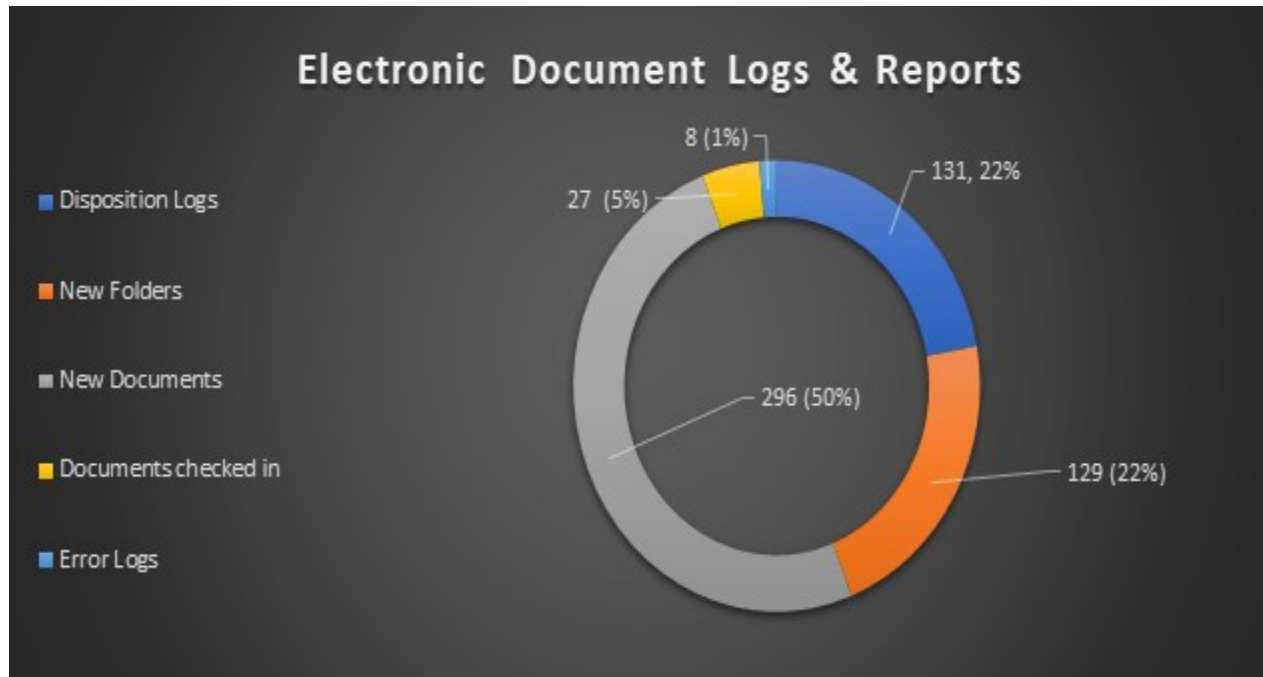


## Internal Simulated Phishing Campaign Rejection Overview

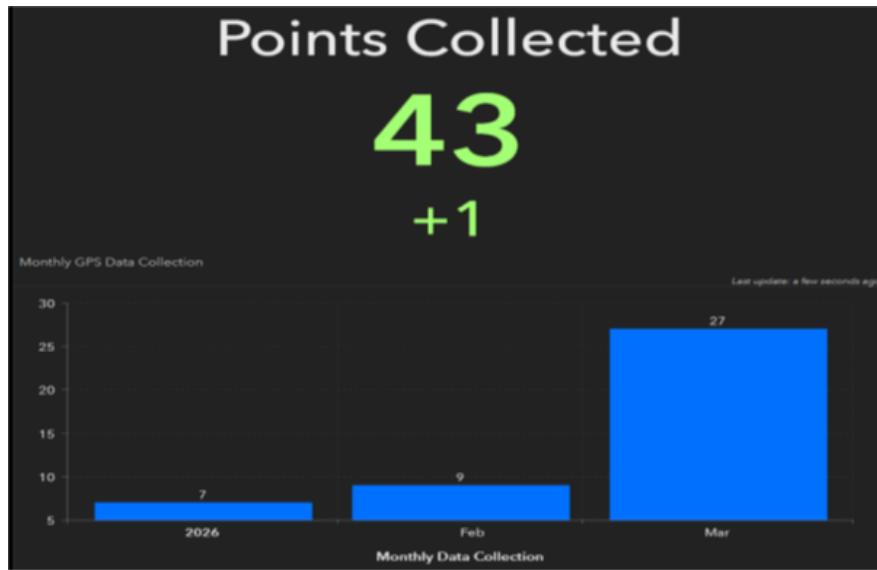
Total Rejection Count: 5291



# MPS Records Management New Inventory



## GPS Points Collected—Water Facilities



## Water Distribution Maintenance



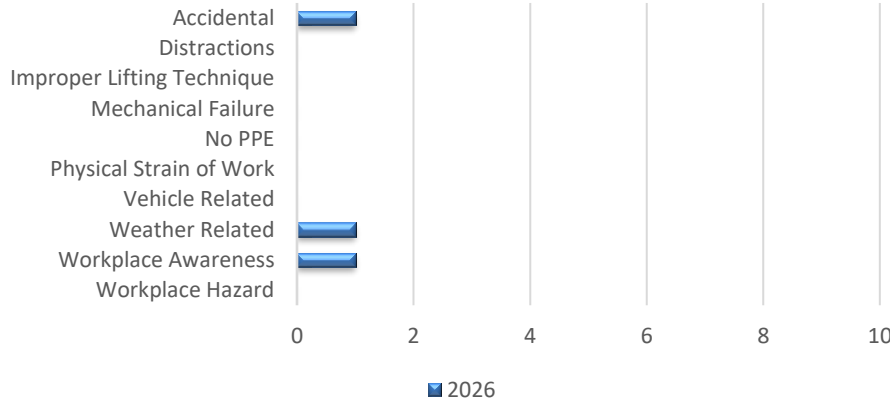
## SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Safety Committee meets every month to discuss upcoming safety training topics, address safety concerns, and review injury reports, when needed.

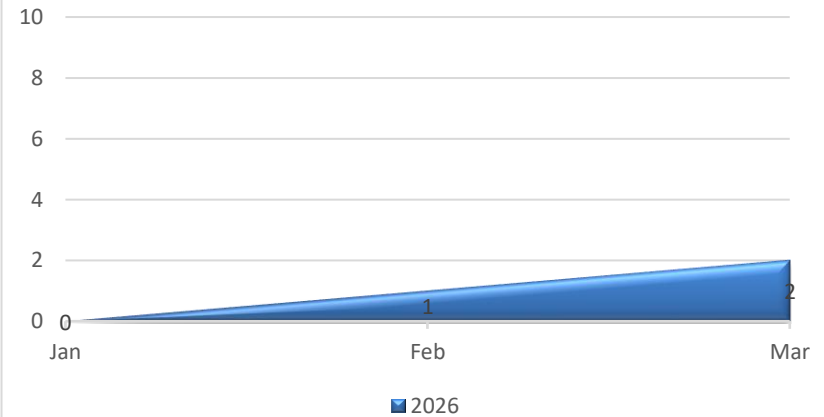
## 1ST QUARTER OF 2026

There were three injuries reported during the first quarter of 2026.

### Injuries by Type

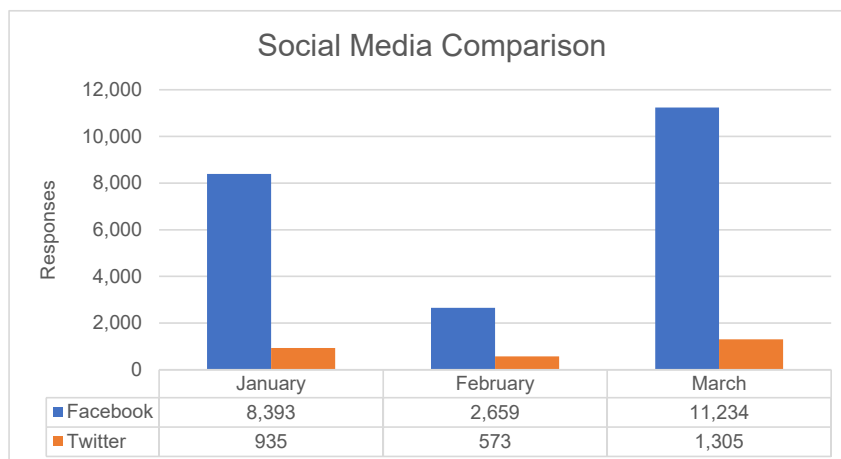
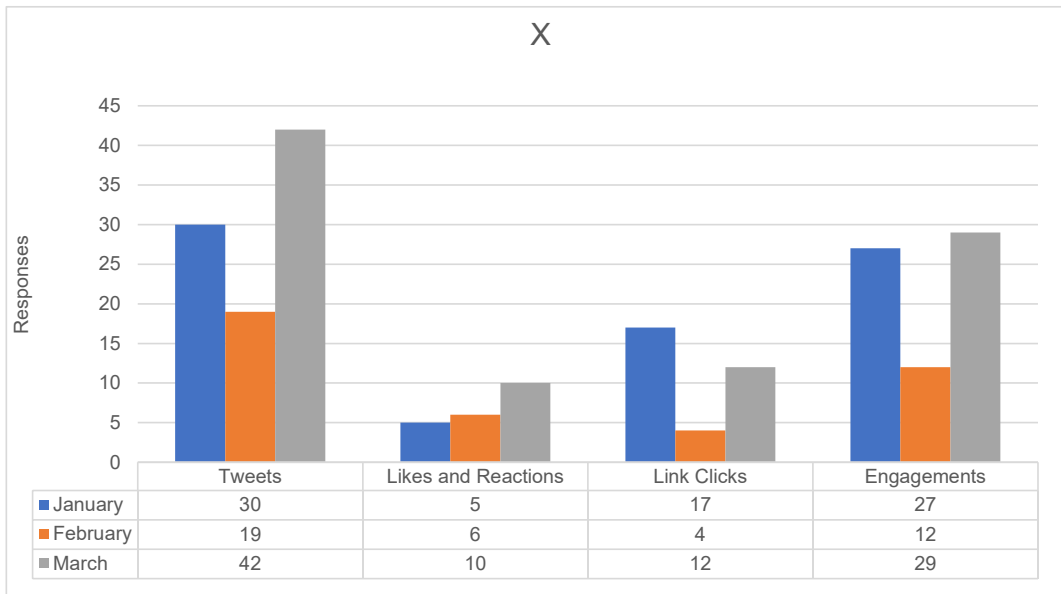
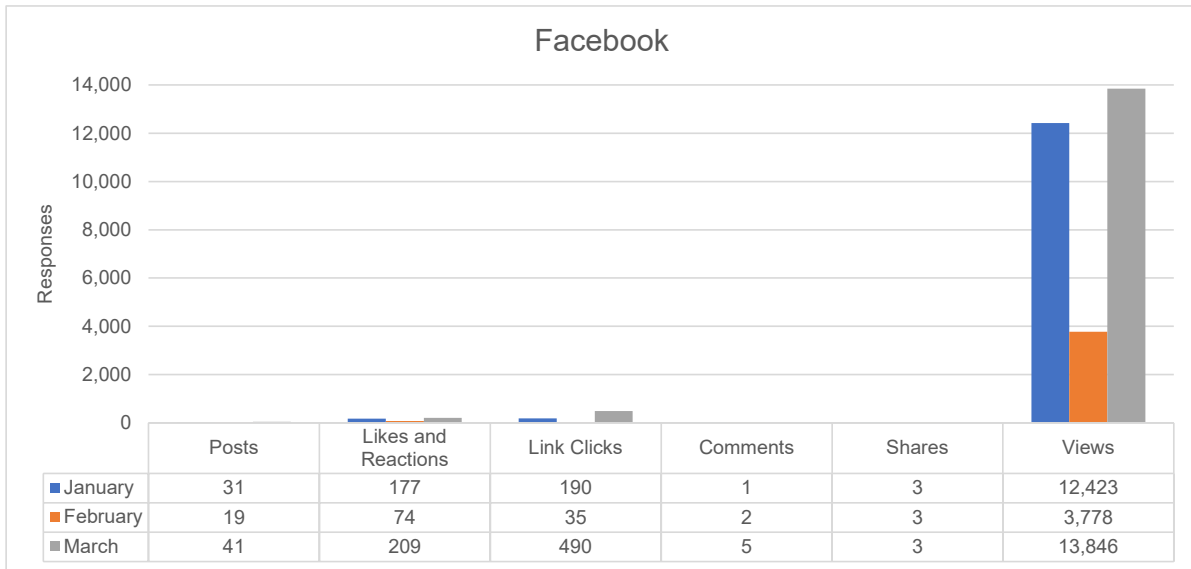


### Injuries by Month





## SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS - 1ST QUARTER



# Audience

Demograph...

Trends

Potential audience

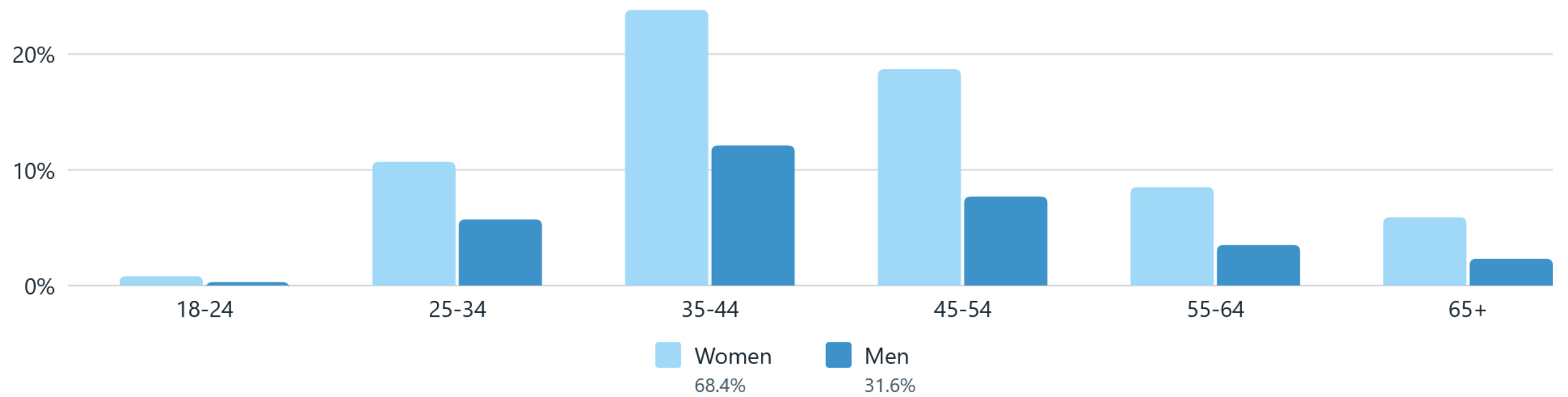
## Followers ⓘ

Lifetime

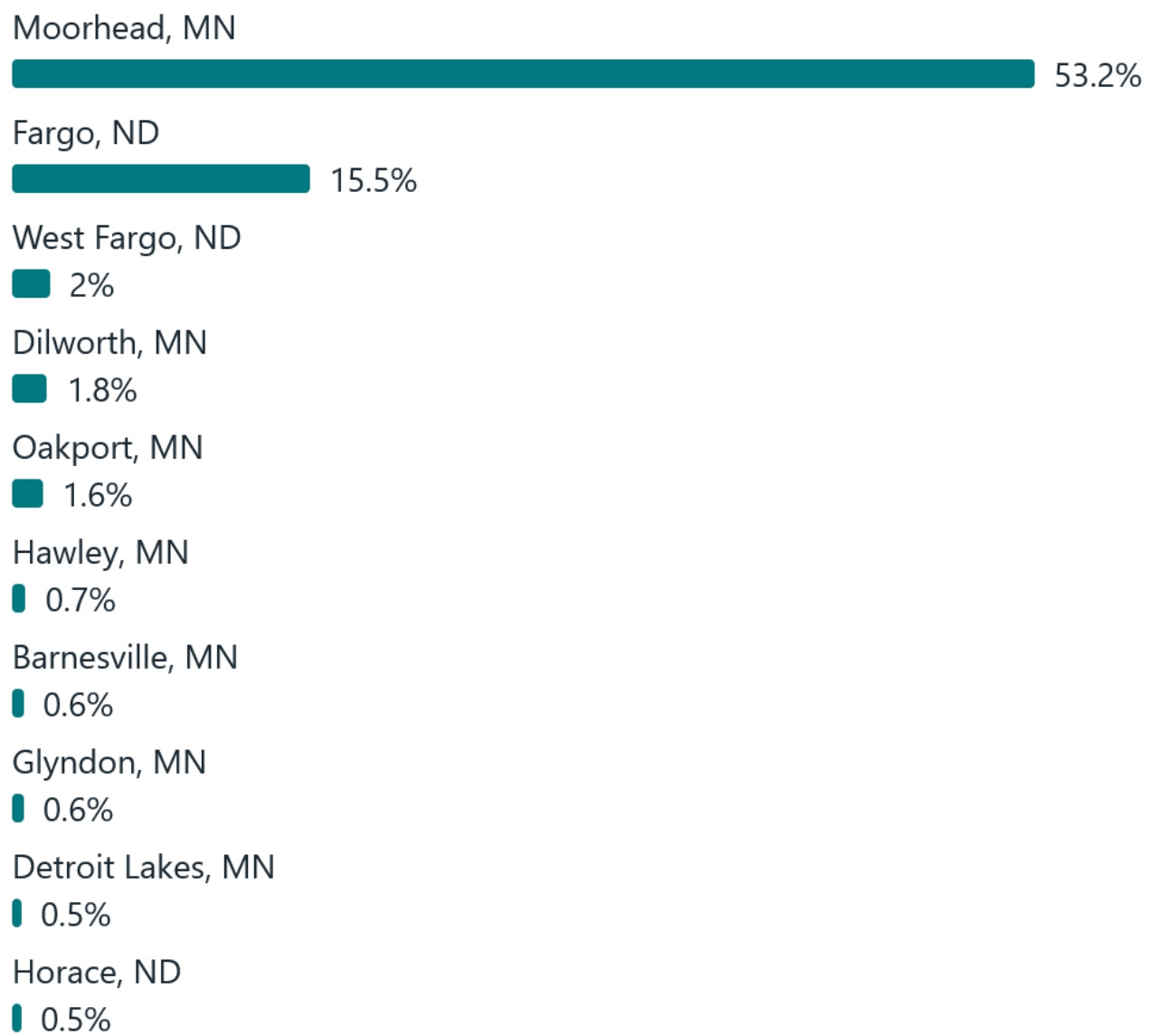
3,294

## Age & gender ⓘ

30%

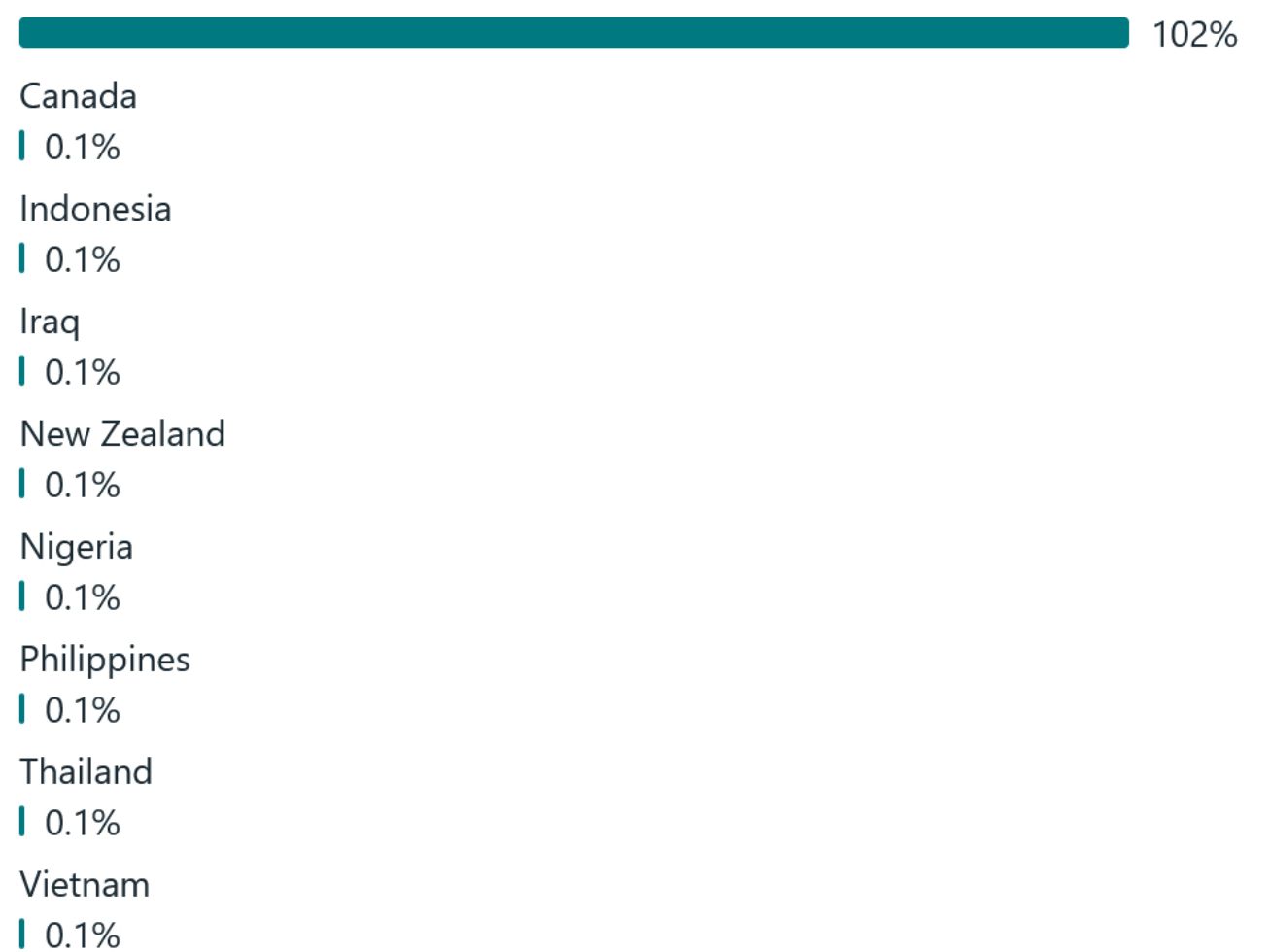


## Top cities



## Top

## countries



# Water Division 1st Quarter 2026 Dashboard



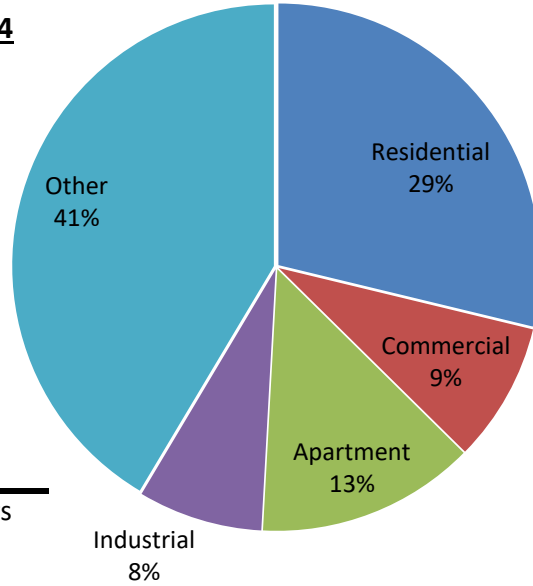
## What Are We Known For?

- Class A Surface Water Treatment Plant
- Ozone Disinfection
- Great Tasting Water
- Innovative Staff
- Leaders in the field

**2026 1st Quarter Water Division (Gallons) = 313,978,794**

Revenue Mix:		Water usage
29%	<b>Residential</b>	90,336,349
9%	<b>Commercial</b>	27,040,776
13%	<b>Apartment</b>	42,354,303
8%	<b>Industrial</b>	24,152,172
41%	<b>Other</b>	130,095,194

## Gallons By User Type



## Customer Base

Residential Customers	12,199
Commercial Customers	883
Apartment Customers	432
Industrial Customers	3
Regional Customers	1
Other Customers	0

13,548  
Customers

## Water Quality Sampling Protocol

### Bacteriological Samples

Sampled	Passed	Percent
150	150	100%

### Stage 1 Disinfectant Byproduct Rule - Bromate Samples

Sampled	Passed	Percent
3	3	100%

### LT 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule - Turbidity

Sampled	Passed	Percent
540	540	100%

### Trihalomethanes & Haloacetic Acids

Sampled	Passed	Percent
4	4	100%

### Fluoride Samples

Sampled	Low	High
270	0.62 mg/L	0.74 mg/L

### Total Organic Carbon Internal Samples

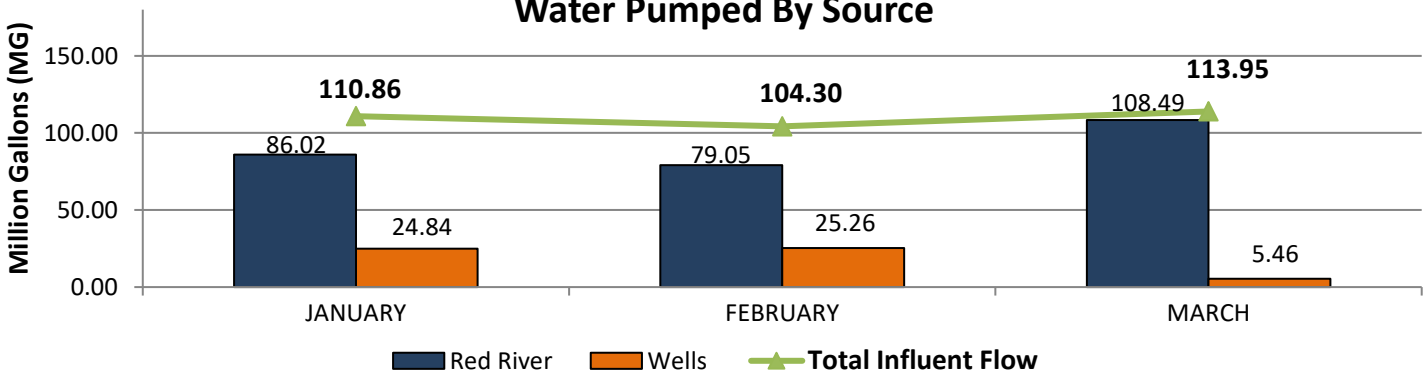
Sampled	Passed	Percent
180	180	100%

### Stage 1 DBP Rule - Alk & TOC Reduction Samples

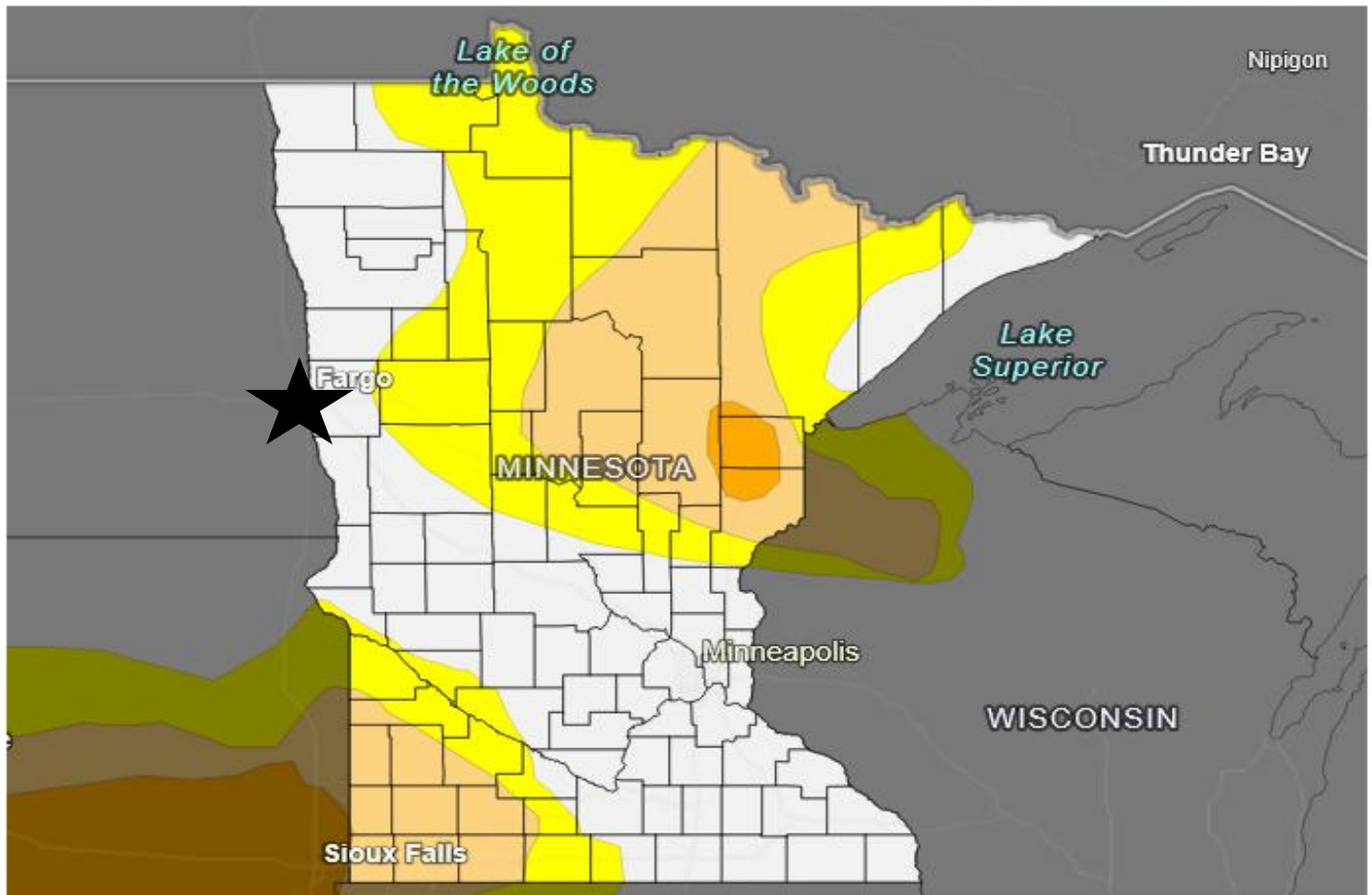
Sampled	Passed	Percent
3	3	100%

General Water Quality Parameters for new Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

## Water Pumped By Source



# U.S. Drought Monitor



## Drought & Dryness Categories

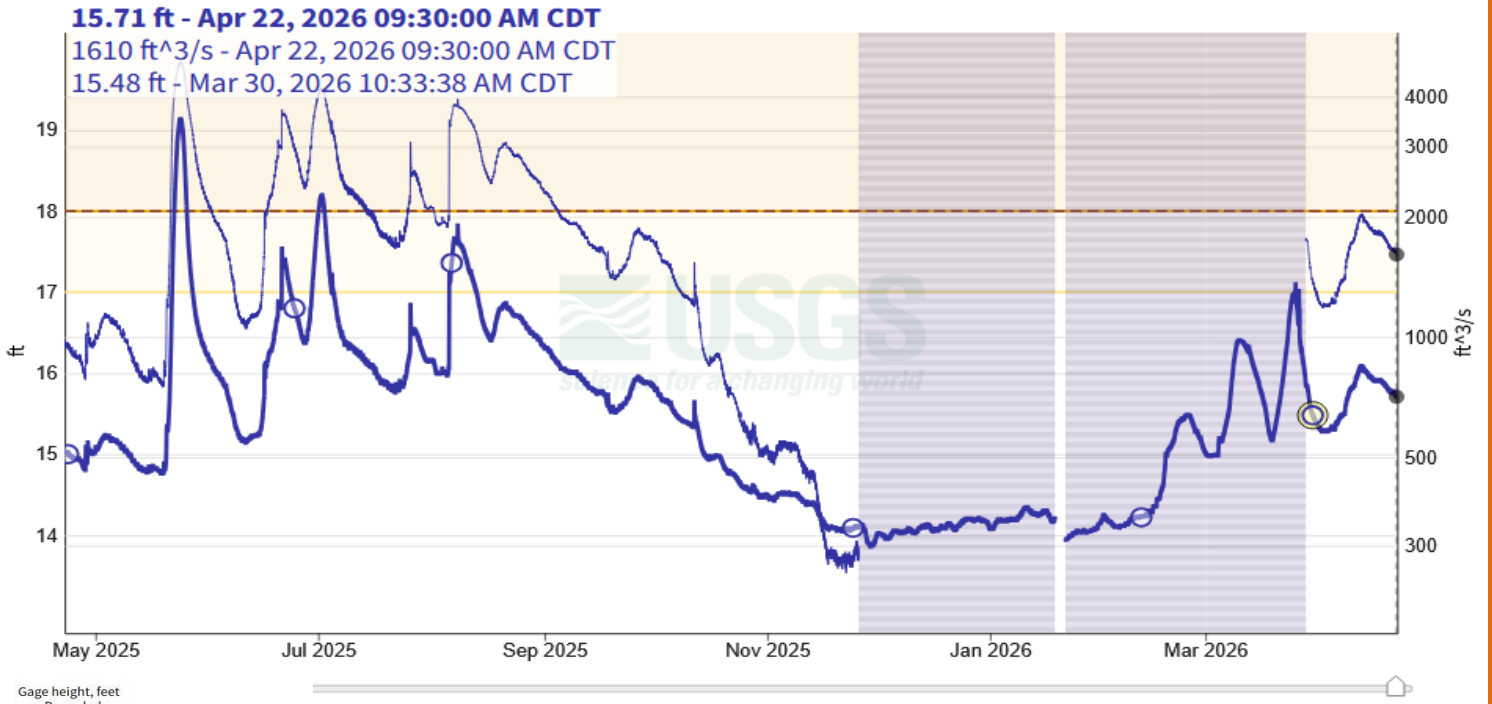
	% of MN
D0 – Abnormally Dry	28.7%
D1 – Moderate Drought	23.8%
D2 – Severe Drought	1.4%
D3 – Extreme Drought	0.0%
D4 – Exceptional Drought	0.0%
Total Area in Drought (D1–D4)	25.2%

Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA  
Data Valid: 04/14/26

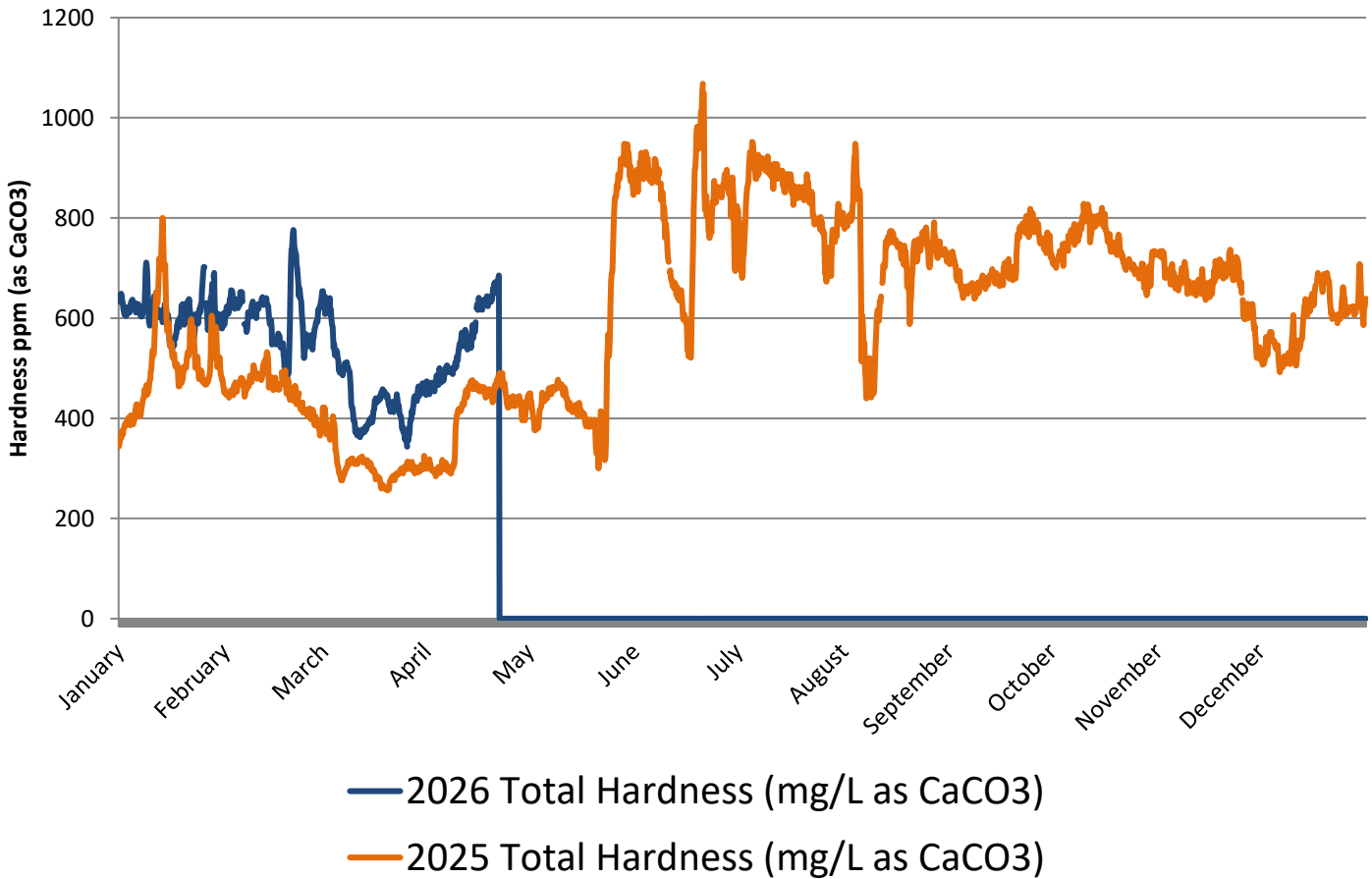
**Drought.gov**

Drought conditions currently alleviated by more regular precipitation and increased soil moisture

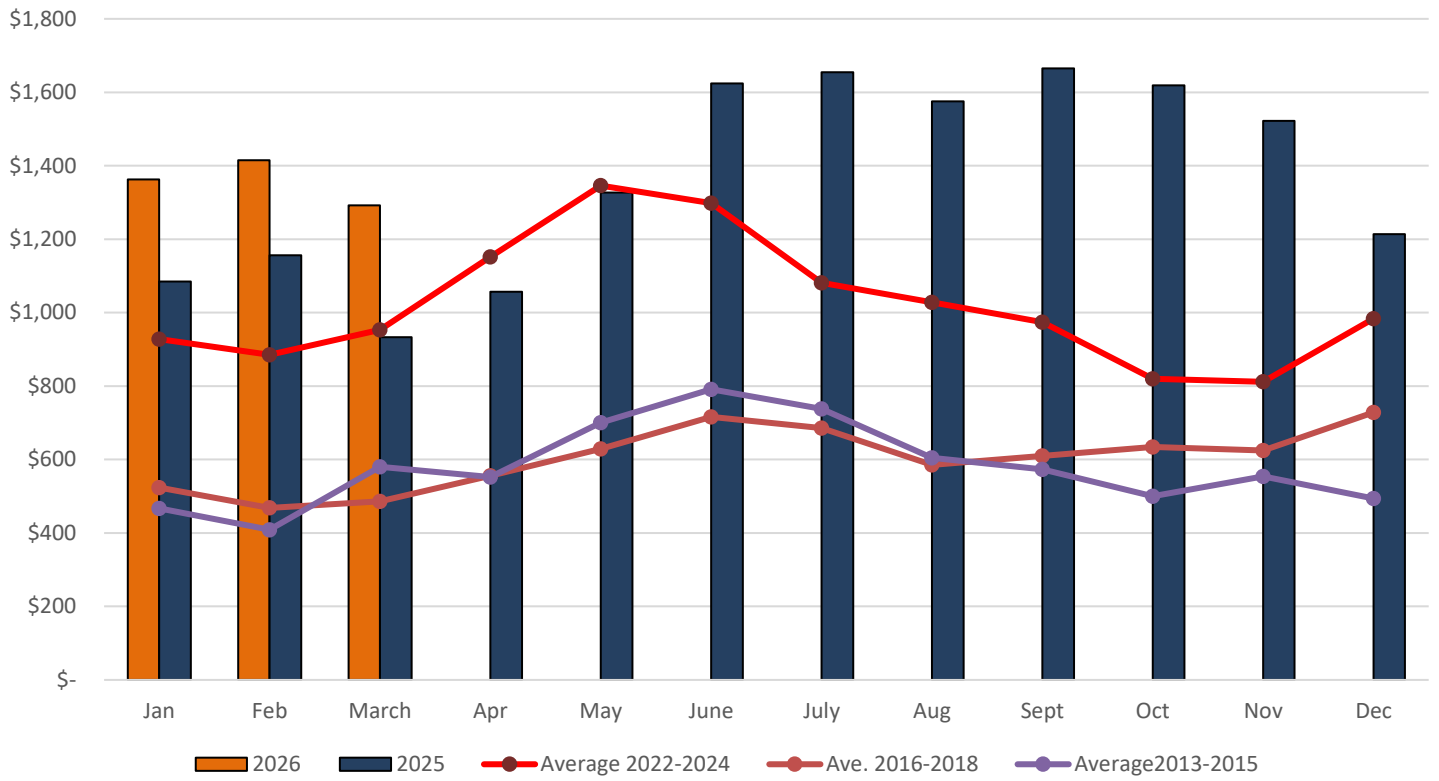
April 22, 2025 - April 22, 2026  
**Gage height, feet**  
**Discharge, cubic feet per second**



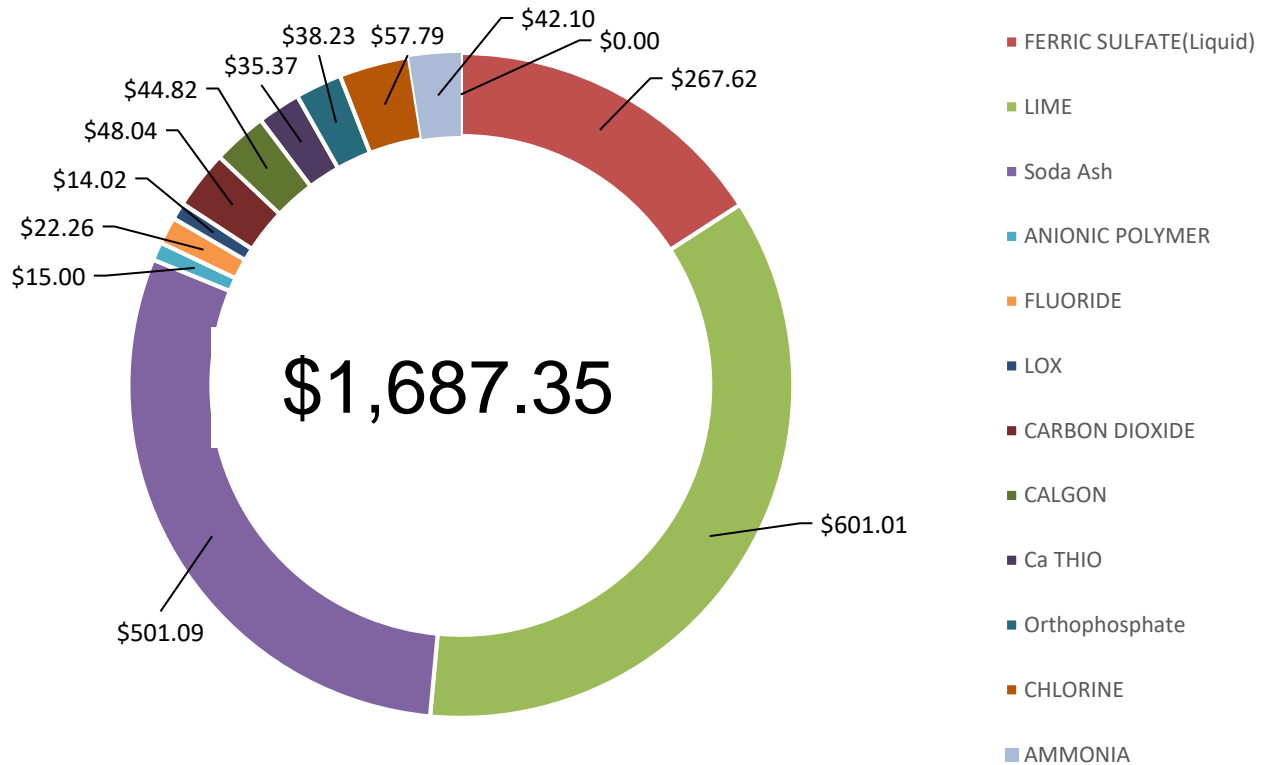
### Total Hardness Comparison Red River



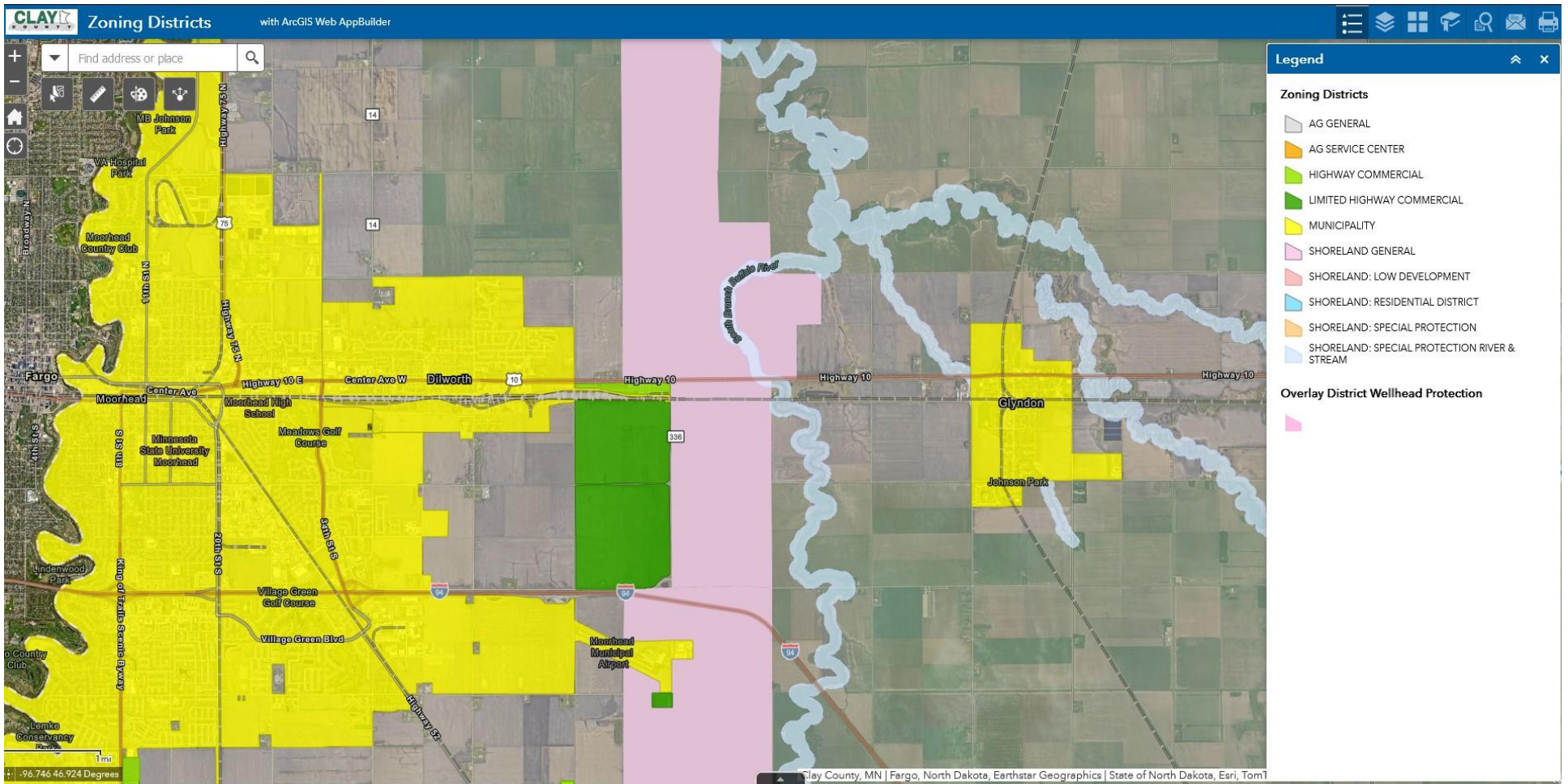
## Chemical Cost per Million Gallons Treated Monthly



## 2026 Chemical Cost per Million Gallons



# Buffalo Aquifer Zoning and Protection



Note: Wellhead Protection Plan Update is underway  
Awaiting responses for Wellhead Protection Team Appointees  
Phase I Draft - Wellhead Protection Plan with MDH is complete  
Wellhead Protection Team meetings begin November 2025

# Moorhead Public Service Strategic Direction Matrix 2025-2027

## 2026 Implementation

Community	Our Team	Water
Success Indicator	Success Indicator	Success Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Positive engagement from the general public</li> <li>⊕ More key account interactions</li> <li>⊕ Ways to use AMI data for better customer service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Succession plan updated</li> <li>⊕ HR applicant mgmt. software</li> <li>⊕ No loss-time work injuries</li> <li>⊕ Pride in culture &amp; organization – “family”</li> <li>⊕ Cross-training/other fields, other departments, office employees, seeing AMI meters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Fewer water main breaks – keep downward trend</li> <li>⊕ Work aligns with the master plan – water supply direction decided</li> <li>⊕ Supplemental use for lime solids</li> <li>⊕ Start more focused research</li> <li>⊕ Work toward zero water quality complaints</li> <li>⊕ Wellhead protection plan</li> </ul>
2nd Year Accomplishments	2nd Year Accomplishments	2nd Year Accomplishments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Develop a communication and marketing plan</li> <li>⊕ Grow key account initiative - 10?</li> <li>⊕ The communication, marketing, and energy services position develops ongoing relationships with the Moorhead community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Full Staff - hiring efficiency</li> <li>⊕ Continuing training &amp; development</li> <li>⊕ Quarterly newsletters/comms</li> <li>⊕ Grow staff engagement activities stats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Complete facilities study and master plan for the water division</li> <li>⊕ Continue 1.25 miles of water main replacement</li> <li>⊕ LSL replacement project</li> <li>⊕ Continue progress with an alternate use for lime solids</li> <li>⊕ Source water protection</li> <li>⊕ Large load integration plan</li> <li>⊕ Backflow prevention program</li> <li>⊕ Grant opportunities strategy - water</li> </ul>
Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)	Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)	Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Social media statistics</li> <li>* Community engagement activities stats</li> <li>* BES stats</li> <li>* Key accounts/non-key accounts - 10 visits each</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Training report</li> <li>* Position stats and updates</li> <li>* Quarterly newsletters</li> <li>* Safety stats</li> <li>* Report on culture events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* LCRI compliance</li> <li>* Main break trending</li> <li>* 100% regulatory compliance</li> <li>* Water quality/supply - source water protection</li> </ul>

Completed

In-Process/On-Going

Gathering Information-Not Started

# Moorhead Public Service Strategic Direction Matrix 2025-2027

## 2026 Implementation

Electric	Finance	Technology
Success Indicator	Success Indicator	Success Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ NE/SE design complete – construction started</li> <li>⊕ NERC compliance 100%</li> <li>⊕ LED conversion @ 95%</li> <li>⊕ Load control/peak reduction – conversation started with Commission</li> <li>⊕ Large load clarity outlook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Transfer agreement in place for 3 - 5 years</li> <li>⊕ Research PR/Acct system</li> <li>⊕ Firm bond schedules (stable rates, low-interest borrowing)</li> <li>⊕ MRES agreement extension</li> <li>⊕ TOU prep</li> <li>⊕ Grants/supplement rate plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ CIS upgraded (AMI, efficiency, customer experience, work order management system)</li> <li>⊕ AMI completion (more/better data, ability to better help customers, the “why” answers customer questions, provides staff information to pinpoint/refer customers)</li> <li>⊕ Plan in place for payroll/finance software</li> </ul>
2nd Year Accomplishments	2nd Year Accomplishments	2nd Year Accomplishments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ NE/SE substation relocation &amp; upgrade - design and planning</li> <li>⊕ Large load integration plan</li> <li>⊕ NE generating station - preliminary plan and design</li> <li>⊕ MRES S-1 Contract extension</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Complete transfer agreement update</li> <li>⊕ TOU implementation/coordination plan (2027)</li> <li>⊕ Exploring ways to use AMI data for better customer service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Cybersecurity training</li> <li>⊕ GIS Conversion Action Plan</li> <li>⊕ Creating file plans &amp; structure</li> <li>⊕ Redundant NOC operational</li> <li>⊕ CAS software upgrade - 2026 – 2027</li> </ul>
Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)	Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)	Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✱ NERC compliance</li> <li>✱ Streetlight LED conversion</li> <li>✱ Reliability/outage rate</li> <li>✱ Load mgmt/purchased power stats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✱ Financial statistics</li> <li>✱ Days of cash on hand</li> <li>✱ Clean audit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✱ Cyber security stats – no Breaches</li> <li>✱ Records mgmt. upgrades (roles assigned, file plans in place)</li> <li>✱ Water and electric AMI meter conversion stats</li> </ul>

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In-Process/On-Going

Gathering Information-Not Started





# Light Up Navajo 2026



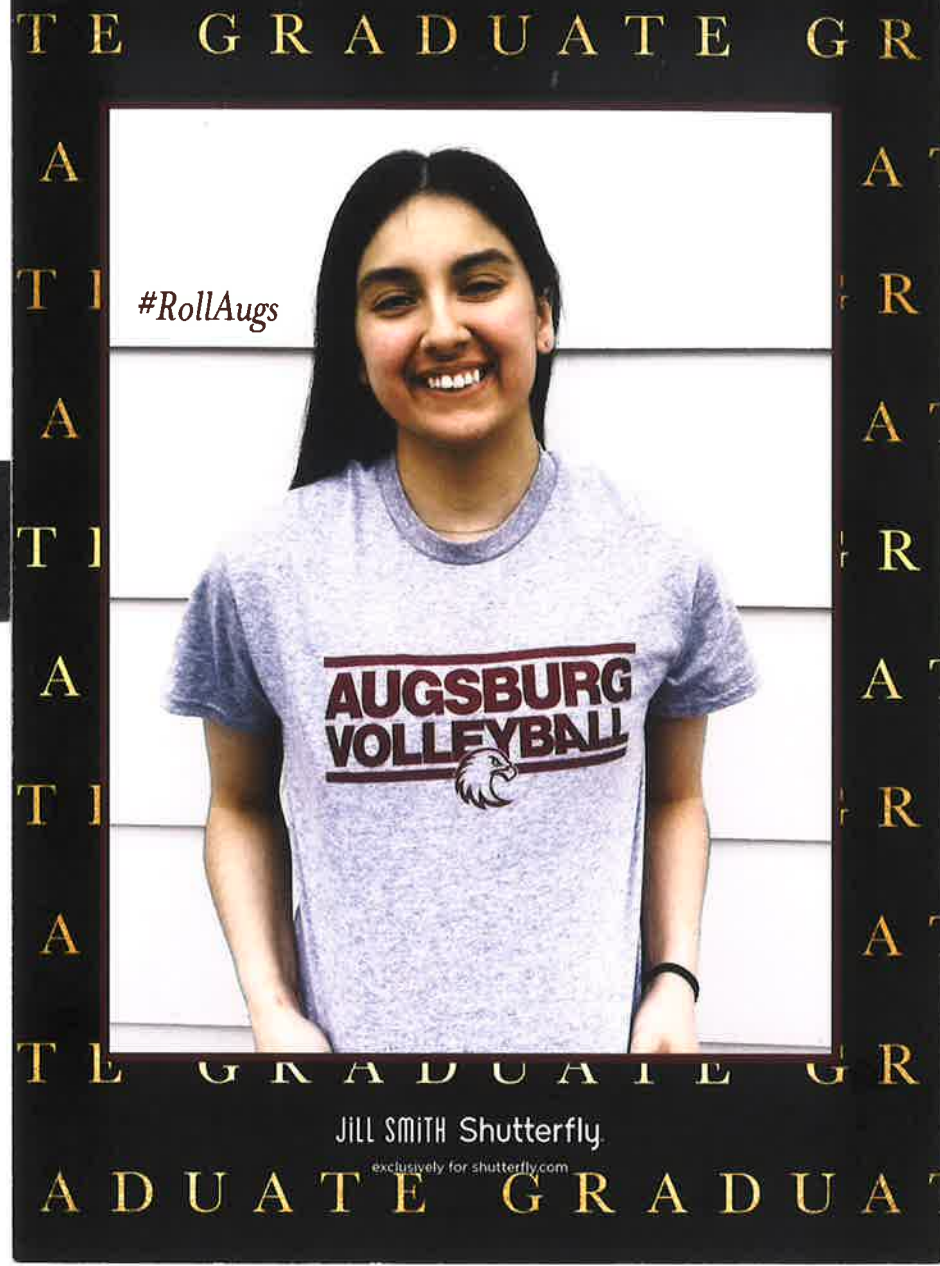




THANK YOU 2026

Thank you for the Scholarship.  
I'm going to Augsburg to major  
in exercise science and play  
Volleyball.

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Travis,

Thank you for presenting at the Citizen Govt. Academy + walking us through the broader utility that serve our community. I also enjoyed the opportunity to tour the water treatment plant, which made it come to life in a very tangible way. The overview of how electric + water are planned, funded + managed was fascinating + informative. Thanks again for taking time out of your evening to educate us.

-Ashley  
Duchsherer

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Jake,

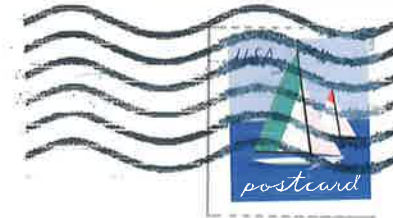
Thank you for stepping in to present during the Citizens Govt. Academy session. I appreciated the info into how much care + coordination goes into providing safe, reliable water for the community. Learning about all that work gave me a new appreciation for the system + work you all do that we often take for granted. Thanks again for taking time out of your evening to share with us.

-Ashley  
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**Recovery and Wellness Center & Food Shelf**

Susan ~

Thank you so much for taking  
the time to tour and learn  
more about A Place For Hope & Food  
Shelf. Appreciate the donation of  
the light bulbs & several reusable  
bags. The community is stronger when  
we come together.

Shirley Mason Community Cheerleader





# MRES Legislative Line

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## Iowa

Visit the [Iowa page](#) during the session to follow bills of interest to MRES Iowa members. The 2026 Iowa [Legislative Guide](#) is also available online.

### Iowa Fast Facts:

- The legislature adjourned *sine die* May 3.

## Session Update

The Iowa legislature adjourned sine die on May 3, 2026. Governor Reynolds has 30 days from final adjournment (June 2) to sign or veto the bills sent to her by the House and Senate.

The attention for many quickly shifted to the competitive primaries across the state ahead of the June 2 primary election day.

## Minnesota

Visit the [Minnesota pages](#) to follow Minnesota bills of interest to MRES members. The MRES Minnesota [Legislative Guide for 2026](#) is available for download.

### Minnesota Fast Facts:

- NDA bills are pending in the Senate; no movement in the House
- Minimal energy policy provisions move to Senate floor
- Still working on Plug-in Solar provisions
- Session work concludes May 18

## Session Overview

The legislature is going into overdrive for this last full week of session. As is tradition in an election year, they must finish their work at midnight on Sunday, May 18, reserving Monday for farewell speeches on the floor from those legislators retiring. There is still a lot of speculation, closed door meetings, and maneuvering to try to get some bills finished. As noted below, there are bills that have passed in the Senate, but with the tie in the House, companion bills are just not reaching the floor. As a result, some bills are just in limbo, waiting for a possible deal to be struck.

You may recall from prior newsletters, the financial provisions for Senate Energy were placed into the much larger [HF 2433](#), the **Senate Omnibus Supplemental Finance bill**. Last week, the entirety of HF 2433 was amended into [SF 4059](#), the **Omnibus State and Local Government bill**, which then became the **NEW Senate Supplemental Finance Omnibus Bill**. [SF 4059](#) was passed out of committee and to the floor where it passed 35-31 on Tuesday. In addition to energy finance provisions, it contains many, many other areas of policy and finance, including Labor, Workforce Development, State Parks, Cosmology and Barber regulation, used battery stewardship, campaign finance fines, and Medicaid fraud provisions.

With limited days remaining, lobbyists are running back and forth between the House and the Senate, and between Republicans and Democrats to track down possible agreements and movements on bills. At this point, the key to getting bills done is not

only agreements across the aisle, but agreements between the two houses.

Meanwhile, MRES staff continue watching priority issues for this session:

1. Data Centers and Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs): As noted previously, the three Senate NDA bills were amended into the **Senate Omnibus State and Local Government policy bill, SF 4555**, which passed the Senate (35-32) and was sent to the House floor. There is no companion bill in the House, and at this point, there has been no agreement among leadership from both parties to move [SF 4555](#). It is possible that a member of the House may try to amend the language of SF 4555 broadly, or NDAs specifically, into another bill that is set to move off the House floor. However, with House leadership opposed to the NDA language, it is unlikely.
2. Plug-in Solar and the Senate Omnibus Energy Bill: The Senate version of the plug-in solar bill was added to the **Senate Omnibus Energy bill (SF 4504)**. SF 4504 was heard in Senate Finance on April 30. All finance provisions were stripped out of the bill with only policy provisions remaining; plug-in solar being one of the remaining provisions. [SF 4504](#) is likely to be up on the Senate floor today, May 11. MRES continues to work on this issue as there are still concerns and a general feeling that it is not quite ready for prime time.

Beyond plug-in solar, [SF 4504](#) contains language on thermal energy network legislation and the Department of Commerce's ability to enter into interstate partnerships and contracts, along with the Department's ability to engage in energy security planning. However, there is still no House companion to [SF 4504](#). Unless House leadership agrees to something, final passage of an Omnibus Energy bill will not happen.

3. Nuclear Study: The language providing funding for an interim nuclear study was amended into [SF 4059](#), which is the new vehicle for the **Senate Omnibus Supplemental Finance bill**. Without a House companion, there is still a lot

of uncertainty whether the study provisions can make it across the finish line.

### Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment & Climate Committee

The Senate Energy Committee was scheduled to hold an informational hearing on Wednesday, May 6, on two bills: [SF 5106](#) (establishing a utility-adopted wildfire safety plan and clarifying that utilities are not subject to strict liability for wildfires) and [SF 4591](#) (establishing Public Utilities Commission oversight of distributed energy resource aggregators). The meeting was cancelled again last week due to floor session. With just a few days remaining in session, we do not expect the hearing to be rescheduled. Look for both of these issues to return in 2027.

### Session Update

Other bills that MRES is monitoring:

- [SF 4455](#): In addition to Lake City Port Authority provisions, this bill contains MMUA-backed language allowing cities to modify the number of commissioners on the local utility board. It passed the Senate (65-0) and was heard in House Taxes committee on April 30. Tax committee approved the bill, however, there were some concerns and questions about procedure and whether it had to go through Rules committee. The Tax Committee held the bill over to determine the best way to move it forward procedurally.
- [SF 2691](#): A bill primarily about rents and fees in manufactured home parks. The bill contains language clarifying that manufactured home park owners must grant access for utilities and may not charge residents for repairs by utility providers. The bill passed the Senate 35-31 and is pending in House Housing Finance and Policy committee. At this point, it is unlikely to move.
- [HF 2986 / SF 3209](#): Requires investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to model virtual power plants (VPPs) in their resource plans and to implement a VPP tariff. The House version was heard in committee and was held over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. It was not heard in the Senate committee. This will likely reappear in 2027.

- [HF 3458 / SF 3732](#): Exempting tribal lands from state laws governing electric service territory. The House version failed to advance on a 7-8 vote in committee. It was not heard in the Senate committee. It will likely be back at the legislature in future sessions.
- [HF 2928 / SF 3968](#): Setting permitting and compliance requirements for data centers for water use, energy conservation, and electric energy use. The House version was heard in committee in 2025 and laid over. The Senate version was not heard. Expect many data center bills in 2027.
- [HF 3912 / SF 3991](#): This bill would apply to municipal electric utilities and would limit late fees and reconnection fees charged. It was heard in the House Energy Committee on March 10 and laid over. The Senate version has not been heard. It may be back in 2027.

### Minnesota Elections

There was another endorsement convention this past weekend with DFL'ers meeting to endorse a candidate for the U.S. Second District Congressional race. There was a three-way race for the seat that Rep. Angie Craig is vacating to run for U.S. Senate. The candidates are former Lakeville Mayor Matt Little, state Senator Matt Klein, and state Representative Kaela Berg. Matt Little prevailed with 63% of the vote on the first ballot. Assuming no primary, Little will face Republican State Senator Eric Pratt in the general election.

Meanwhile in the Fifth Congressional district, incumbent Ilhan Omar had two challengers, Democratic National Committee member and party activist Latonya Reeves and former federal attorney Julie Le. However, incumbent Omar came out on top receiving the DFL endorsement. On the Republican side, Dalia al-Aqidi received the Republican endorsement for Fifth Congressional district in April.

### North Dakota

The next North Dakota regular legislative session convenes in January 2027. The 2025/26 legislative guide is available [online](#) on the MRES North Dakota pages.

Energy Development and Transmission Committee  
The North Dakota Energy Development and Transmission interim committee has set its next meeting for June 2, in Grand Forks. The notice indicates the committee will hear presentations on various research projects in the state, impacts of large energy consumers, the status of the electric grid, and the feasibility of developing geothermal in the state.

### South Dakota

Visit the [South Dakota](#) pages to track bills of interest to MRES members. The 2026 MRES [South Dakota Legislative Guide](#) is also available online.

#### South Dakota Fast Facts:

- Make plans to golf with SDMEA on June 2 in Madison

### SDMEA News and Events

The South Dakota Municipal Electric Association (SDMEA) has hired Beth Omanson as its director. Beth, a 16-year MRES employee, most recently served as an energy services field representative on the Bright Energy Solutions team, working with communities in South Dakota and Iowa. She will begin her new role in mid-May.

Please plan to participate in the annual golf event on June 2 in Madison. It is a great opportunity to enjoy a day on the links with colleagues from South Dakota municipal utilities and industry representatives. It also serves as a fundraiser for SDMEA endeavors. To register, visit [sdpublicpower.org](http://sdpublicpower.org) or contact SDMEA Chair Russ Halgerson at Brookings Municipal Utilities at [rhalgerson@swiftel-bmu.com](mailto:rhalgerson@swiftel-bmu.com).

Additionally, save the date – August 28 – for the annual SDMEA Sporting Clays Events at Hunter's Pointe in Humboldt. It is a fun marksman event that funds scholarships for students from SDMEA member communities who are studying power-related fields at Mitchell Tech.

### Save the Date – 2027 MRES Power Lunch

MRES will host the annual legislative power lunch at the Capitol in Pierre on Wednesday, February 3. The annual Municipal League rib dinner will be

held on the evening of February 2, and the S.D. Municipal Electric Association will serve breakfast at the Capitol the morning of February 3. It will be a muni-palooza! Pro tip: It's never too early to make hotel reservations in Pierre if you plan to be there during the legislative session.

**Accept Report on**  
**MPS' 2025 Residential Customer Survey with GreatBlue Research**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission accept a report on Moorhead Public Service's 2025 Residential Customer Survey that was conducted by GreatBlue Research, Inc.

**BACKGROUND:**

GreatBlue Research, Inc. (GreatBlue), is a full-service market research firm offering both quantitative and qualitative services to clients nationwide. The company emphasizes strong client partnerships and customizes each project to address specific business challenges. All research is conducted in-house at its corporate headquarters located in Glastonbury, Connecticut, using experienced, cross-functional teams led by senior management. With a strong focus on customer service and data-driven insights, GreatBlue assists its clients in making informed decisions through reliable research, detailed analysis, and actionable recommendations, maintaining a "clients first" approach in everything it does.

Moorhead Public Service (MPS) participated in Missouri River Energy Services' (MRES') Residential Customer Survey (Customer Survey) between September 22, 2025, and November 21, 2025. MRES partnered with GreatBlue to handle all survey fielding, data collection, and analysis. GreatBlue will provide a remote PowerPoint presentation of the results from the Customer Survey at Tuesday's meeting.

The Customer Survey was an opportunity for MPS to:

- Receive feedback directly from customers regarding satisfaction, expectations, and service priorities.
- Benchmark its performance against peer utilities and track progress over time.
- Identify key drivers of customer trust, loyalty, and satisfaction.
- Stay ahead of changing customer needs using professional, third-party research.

MRES offered the Customer Survey to its members on a 50/50 cost-sharing basis, and \$1,350 was included in MPS' 2025 marketing and sponsorship budget for this purpose. MPS allocated \$50,000 for marketing and sponsorship expenditures in 2025, of which \$43,985 was expensed.

**KEY ISSUES:**

- MPS participated in MRES' Residential Customer Survey between September 22, 2025, and November 21, 2025.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- MRES offered the Customer Survey to its members on a 50/50 cost-sharing basis, and \$1,350 was included in MPS' 2025 marketing and sponsorship budget for this purpose. MPS allocated \$50,000 for marketing and sponsorship expenditures in 2025, of which \$43,985 was expensed.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.

**Attachments:** None.





## **Accept Report on 2025 Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Summary and 2026 CIP Plan**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission accept a report on the 2025 Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) and CIP plans for 2026.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This report is to update the Commission on Moorhead Public Service's (MPS') efforts to meet the requirements of Minnesota's Conservation Improvement Program (CIP). The general goals of CIP are to:

- Promote consumer and industry awareness of energy conservation and its positive effect on the environment.
- Reduce utility bills for homes and businesses.
- Generate innovations in developing energy-efficient products and technologies.
- Promote new energy resource development.

The Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 revised the CIP Statute (Minnesota Statute 216B.241) to set an annual energy savings goal for each electric and gas utility beginning in 2010. The energy savings goal is equivalent to 1.5 percent of utilities' annual retail energy sales in Minnesota, averaged over the most recent three-year period. For MPS, this results in an expected 2025 energy savings goal of 6,414,145 kWh, as outlined in MPS's joint filing with Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) and MRES's other Minnesota member utilities.

### **2025 in Review**

MPS did not meet its state-mandated CIP spending requirements for 2025. MPS spent \$518,963 on CIP activities in 2025, compared to the required amount of \$618,567, which is based on 1.5 percent of gross operating revenue from retail electric sales. These expenditures included direct incentives, allocated salaries and benefits, marketing, and other miscellaneous costs.

MPS' customers participated in conservation efforts that resulted in energy savings of 1,852,565 kWh, achieving 28.9 percent of the established energy savings goal.

### **2025 CIP Highlights**

#### **Bright Energy Solutions® (BES) Program:**

BES is an incentive-based energy-efficiency program offered by MPS in partnership with MRES to commercial and residential customers. The Commission adopted the BES Program in July 2008, and effective January 1, 2009, it became MPS' primary energy conservation program. Adoption of the BES Program does not affect MPS' existing in-house load and demand control programs.

- *BES Residential Programs.* Residential BES appliance and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) rebate programs accounted for 206,213 kWh in energy savings. A total of \$25,330 in rebates was credited to residential customers' accounts.
- *BES Commercial Lighting Program.* Commercial lighting retrofit and new construction projects accounted for \$59,994 in rebates and generated 757,062 kWh in energy savings.
- *BES Residential Electric Vehicle Program.* Rebates for residential electric vehicle chargers and electric vehicle charging surveys totaled \$4,300.

Other CIP-Related Activities:

- *Affordable Housing Weatherization Program.* The State of Minnesota’s Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program requires utilities to spend at least 0.2 percent of residential electric revenues on energy-efficiency projects benefiting low-income households. These efforts are intended to reduce overall utility energy demand while lowering customers’ energy costs. MPS staff continues to work with West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc., to identify homes that meet Minnesota’s low-income guidelines and have opportunities for improved energy efficiency. Through this program, MPS provided ENERGY STAR® appliances—including dishwashers, clothes washers, dryers, and refrigerators—to replace older, less efficient appliances in 33 homes in Moorhead, resulting in energy savings of 2,062 kWh. By spending a total of \$44,982 on appliances through CIP, exceeding the State of Minnesota’s minimum spending requirement of \$40,300.
- *Thrifty Watts® Program.* MRES transitioned to a seasonal wholesale demand rate, resulting in higher purchased power costs for MPS, particularly during the summer months. To help reduce these costs, MPS staff researched methods to lower electric demand and developed the Thrifty Watts® Program as part of the solution. This program allows homeowners to have their central air conditioners and water heaters controlled in exchange for a monthly bill credit.

A key feature of this program is that homeowners are not required to install a second electrical service or special equipment. This approach is intended to encourage participation from customers who might otherwise be discouraged by the upfront costs associated with dual-fuel systems.

- MPS staff also promoted energy efficiency through a variety of additional outreach efforts, including bill stuffers, social media platforms such as Facebook and X, and MPS’ website. These communication tools were used to increase customer awareness of the BES Program and the energy-efficiency incentives available through MPS.

**2026 CIP Plan**

MPS’ energy savings goal for 2026 is 6,358,040 kWh. While a few large projects can significantly contribute toward this goal, increased participation in energy-efficiency projects by additional customers will be important to achieving MPS’ conservation objectives. To support these efforts, MPS and MRES staff met in January 2026 to discuss marketing strategies and outreach initiatives for 2026.

The following is a list of conservation programs currently offered by MPS:

- Commercial and Industrial Prescriptive BES Programs for 2026 include:
  - Commercial Refrigeration and Food Service
  - Compressed Air System Efficiency
  - Custom Incentive
  - Electric Forklifts/Tow Tractors
  - Heating/Cooling/Chillers
  - Infrared Curing and Drying
  - New Construction Lighting
  - Lighting Retrofit
  - New Construction Design Review
  - Pumps and Variable Frequency Drives

- Residential Prescriptive BES Programs for 2026 include:
  - ENERGY STAR® Products
    - Air Cleaner: \$25
    - Ceiling Fan: \$25
    - Clothes Washer: \$25
    - Dehumidifier: \$25-\$200
    - Dishwasher: \$25
    - Heat-Pump Water Heater \$200
    - LED Recessed Downlights: \$4
    - Room Air Conditioner: \$75
  - HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning)
    - Air-Source Heat Pump: \$150-\$1,050
    - Central Air Conditioner: \$250-\$350
    - Central Air Conditioner or Heat Pump Tune-up: \$40
    - ECM Recirculating Pumps: \$75-\$900
    - Geothermal Heat Pump: \$200 per ton
    - Mini-Split Heat Pump: \$250-\$400 per outdoor unit
    - Mini-Split Air Conditioner: \$150-\$200 per outdoor unit
    - ENERGY STAR® “Smart” Thermostats: \$25
  - Electric Vehicles (EV)
    - ChargePoint Home Charger or Level 2 Charger: \$150-\$500

**KEY ISSUES:**

- MPS did not meet its state-mandated CIP spending requirements for 2025.
- MPS’ conservation efforts saved 1,852,565 kWh, or 28.9 percent, of its goal of 6,414,145 kWh.
- MPS’ energy savings goal for 2026 is 6,358,040 kWh.
- The Affordable Housing Weatherization Program spending requirement was met and exceeded for 2025.
- BES continues to be a useful and innovative means to provide incentives for energy efficiency.
- Staff will continue to work closely with MRES in utilizing its marketing and program resources to help meet CIP goals and requirements.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The majority of incentives are funded through the Bright Energy Solutions® Program.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Taylor Holte, Electric Project Engineer.

**Attachments:** None.





**Accept 2025 Annual Reliability Performance Report**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission accept Moorhead Public Service’s 2025 Annual Reliability Performance Report.

**BACKGROUND:**

This annual report began in 2004 and is required by the Minnesota Legislature, which mandates that municipal electric utilities track and prepare reports for their local governing boards. In Moorhead Public Service’s (MPS’) case, the Commission receives the attached Annual Reliability Performance Report. The investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and the few regulated rural cooperatives are required to submit their reports to the Minnesota Department of Commerce for review and acceptance by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC).

The MPUC sets the numerical values of three reliability indices for the IOUs. The Commission has set MPS’ values locally. The indices are the Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI), System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI), and System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI), which are further explained in the attached report. The indices set by the MPUC vary widely across utilities because of the different methods used to calculate them.

As shown in the table below, MPS met all three of the reliability indices set by the Commission for 2025. The Commission has established a system reliability standard of between 4 and 5 “9s” of reliability (meaning between 99.99 percent and 99.999 percent “power on” in a year). For 2025, MPS’ overall system reliability was 99.9977 percent.

INDICES	2025 PERFORMANCE	2025 PERFORMANCE (NO MAJOR EVENTS)	MPS STANDARDS
SAIDI	14 minutes	14 minutes	60 minutes or less
CAIDI	46 minutes	46 minutes	60 minutes or less
SAIFI	0.31 outages per year	0.31 outages per year	1.0 outages per year, or less

**KEY ISSUES:**

- MPS’ electric system met all of the reliability indices standards for 2025.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Taylor Holte, Electric Project Engineer.

**Attachments:** 2025 Annual Reliability Performance Report



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**2025**

**ANNUAL RELIABILITY  
PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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Prepared by Taylor Holte, Project Engineer

Approved by Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis L. Schmidt", is written over a horizontal line.

Date May 19, 2026 Registration No. 51705



## Executive Summary

Moorhead Public Service’s (MPS’) electric system met all three of the reliability standard indices for 2025 under all operating conditions. Our reliability indices are compared to our standards in Table 1 below. Based on the outages in 2025, a typical customer was without power for an average of 46 minutes during the year—an increase from 27 minutes in 2024. These indices can also be adjusted to eliminate Major Events. This adjustment involves removing outages that are typically sustained outages that were caused by abnormal and extreme weather events. The resulting adjusted indices can provide a better representation of a typical outage. Since MPS didn’t have an outage that qualified as a major outage in 2025, MPS’ CAIDI adjusted for major events was also 46 minutes for 2025.

*Table 1 - 2025 Electric System Reliability Indices*

<b>INDICES</b>	<b>2025 PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2025 PERFORMANCE (NO MAJOR EVENTS)</b>	<b>MPS STANDARDS</b>
SAIDI	14 minutes	14 minutes	60 minutes or less
SAIFI	46 minutes	46 outages per year	60 minutes or less
CAIDI	0.31 outages per year	0.31 outages per year	1.0 outages a year or less

The most significant event occurred on September 2, when a weather event caused several outages on Feeder 27. This caused 1,639 customers to lose power for 44 minutes, 86 customers to lose power for 29 minutes, and an additional 123 customers to lose power for 44 minutes. This outage caused a total of 81,661 customer-minutes without power.

The reliability indices of the last five years are shown in Table 2. When comparing the average indices over that past five years, 2023 and 2024 was an exceptionally good years for reliability performance. That means that MPS has had three extraordinarily good years in a row. This can be attributed to good fortunes in addition to strategies that MPS has taken over several years to build out the electric distribution system so that it is robust and reliable. MPS continues to work towards making this the new normal.

*Table 2 - 2025 Electric System Reliability Performance Without Transmission Line Outage*

<b>System Totals</b>	<b>Total Outages</b>	<b>SAIFI</b>	<b>SAIDI</b>	<b>CAIDI</b>	<b>ASAI</b>
2021	90	3.28	200	61	99.9620
2022	63	0.39	18	48	99.9964
2023	64	0.47	25	54	99.956
2024	48	0.34	9	27	99.9983
2025	50	0.31	14	46	99.9977
5 Year Average	63	0.96	53	47	99.992

Wildlife continues to be the number one cause of outages, as shown in Chart 1. There was a total of 17 outages caused by wildlife in 2025. MPS continues to take actions to try to reduce the number of wildlife caused outages by protecting overhead lines and transformers from birds and squirrels. MPS also is completing annual tree trimming, and overhead to underground conversion projects to minimize wildlife outages.

Chart 1 - 2025 Total Outages by Cause

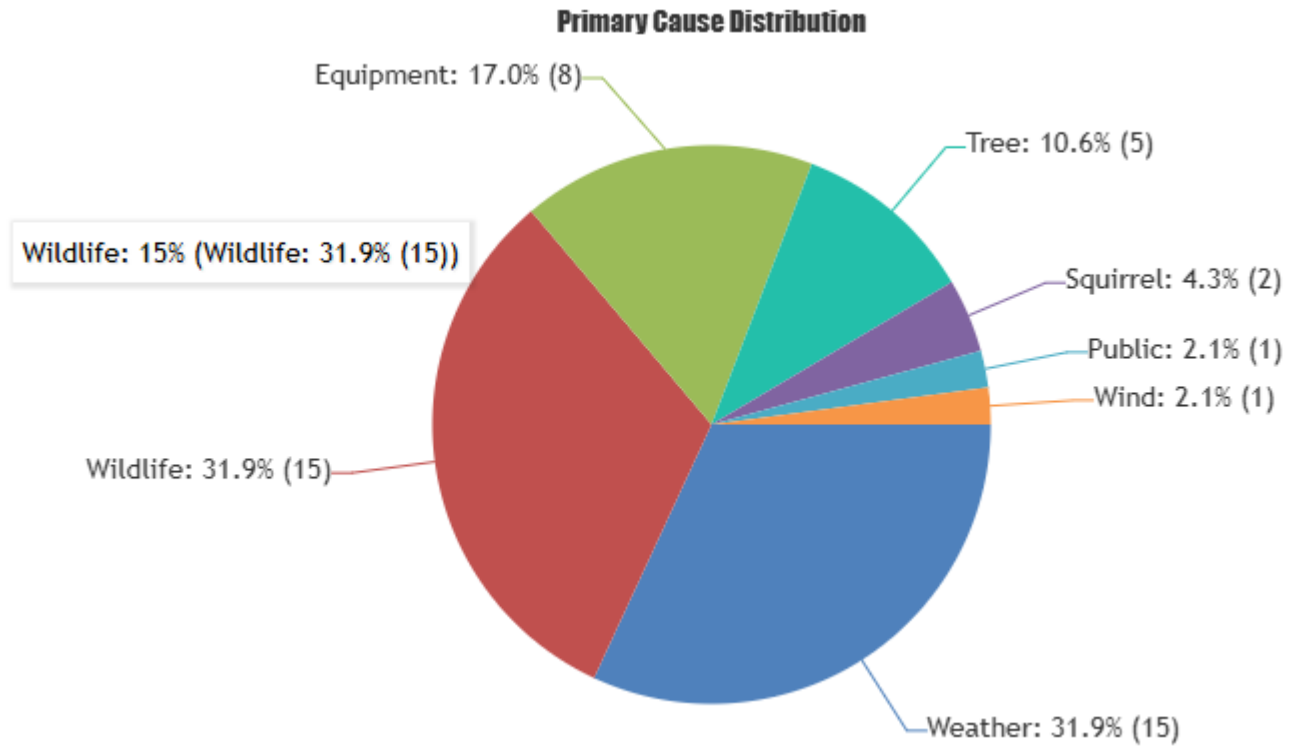


Table 3 shows the top 5 circuits ranked by outage count. Feeder 36 out of the Centennial Substation recorded the most outages with 10, followed by Feeder 127, out of the Southeast Substation with a total of 8 outages. Feeder 36 has consistently had the greatest number of outages for several years due to most of the area being overhead.

Table 3 - 2025 Electric System – Feeders with the Most Interruptions

<b>CIRCUIT NUMBER</b>	<b>SUBSTATION</b>	<b>NUMBER OF INTERRUPTIONS</b>
Feeder 36	Centennial Substation	10
Feeder 27	Southeast Substation	8
Feeder 38	Northeast Substation	6
Feeder 54	Centennial Substation	5
Feeder 35	Brookdale Substation	4

While much of the focus may be on reducing the number of outages in overhead areas, cable replacements should not be overlooked. Cable replacement projects remain a high priority maintenance strategy. This strategy is designed to ensure that the cable replacement work and its associated capital costs are spread out over the long term rather than being forced to perform and pay for many cable replacement projects over a short period of time. Additionally, we are inching closer to the life expectancy of most of the underground feeders in town. Staying on top of cable replacement projects now will help alleviate the financial burden of performing capital intensive feeder replacement projects over the next decade or two.

Overall, 2025 was an extremely reliable year. MPS’ reliability was better than average. The weather cooperated, there were below average wildlife outages, and the electric systems was able to avoid major outages for the entire year. MPS staff will continue to work diligently to build out and maintain the electric system in a manner that is reliable, robust, and financially responsible.





**Moorhead Public Service**

**2025 ANNUAL RELIABILITY  
BENCHMARKING  
REPORT**

**POWERTRX™**  
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# I. About This Report

This report focuses on distribution system reliability across the country and is customized to each utility that participates in the American Public Power Association's PowerTRX Reliability powered by ESAMS. APPA created the Annual Reliability Benchmarking Report to assist utilities in their efforts to understand and analyze their electric system. In 2012, APPA developed the eReliability Tracker thanks to a grant from the Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED) program. In 2025, APPA transitioned the eReliability Tracker to a new platform PowerTRX Reliability powered by ESAMS by partnering with HGW & Associates, Inc.

This report reflects data in the PowerTRX Reliability from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. This analysis might not properly reflect your utility's statistics if you do not have a full year of data in the system. The report includes data recorded as of March 23, 2026.

Reliability reflects both historic and ongoing engineering investment decisions within a utility. Proper use of reliability metrics ensures that a utility is performing its intended function and is providing service in a consistent and effective manner.

While the primary use of reliability statistics is for self-evaluation, you can use these statistics to compare your utility with similar utilities. However, differences such as electrical network configuration, ambient environment, weather conditions, and number of customers served typically limit most utility-to-utility comparisons. Due to the diverse range of utilities that use the PowerTRX Reliability, this report endeavors to improve comparative analyses by grouping utilities by size and region.

Since this report contains data for all utilities that use the PowerTRX Reliability, it is important to consider how a particularly large or small utility can affect comparative benchmarks. To ease the issues associated with comparability, each utility's reliability statistics are weighted based on customer count when aggregated. This means that all utilities are equally weighted, and all individual statistics are developed on a per customer basis.

The aggregate statistics in this report are calculated from the 312 utilities with verified 2025 outage data. Utilities that experienced no outages in 2025, or did not upload any data, will have NULL, None, or "0" values in their report for utility-specific data and were not included in the aggregate analysis. Also note that log-normal data with a z-score<sup>[1]</sup> greater than 3.25 may be excluded if it significantly distorts the aggregate statistics.

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[1]: A z-score indicates how much a data point differs from the mean. For instance, a z-score of 3.25 indicates that the data point is three and one-quarter standard deviations from the mean. A z-score of 0 indicates that the data point is identical to the mean.

# Utility Classifications

This report separates utilities into groups according to geographic region and the number of customers served. Table 1 shows the range of customer counts for utilities that use the PowerTRX Reliability by five distinct groups of approximately 111 utilities per group.

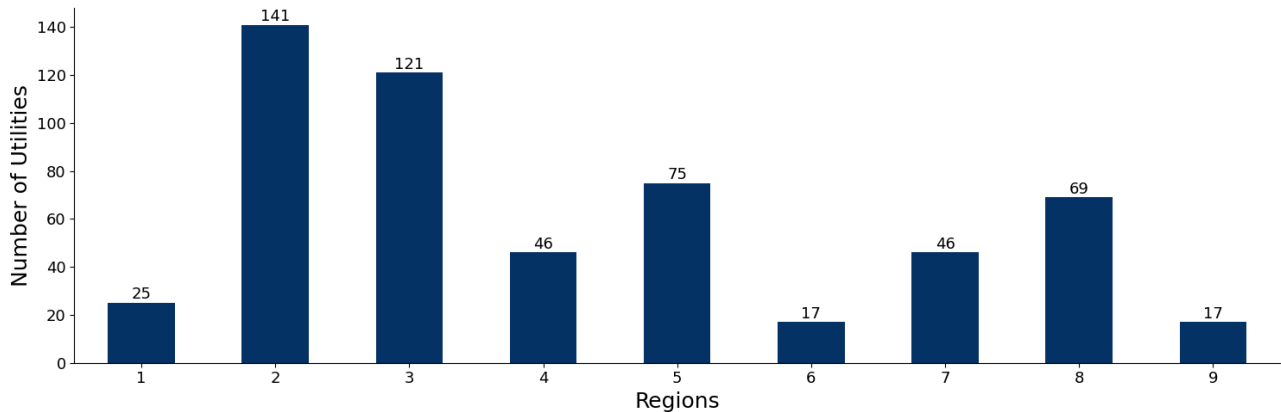
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**Table 1.** Customer count range per size class

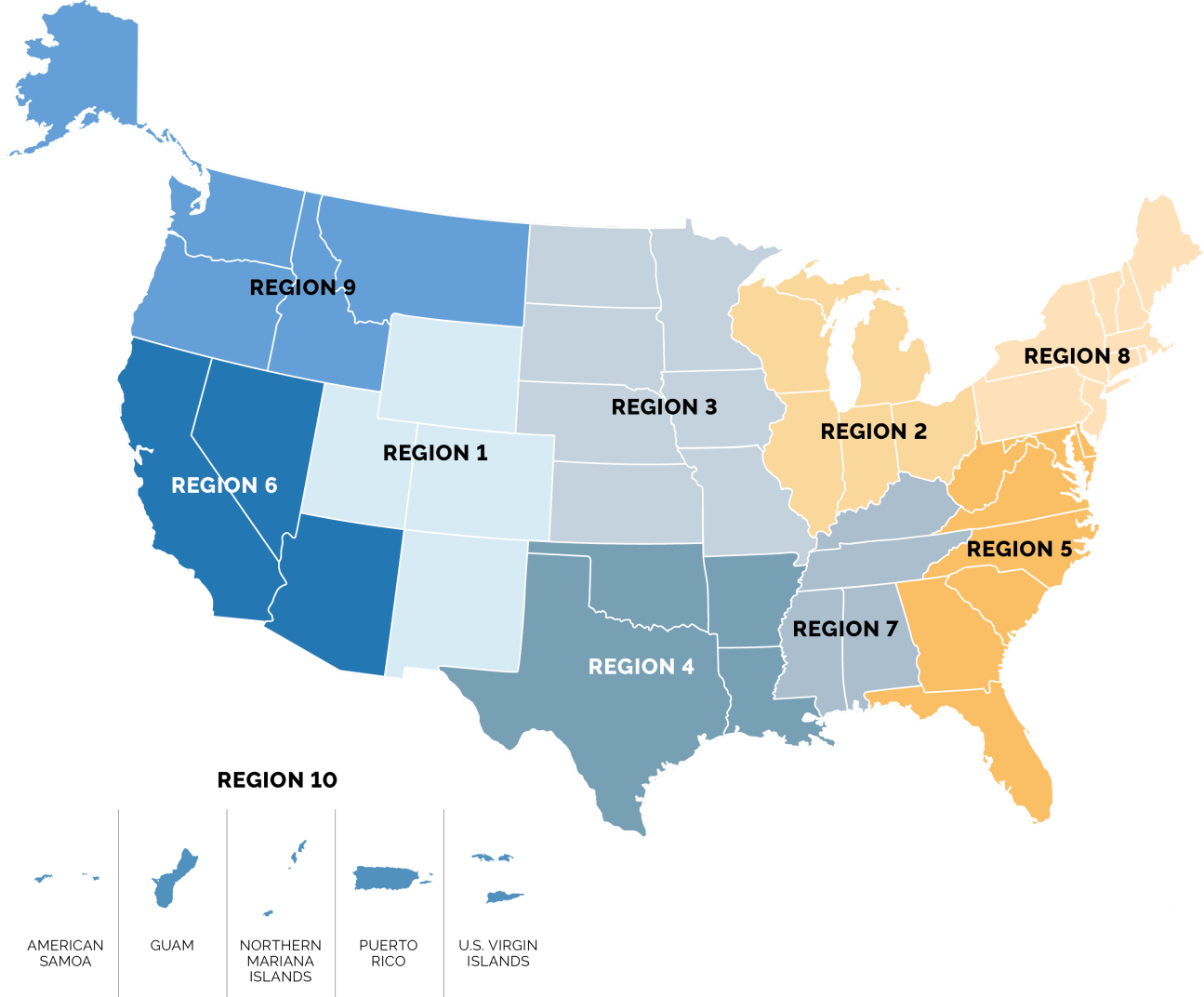
	Customer Count Range
<b>Class 1</b>	>0
<b>Class 2</b>	>1,511
<b>Class 3</b>	>3,518
<b>Class 4</b>	>7,262
<b>Class 5</b>	>14,547

Each utility is also grouped with all other participating utilities within their region. Figure 1 shows the number of utilities using the PowerTRX Reliability in each region and Figure 2 shows the states and territories included in each region.

**Figure 1.** Number of utilities subscribed to the PowerTRX Reliability by region



**Figure 2. Regions**



## II. IEEE Statistics

When it comes to reliability, the industry standard metrics are defined in the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices, or IEEE 1366 guidelines. For each utility, the PowerTRX Reliability performs IEEE 1366 calculations for System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI), System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI), Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI), Momentary Average Interruption Frequency Index (MAIFI), and Average Service Availability Index (ASAI).

It is important to note how major events (MEs) are calculated and used in this report. An example of an ME includes severe weather, such as a tornado or hurricane, that leads to unusually long outages in comparison to your distribution system's typical outage. This report uses the **APPA ME threshold**, which is based directly on the SAIDI for specific outage events, rather than a daily SAIDI. The APPA ME threshold allows a utility to remove outages that exceed the IEEE 2.5 beta threshold for outage events, which considers up to 10 years of the utility's outage history. In the PowerTRX Reliability, if a utility does not have at least 36 outage events prior to the year being analyzed, then no threshold is calculated. If this is the case for your utility, then you will have a NULL value in the following field and the calculations without MEs in the SAIDI, SAIFI, CAIDI, and ASAI sections of this report will be the same as the calculations with MEs for your utility. More outage history will provide a better threshold for your utility.

Your utility's APPA major event threshold is **7.64** minutes.

For each of the reliability indices, this report displays your utility's metrics alongside the mean values for all utilities using the PowerTRX Reliability and within the same class and region as your utility. The first table within each of the following subsections allows you to better understand the performance of your electric system relative to other utilities nationwide and to those within your same region or size class. The second table breaks down the national data into quartile ranges, a minimum value, and a maximum value.

All indices, except MAIFI, are calculated for outages with and without MEs. Furthermore, the tables show indices for scheduled and unscheduled outages. Note that scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

## II.1. System Average Interruption Duration Index

SAIDI is the average duration (in minutes) of an interruption per customer served by the utility during a specific time frame.

Since SAIDI is a sustained interruption index, only outages lasting longer than five minutes are included in the calculations. SAIDI is calculated by dividing the sum of all customer minutes of interruption<sup>[2]</sup> within the specified time frame by the average number of customers served during that period. For example, a utility with 100 customer minutes of interruption and 100 customers would have a SAIDI of 1.

Note that in the tables below, scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

**Table 2.** Average SAIDI with and without MEs  
*In minutes*

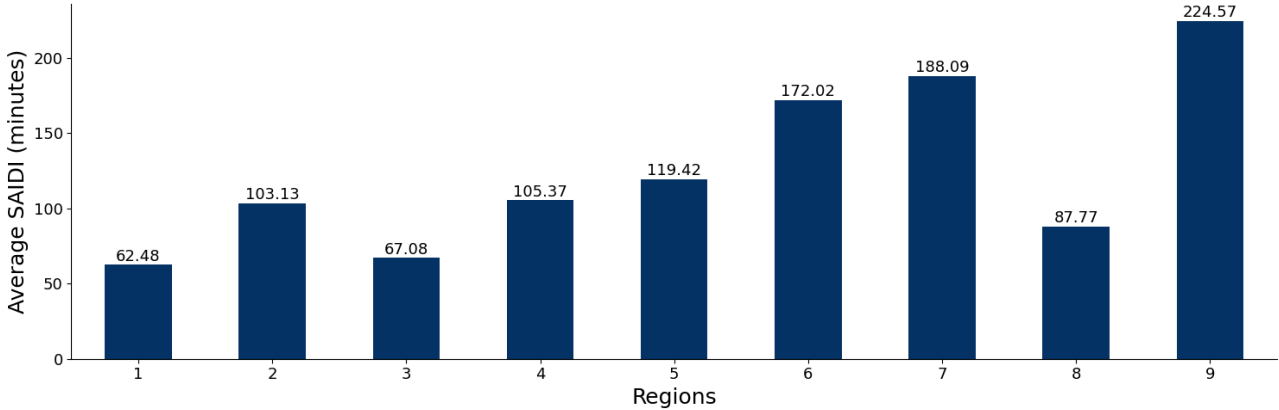
	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
<b>Your utility</b>	14.27	14.27	14.27	NULL
<b>Utilities that use PowerTRX Reliability</b>	110.25	54.6	106.69	6.51
<b>Utilities in your region</b>	67.08	46.73	65.28	3.0
<b>Utilities in your size class</b>	119.9	54.52	117.13	4.68

**Table 3.** Summary SAIDI data from the PowerTRX Reliability  
*In minutes*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
<b>Minimum</b>	0.04	0.04	0.04	<0.01
<b>First Quartile</b>	20.91	12.73	19.08	0.2
<b>Median</b>	50.24	25.79	48.17	1.01
<b>Third Quartile</b>	111.47	54.03	108.6	4.63
<b>Maximum</b>	965.21	760.33	948.5	280.35

[2]: Customer minutes of interruption is calculated by multiplying total customers interrupted and total minutes of interruption.

**Figure 3.** Average SAIDI by region



## II.2. System Average Interruption Frequency Index

*SAIFI is the average instances a customer on the utility system will experience a sustained interruption during a specific time frame.*

Since SAIFI is a sustained interruption index, only outages lasting longer than five minutes are included in the calculations. SAIFI is calculated by dividing the total number of customers that experienced sustained interruptions by the average number of customers served during that period. For example, a utility with 150 customer interruptions and 200 customers would have a SAIFI of 0.75.

Note that in the tables below, scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

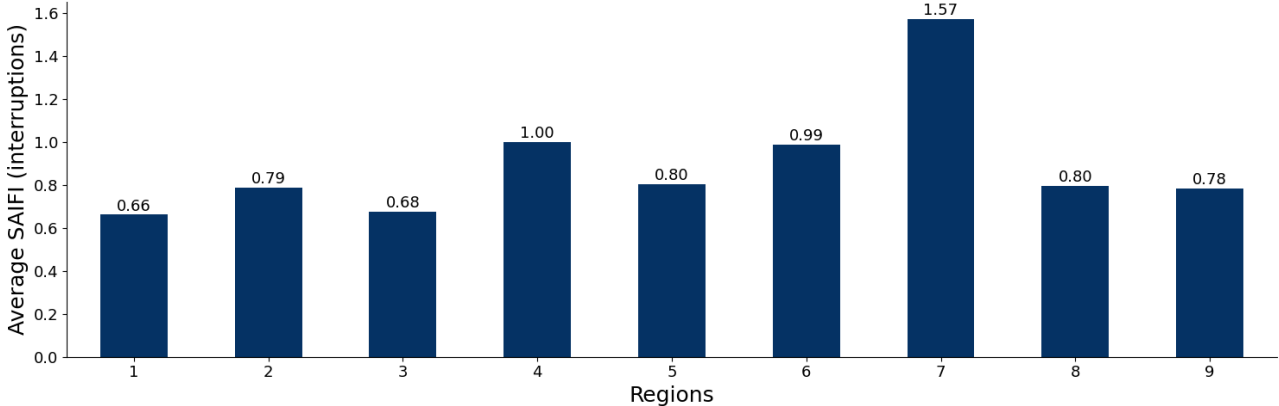
**Table 4.** Average SAIFI with and without MEs  
*In interruptions*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
<b>Your utility</b>	0.31	0.31	0.31	NULL
<b>Utilities that use PowerTRX Reliability</b>	0.86	0.54	0.83	0.04
<b>Utilities in your region</b>	0.68	0.45	0.66	0.02
<b>Utilities in your size class</b>	0.94	0.59	0.91	0.05

**Table 5.** Summary SAIFI data from the PowerTRX Reliability  
*In interruptions*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
<b>Minimum</b>	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
<b>First Quartile</b>	0.28	0.15	0.27	<0.01
<b>Median</b>	0.61	0.35	0.56	0.01
<b>Third Quartile</b>	1.12	0.71	1.09	0.05
<b>Maximum</b>	4.68	4.16	4.67	0.63

**Figure 4.** Average SAIFI by region



## II.3. Customer Average Interruption Duration Index

CAIDI is the average duration (in minutes) of an interruption experienced by customers during a specific time frame.

Since CAIDI is a sustained interruption index, only outages lasting longer than five minutes are included in the calculations. CAIDI is calculated by dividing the sum of all customer minutes of interruption by the number of customers that experienced one or more interruptions during that period. This metric reflects the average customer experience (minutes of duration) during an outage.

Note that in the tables below, scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

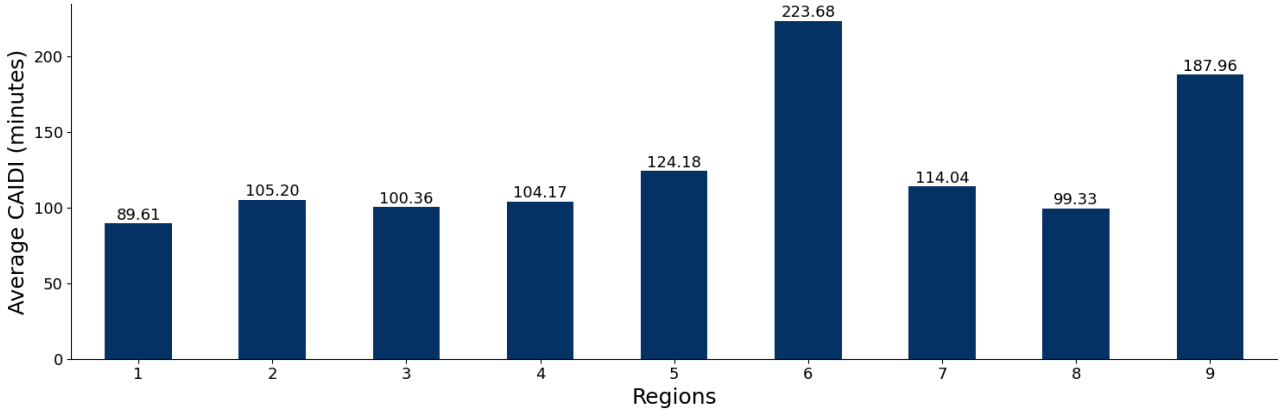
**Table 6.** Average CAIDI with and without MEs  
*In minutes*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
<b>Your utility</b>	46.39	46.39	46.39	NULL
<b>Utilities that use PowerTRX Reliability</b>	114.78	94.95	113.99	161.38
<b>Utilities in your region</b>	100.36	89.45	101.31	187.25
<b>Utilities in your size class</b>	109.32	89.68	109.1	129.1

**Table 7.** Summary CAIDI data from the PowerTRX Reliability  
*In minutes*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
<b>Minimum</b>	11.4	11.4	9.81	10.0
<b>First Quartile</b>	60.95	55.27	60.95	60.0
<b>Median</b>	93.37	78.01	91.69	91.21
<b>Third Quartile</b>	134.84	108.01	135.38	155.92
<b>Maximum</b>	834.46	577.44	842.31	4,453.93

**Figure 5.** Average CAIDI by region



## II.4. Momentary Average Interruption Frequency Index

*MAIFI is the average number of momentary interruptions a utility customer will experience during a specific time frame.*

In this report, an outage with a duration of five minutes or less is classified as momentary. MAIFI is calculated by dividing the total number of customers that experienced momentary interruptions by the total number of customers served by the utility. For example, a utility with 20 momentary customer interruptions and 100 customers would have a MAIFI of 0.20.

Momentary interruptions can be more difficult to track and utilities without an automated outage management system might not log these interruptions; therefore, some utilities have a MAIFI of zero.

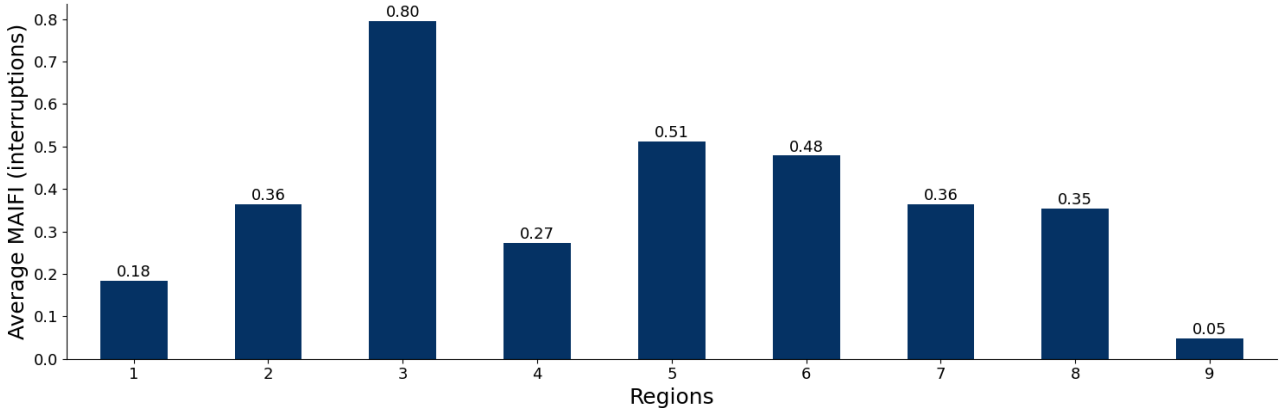
**Table 8.** Average MAIFI  
*In interruptions*

	All
<b>Your utility</b>	0.34
<b>Utilities that use PowerTRX Reliability</b>	0.44
<b>Utilities in your region</b>	0.8
<b>Utilities in your size class</b>	0.44

**Table 9.** Summary MAIFI data from the PowerTRX Reliability  
*In interruptions*

	All
<b>Minimum</b>	<0.01
<b>First Quartile</b>	<0.01
<b>Median</b>	0.16
<b>Third Quartile</b>	0.51
<b>Maximum</b>	3.82

**Figure 6.** Average MAIFI by region



## II.5. Average Service Availability Index

ASAI is the percentage of time the sub-transmission and distribution systems are available to serve customers during a specific time frame.

This load-based index represents the percentage availability of electric service to customers within the period analyzed. It is calculated by dividing the total hours in which service is available to customers by the total hours that service is demanded by the customers. For example, an ASAI of 99.99% means that electric service was available for 99.99% of the time during the given period. Note that the higher your ASAI value, the better the performance.

In the tables below, scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

**Table 10.** Average ASAI with and without MEs

*In percentage*

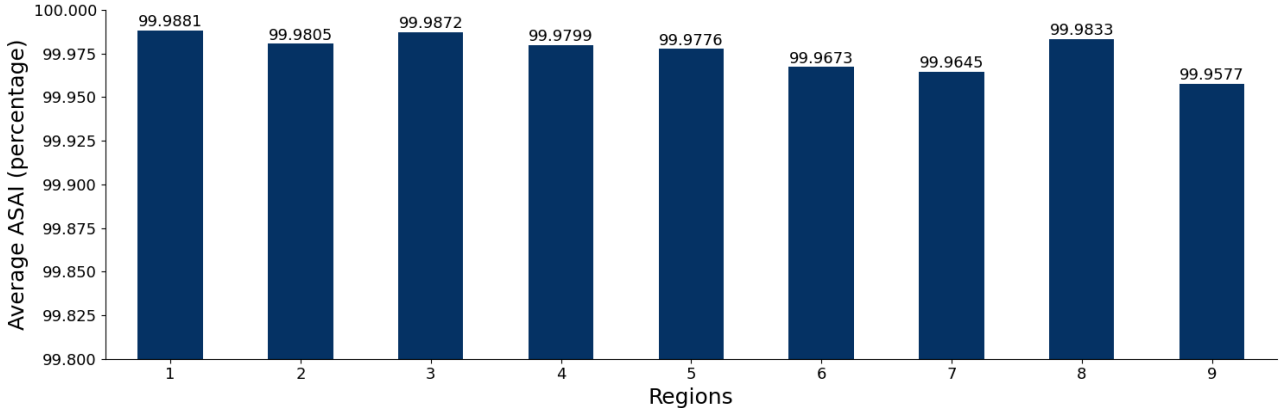
	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
<b>Your utility</b>	99.9977	99.9977	99.9977	NULL
<b>Utilities that use PowerTRX Reliability</b>	99.9792	99.9897	99.9798	99.9987
<b>Utilities in your region</b>	99.9872	99.9911	99.9876	99.9994
<b>Utilities in your size class</b>	99.9775	99.9898	99.978	99.999

**Table 11.** Summary ASAI data from the PowerTRX Reliability

*In percentage*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
<b>Maximum</b>	99.9999	99.9999	99.9999	99.9999
<b>First Quartile</b>	99.996	99.9975	99.9963	99.9999
<b>Median</b>	99.9906	99.9951	99.9908	99.9998
<b>Third Quartile</b>	99.9792	99.9899	99.9795	99.9991
<b>Minimum</b>	99.8163	99.8553	99.8195	99.9466

**Figure 7.** Average ASAI by region



## II.6. Energy Information Administration Form 861 Data

Form EIA-861 collects annual information on electric power industry participants involved in the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric energy in the United States and its territories.

In 2014, Energy Information Administration (EIA) began publishing reliability statistics in Form EIA-861; therefore, APPA included these statistics in this report for informational purposes. Please note that the following data includes 171 investor-owned, 467 rural cooperative, and 332 public power utilities that were large enough to be required to fill out the full EIA-861 form. The statistics do not include data from utilities that complete the EIA 861-S form, which smaller entities complete. Note that the 332 participating public power utilities include entities classified by EIA as municipal, political subdivision, and state. In addition, since the collection and release of EIA form data lags by a year, the data is based on 2024 data that was published October 7, 2025. Therefore, we suggest you only use the aggregate statistics contained herein as an informational tool for further comparison of reliability statistics.

In Form EIA-861, an entity provides SAIDI and SAIFI including and excluding ME days in accordance with the IEEE 1366-2003 or IEEE 1366-2012 standard.

Although EIA collected other reliability-related data, the tables below only include SAIDI and SAIFI data including and excluding ME days. You can download the full set of data at: [www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia861/](http://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia861/).

**Table 12.** Your utility's SAIDI and SAIFI with and without IEEE ME days

SAIDI with IEEE ME days (minutes)	SAIDI without IEEE ME days (minutes)	SAIFI with IEEE ME days (interruptions)	SAIFI without IEEE ME days (interruptions)
14.27	14.27	0.31	0.31

**Table 13.** Summary SAIDI data from Form EIA-861, 2024

*In minutes*

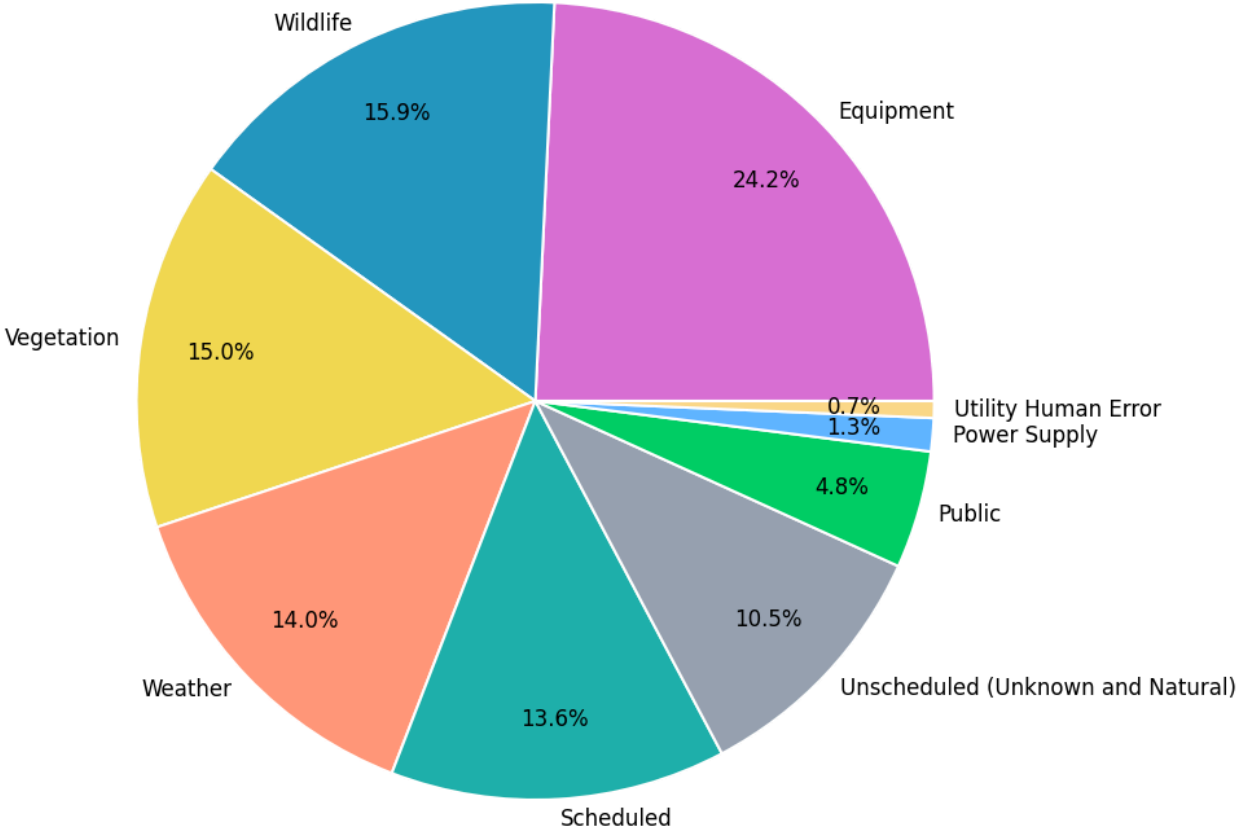
	All	No MEs
Average	520.78	169.31
Minimum	0	0
First Quartile	80.85	54.00
Median	199.20	101.58
Third Quartile	403.56	180.00
Maximum	17,313.00	17,059.00

**Table 14.** Summary SAIFI data from Form EIA-861, 2024  
*In interruptions*

	<b>All</b>	<b>No MEs</b>
<b>Average</b>	1.75	1.24
<b>Minimum</b>	0	0
<b>First Quartile</b>	0.84	0.64
<b>Median</b>	1.41	1.02
<b>Third Quartile</b>	2.26	1.61
<b>Maximum</b>	10.41	6.86

# III. Outage Causes

Equipment failure, extreme weather events, wildlife, and vegetation are some of the most common causes of electric system outages. The following pie chart shows the percentages of the primary causes of outages for all utilities using the PowerTRX Reliability in 2025.



**Figure 8.** Primary causes of outages in 2025

Certain factors, such as regional weather and animal/vegetation patterns, can make some causes more prevalent for a specific group of utilities. The following section includes graphs depicting common causes of outages for your utility, all utilities in your region, and all utilities using the PowerTRX Reliability.

Charts containing aggregate information are customer-weighted to account for differences in utility size for a better analytical comparison. For example, a particularly large utility may have a large number of outages compared to a small utility. To avoid skewing the data toward large utilities, the number of cause occurrences is divided by customer size to account for the differences. In Figures 9 to 14, the data represent the number of occurrences for each group

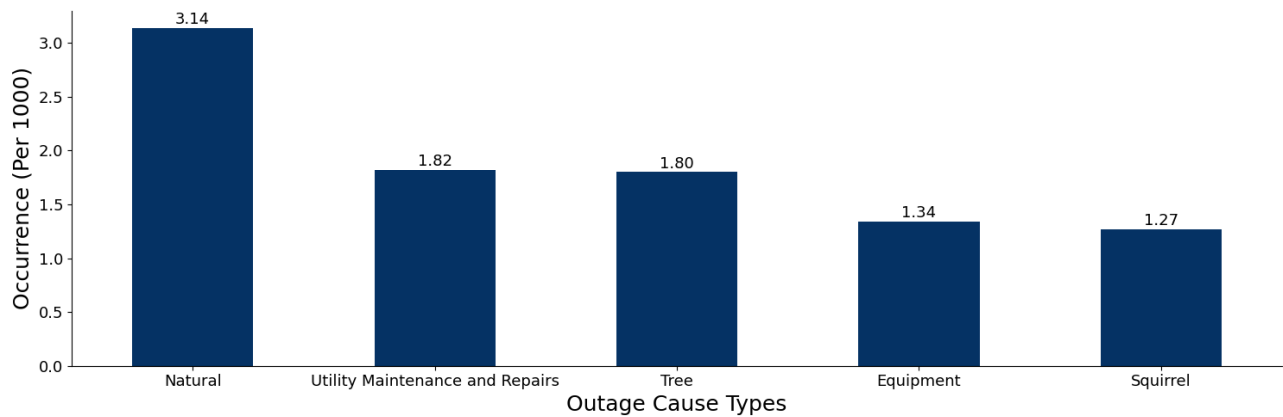
of 1,000 customers. A customer-weighted occurrence rate of "1" means an average of one outage from that cause occurred per 1,000 customers in 2025.

Note that the sustained outage cause analysis is more comprehensive than the momentary outage cause analysis due to a larger and more robust sample size for sustained outages. Regardless, tracking both sustained and momentary outages helps utilities understand and reduce outages. To successfully use the outage information tracked by your utility, it is imperative to classify and record outages in detail. The more information provided per outage, the more conclusive and practical your analyses will be.

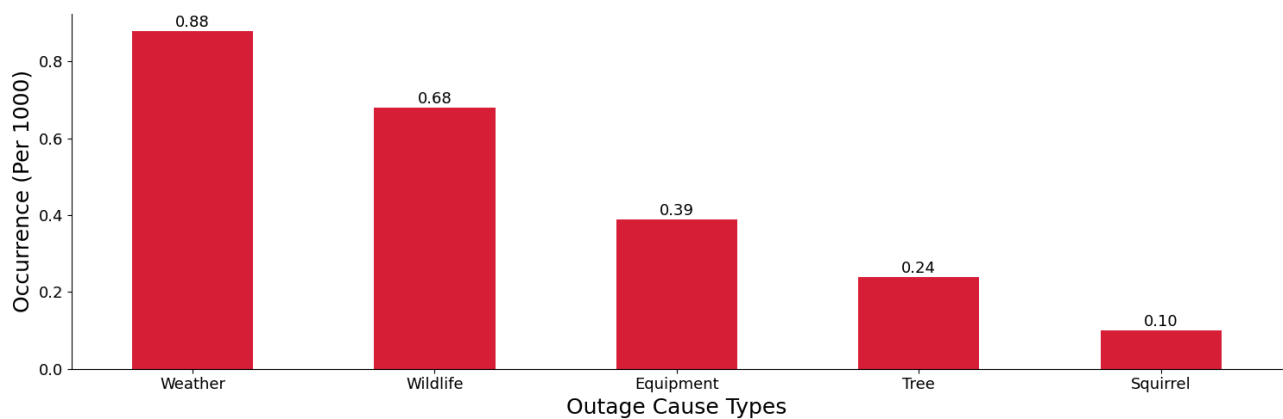
### III.1. Sustained Outage Causes

In general, sustained outages are the most commonly tracked outage type. In analyses of sustained outages, utilities tend to exclude scheduled outages, partial power, customer-related problems, and qualifying major events from their reliability indices calculations. While this is a valid method for reporting, these outages should be included for internal review to make utility-level decisions. In this section, we evaluate common causes of sustained outages for your utility, corresponding region, and for all utilities that use PowerTRX Reliability powered by ESAMS. It is important to note that sustained outages are classified in this report as outages that last longer than five minutes, as defined by IEEE 1366.

**Figure 9.** Top five causes of sustained outages for all utilities that use the PowerTRX Reliability<sup>[3]</sup>



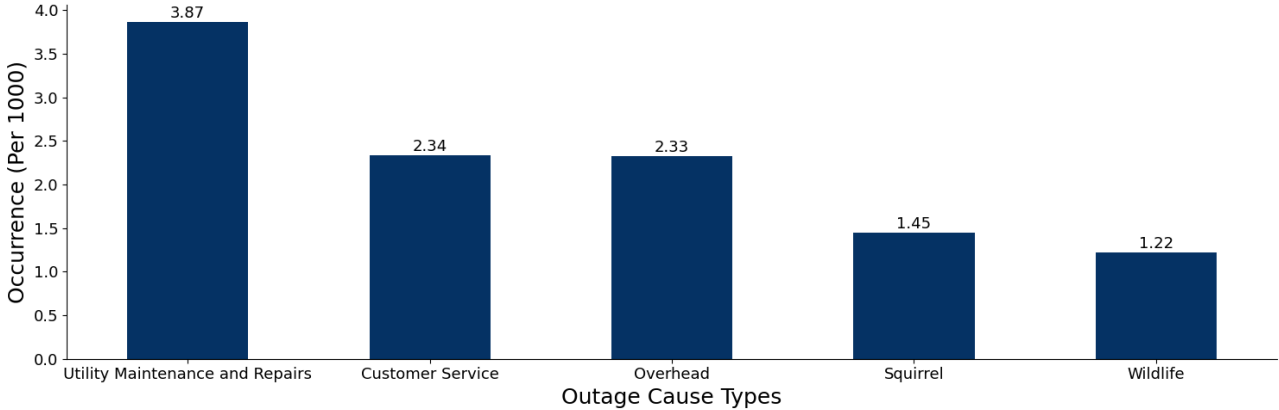
**Figure 10.** Top five causes of sustained outages for your utility<sup>[4]</sup>



[3]: Cause occurrence rates reflect the total number of outages across all participating utilities. In some cases, a high occurrence rate for a specific cause may be driven primarily by a small number of utilities (or a single utility) that experienced a large number of outages for that cause during the reporting period.

[4]: The number of occurrences for each cause is divided by the utility's customer count (in thousands) to create an occurrence rate that can be compared across different utility sizes.

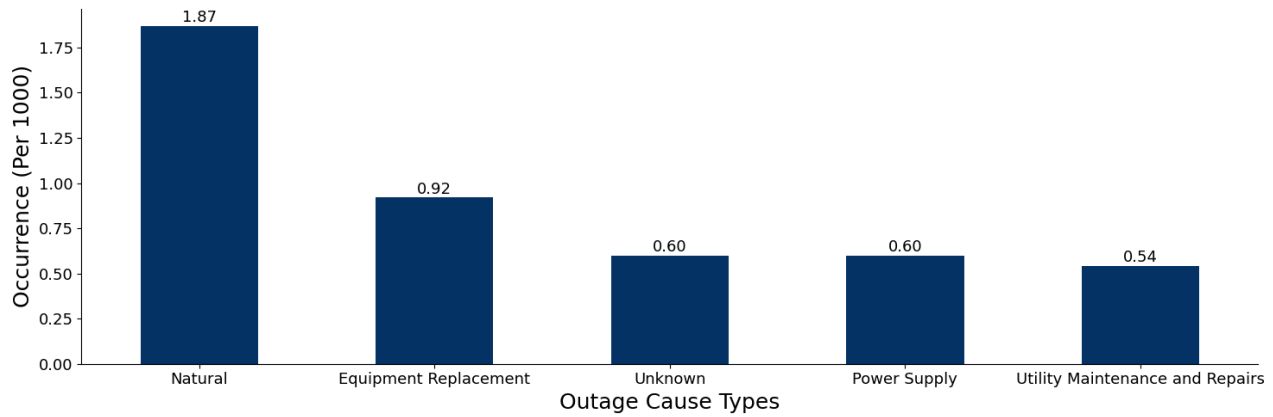
**Figure 11.** Top five causes of sustained outages in your region



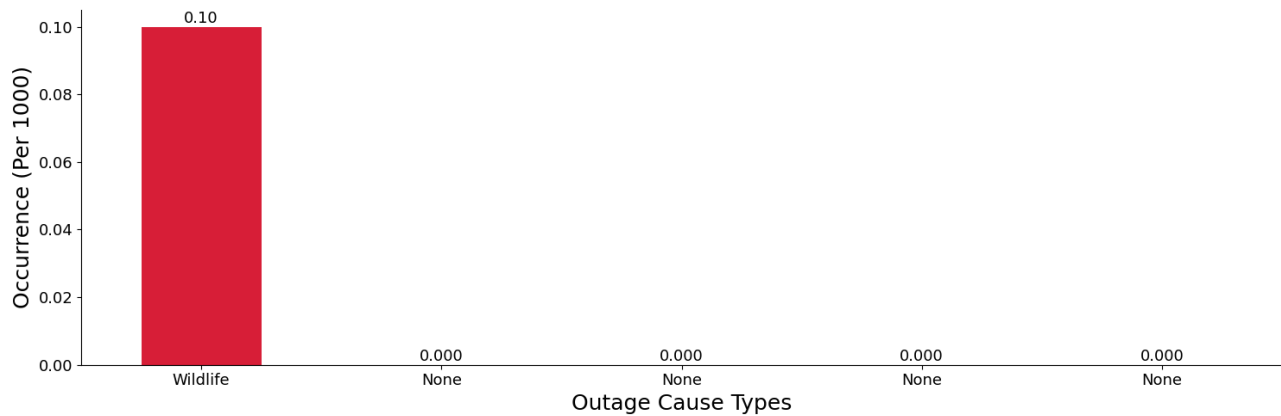
## III.2. Momentary Outage Causes

The ability to track momentary outages can be difficult or unavailable on some systems, but due to the hazard they pose for electronic equipment, it is important to track and analyze the causes of momentary outages. This section evaluates the common causes of momentary outages for your utility, region, and size class as well as common causes for all utilities that use the PowerTRX Reliability. Please note that only outages lasting less than five minutes are classified as momentary, as defined by IEEE 1366. In Figures 12–14, for each utility, the number of occurrences for each cause is divided by that utility's customer count (in thousands) to create an occurrence rate that can be compared across different utility sizes.

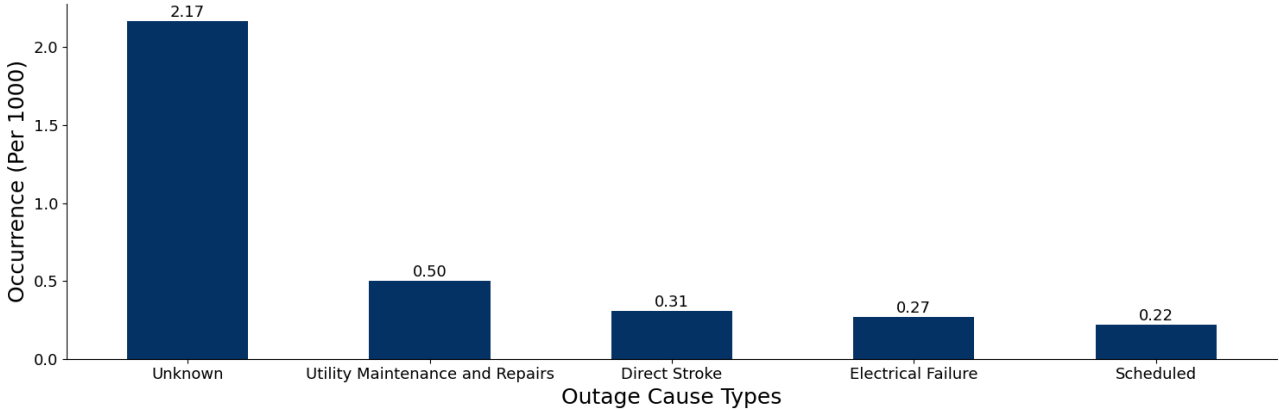
**Figure 12.** Top five causes of momentary outages for all utilities that use the PowerTRX Reliability



**Figure 13.** Top five causes of momentary outages for your utility



**Figure 14.** Top five causes of momentary outages in your region



Thank you for your active participation in the PowerTRX Reliability service. We hope this report is useful to your utility in analyzing your system. If you have any questions regarding the material provided in this report, please contact:

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## Approve 2025 Audited Financial Statements

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve the 2025 Audited Financial Statements, Executive Summary, and Eide Bailly's Management Letter to the Commission.

### **BACKGROUND:**

A financial audit is the review of a company or entity's financial statements, resulting in the issuance of an independent opinion on whether the statements are relevant, accurate, complete, and fairly presented.

In November 2024, the Commission entered into an agreement with Eide Bailly, LLP (Eide Bailly), to serve as the external auditor for financial audits for calendar years 2024 through 2026.

As an auditor, it is Eide Bailly's responsibility to report its findings directly to the governing board of Moorhead Public Service (MPS). Janeen Hathcock, CPA and Partner of Eide Bailly, will provide a remote PowerPoint presentation of MPS' 2025 Audited Financial Statements and supplementary information at Tuesday's meeting.

Eide Bailly's auditors worked directly with MPS' accounting and finance staff to complete this year's audit. MPS staff does an excellent job of preparing for and assisting Eide Bailly throughout the audit.

### **Information Provided for MPS' 2025 Audit:**

Attached to this agenda item are the following documents for your review:

1. Executive Summary. This is a non-required summary of information from the audited financial statements, including graphs and ratios. Eide Bailly believes this summary provides a clear picture of MPS' financial condition as of December 31, 2025.
2. Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report. This is the formal, required independent audit of MPS management's financial statements as of December 31, 2025. Eide Bailly is accountable to, and reports directly to, the Commission. Eide Bailly's responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on its audit. Their audit is completed in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States.
3. Final Governance Letter from Eide Bailly. Professional auditing standards require that Eide Bailly communicates the information contained in this letter regarding MPS' audit. The letter outlines the auditor's responsibilities, provides an assessment of the quality of MPS' accounting practices, and addresses whether any audit-related issues were identified, corrected or uncorrected misstatements, disagreements with management, management representations, consultations with other independent accountants, and other audit findings or matters.
4. Management Representation Letter. Upon completion of the audit, MPS' General Manager and Finance Division Manager, who are responsible for MPS' accounting records and processes, are required to provide a representation letter to the auditors. The purpose of the representation letter is to confirm that they are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements, for adopting accounting policies, for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for preventing and detecting fraud.

**Special Notes and Financial Highlights from Management:**

1. Clean Audit Opinion. As indicated on Page 1 of the Independent Auditor’s Report, MPS received an “unqualified,” or “clean,” audit opinion from Eide Bailly for its 2025 Audited Financial Statements. The audit opinion presents the auditor’s professional opinion, based on the audit work completed, as to whether the financial statements were prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and if the financial statements fairly present the financial position of the entity that was audited.
2. Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting. The last few pages of the Audited Financial Statements include Eide Bailly’s “Report on Internal Control,” which is a required communication to the Commission.

As stated in the Report on Internal Control, there are four options for reporting on internal controls:

- a. No material weakness or significant deficiency is the most desirable finding.
- b. A “deficiency in internal control” exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned duties, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis.
- c. A “material weakness” is a significant deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.
- d. A “significant deficiency” is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

For the 2025 Audited Financial Statements, Eide Bailly’s “Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting” states on Page 1 of the report that they “...did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.”

3. Letter to the Commission. Eide Bailly’s letter to the Commission discloses that there were no significant audit findings, no difficulties in performing the audit, no uncorrected or corrected misstatements, and no disagreements with management regarding this audit.
4. Financial Highlights. The financial highlights for 2025, which are noted in the “Management’s Discussion and Analysis” section of the Audited Financial Statements, include:
  - a. MPS’ combined net position increased \$6.6 million, or 4.4 percent, from \$150.7 million to \$157.3 million. The Electric Fund’s net position increased \$4.2 million, or 4.7 percent, from \$90.0 million to \$94.2 million. The Water Fund’s net position increased \$2.3 million, or 3.8 percent, from \$60.7 million to \$63.0 million.

- b. Combined operating revenues increased by \$1.9 million, or 3.5 percent, from \$56.3 million to \$58.2 million. Electric Fund operating revenues increased by \$1.7 million, or 3.9 percent, from \$44.2 million to \$45.9 million. Water Fund operating revenues increased by \$218,000, or 1.8 percent, from \$12.1 million to \$12.3 million.
- c. Combined net transfers to the City of Moorhead increased \$176,000, or 1.7 percent, from \$10.3 million to \$10.4 million. Electric Fund transfers increased \$167,000, or 1.7 percent, from \$9.5 million to \$9.7 million. Water Fund transfers increased \$9,000, or 1.2 percent, from \$732,000 to \$741,000.

**KEY ISSUES:**

- A financial audit is a review of an entity's financial reporting.
- Eide Bailly has been retained by the Commission and is responsible for reporting its audit findings directly to the Commission.
- MPS received a clean audit opinion.
- No deficiencies in internal control were reported.
- No significant audit findings were reported.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- MPS' combined net position increased \$6.6 million, or 4.4 percent, from \$150.7 million to \$157.3 million.
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Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Mark Moilanen, Administration and Finance Division Manager.

**Attachments:**

Executive Summary (PSC Only)  
Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report (PSC Only)  
Final Governance Letter from Eide Bailly (PSC Only)  
Management Representation Letter (PSC Only)



## Approve Task Order No. 17 with DGR Engineering for Northeast Substation Transmission Line Extension Project

### RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve Task Order No. 17 with DGR Engineering, Inc., for Moorhead Public Service's Northeast Substation Transmission Line Extension Project in the amount of \$35,000.

### BACKGROUND:

In December 2024, Moorhead Public Service (MPS) entered into a Task Order Agreement for Professional Services with DGR Engineering, Inc. (DGR). Task Order No. 1 was for miscellaneous engineering services to address items, which included a review of relay settings, fault analysis, and other minor engineering needs.

Task Order No. 17 (available upon request) is for services to design and provide assistance with permitting and project management of a transmission line extension project that will connect MPS' new Northeast Substation (NE Substation) into its 115 kV transmission system. The project includes two separate transmission lines—the east line is approximately 1.0 miles long, and the west line is approximately 0.7 miles long.

The total cost for Task Order No. 17 for the NE Substation Transmission Line Extension Project is estimated at \$35,000 and is included in MPS' 2026 budget.

### KEY ISSUES:

- Task Order No. 17 is for services to design and provide assistance with permitting and project management of a transmission line extension project that will connect MPS' new NE Substation into its 115 kV transmission system.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- The total cost for Task Order No. 17 for the NE Substation Transmission Line Extension Project is estimated at \$35,000 and is included in MPS' 2026 budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Taylor Holte, Project Engineer.

**Attachments:** Available upon request.



## Approve Summer Voluntary Watering Restrictions

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve summer conservation efforts in the form of voluntary watering restrictions, effective May 29, 2026, to September 30, 2026, and grant the General Manager authority to implement further conservation measures, if necessary.

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### **Voluntary Watering Restrictions.**

Since 1990, the Commission has implemented conservation efforts through voluntary lawn-watering restrictions each summer, typically in effect from May through October. These efforts are part of a broader initiative to conserve water, reduce peak demand, and responsibly manage Moorhead Public Service's (MPS') water supply resources, as well as reduce the amount of chemicals that are required to be used for water treatment each month.

The voluntary watering restrictions for odd-even lawn watering are as follows:

- Lawn watering and car washing based on street address.
- All customers with even-numbered addresses use water for lawn watering and car washing on even-numbered days.
- All customers with odd-numbered addresses use water for lawn watering and car washing on odd-numbered days.

The following uses are exempt from the voluntary watering restrictions:

- Gardens
- Flowers
- Newly planted trees and shrubs
- Newly sodded or seeded lawns

“Newly planted” and “newly sodded” are considered to be planted or seeded within the last 12 months. Conservation efforts remain voluntary unless summer weather conditions warrant. The total removal of any mandatory watering restrictions will be by a vote of the Commission. If MPS receives notification from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requiring further conservation efforts, General Manager Travis Schmidt requests that the Commission give Schmidt the authority to implement the necessary measures, as described in MPS' Water Supply Plan that is on file with regulatory agencies.

#### **History of MPS' Water Conservation Rates.**

In 2013, the Commission implemented water conservation rates for May through October. Water conservation rates were enacted in response to Minnesota Statutes §103G.291, which required demand reduction measures.

The water conservation rates include a seasonal component and an individualized demand reduction component based on winter water use. The conservation component applies to monthly summer water usage that exceeds 150 percent of the customer's average monthly usage from November through April.

Information on water conservation is available online from various sources. Below are some tips for MPS customers:

- Learn to read the water meter to keep track of how much water is used. MPS' meters measure in 100 c.f. units (equivalent to 748 gallons). New water meters that are being installed as part of MPS' Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project read in gallons.
- Mow grass to a height of 2½ to 3 inches. Taller grass shades the roots and soil surface, helping reduce water loss to evaporation.
- About 1 inch of water per week (including precipitation) is adequate for maintaining a healthy lawn. Use a can or rain gauge to help determine the amount of water applied by the sprinkler system and supplied by rainfall.

MPS customers are encouraged to conserve water throughout the summer and utilize tips from MPS' website ([www.mpsutility.com/index.php/water-conservation](http://www.mpsutility.com/index.php/water-conservation)) to reduce water consumption.

**KEY ISSUES:**

- Since 1990, the Commission has implemented conservation efforts through voluntary lawn-watering restrictions each summer, typically in effect from May through October.
- MPS' water conservation rates include a seasonal component and an individualized demand reduction component based on winter water use.
- The conservation component applies to monthly summer water usage that exceeds 150 percent of the customer's average monthly use from November through April.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Marc Pritchard, Water Plant Manager.

**Attachments:** None.

## **Approve 2026 Farm Lease Agreement**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve a Farm Lease Agreement with Matthew Krabbenhoft, President of Krabbenhoft and Sons Inc., for 2026 at the current annual rate of \$50 per acre.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Moorhead Public Service (MPS) acquired 80 acres of farmland in northeast Moorhead decades ago to use as a future site for lime sludge holding ponds. Since that time, several facilities have been constructed on the property, including lime sludge ponds, a wastewater lift station, wind turbines, a solar demonstration site, and community solar gardens. Following 2015 legislation that reclassified lime sludge disposal in new ponds as industrial waste, MPS will continue utilizing the existing 12 ponds in conjunction with its Lime Sludge Dewatering Facility. The remaining land will be used for equipment staging related to lime handling and pond maintenance activities.

Mr. Krabbenhoft has expressed interest in serving as the successor to the farming operations on the parcel, which was previously leased to K. James Koester. Mr. Koester has leased the available farmland south of the lime sludge storage ponds from MPS since 1998, and this agricultural use has helped keep the property active and well maintained. The lease with Mr. Koester expired in November 2025, and Mr. Krabbenhoft has requested to enter into a new lease agreement.

Under the proposed 2026 Farm Lease Agreement, Mr. Krabbenhoft will farm approximately 13.3 acres of available land. The final planted acreage will be determined in coordination with MPS staff. MPS anticipates receiving approximately \$590 in rental income from the farmland in 2026. The 2026 Farm Lease Agreement and accompanying map are available upon request.

### **KEY ISSUES:**

- Mr. Krabbenhoft has expressed interest in serving as the successor to the farming operations on the parcel, which was previously leased to K. James Koester.
- Mr. Koester has leased the available farmland south of the lime sludge storage ponds from MPS beginning in 1998, and this agricultural use has helped keep the property active and well maintained.
- The final planted acreage will be determined in coordination with MPS staff.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- MPS anticipates receiving approximately \$590 in rental income from the farmland in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Marc Pritchard, Water Plant Manager.

**Attachments:** Available upon request.



## Approve Task Order No. 17 with KLM Engineering for Professional Services Related to AT&T's Equipment Upgrade on MPS' Oakport Water Tower

### RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve Task Order No. 17 with KLM Engineering, Inc., for professional services for plan review and inspection services related to AT&T's upgrade of existing telecommunications equipment on Moorhead Public Service's Oakport Water Tower.

### BACKGROUND:

Moorhead Public Service (MPS) owns and maintains the Oakport Water Tower (Oakport Tower) to provide fire protection and water pressure to northern Moorhead. Over the past several years, MPS staff has completed multiple water tower rehabilitation projects, including full protective coating replacements and updated lease agreements with telecommunications providers that install equipment on its water towers.

From time to time, these telecommunications providers request upgrades to their equipment. In response, MPS facilitates an independent third-party review to ensure structural components are professionally analyzed and inspected, structural integrity is maintained, and the water tower's protective coating systems are not damaged.

MPS intends to establish an escrow arrangement with AT&T to facilitate payment for the review and inspection services provided by KLM Engineering, Inc. (KLM), resulting in no cost to MPS. On behalf of MPS, KLM will review plans for the proposed equipment upgrades, conduct preconstruction meetings, and inspect the installation of the telecommunications equipment on the Oakport Tower. If AT&T determines that additional or modified equipment upgrades are necessary during the project, KLM would also review those changes, and additional escrow funding would be required.

Under the escrow arrangement, AT&T will deposit an initial \$14,000 into an escrow account with MPS. Once KLM inspects and approves the work completed by AT&T, MPS will remit payment to KLM in accordance with Task Order No. 17 (available upon request). This payment structure is consistent with the process used for other telecommunications upgrade projects involving MPS' water towers.

### KEY ISSUES:

- MPS owns and maintains the Oakport Water Tower to provide fire protection and water pressure to northern Moorhead.
- From time to time, these telecommunications providers request upgrades to their equipment.
- On behalf of MPS, KLM will review plans for the proposed equipment upgrades, conduct preconstruction meetings, and inspect the installation of the telecommunications equipment on the Oakport Tower.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- MPS intends to establish an escrow arrangement with AT&T to facilitate payment for the review and inspection services provided by KLM, resulting in no cost to MPS.
- Under the escrow arrangement, AT&T will deposit an initial \$14,000 into an escrow account with MPS.
- If AT&T determines that additional or modified equipment upgrades are necessary during the project, KLM would also review those changes, and additional escrow funding would be required.
- Once KLM inspects and approves the work completed by AT&T, MPS will remit payment to KLM in accordance with Task Order No. 17.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Marc Pritchard, Water Plant Manager.

**Attachments:** Available upon request.

## **Approve Task Order No. 14 with Apex Engineering Group for Master Plan and Feasibility Study for MPS' Water Treatment Plant**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests that the Commission approve Task Order No. 14 with Apex Engineering Group, Inc., for professional services to facilitate and complete a Master Plan and Feasibility Study for Moorhead Public Service's Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$143,190.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Moorhead Public Service (MPS) has long taken proactive steps to ensure that assets within its Water Treatment Plant (WTP) network are operated, maintained, and replaced as needed to maximize reliability and resiliency while meeting all regulatory requirements for safe, reliable drinking water. A key component of these efforts is an internally developed priority list of assets that staff continuously maintains and updates as WTP operations evolve over time. With this priority-based approach, MPS has completed extensive in-house planning for numerous treatment systems. As more assets and infrastructure within the WTP approach the end of their useful service lives, larger capital projects must be carefully evaluated and strategically planned to maintain service quality while using the most cost-effective implementation methods.

While internal efforts have been extensive, staff determined that it was necessary to engage an outside firm to evaluate current systems, prioritize asset rehabilitation and replacement schedules, and verify that no planning gaps remain. With this in mind, MPS issued competitive Requests for Proposals for a Master Plan and Feasibility Study for MPS' WTP on February 23, 2026, and proposals were received on April 17, 2026. MPS received four highly qualified proposals from area engineering firms. Following an MPS review panel's evaluation, Apex Engineering Group, Inc. (Apex), was selected for the project. MPS has partnered with Apex on numerous projects and is confident in the firm's ability to successfully complete this work.

The primary components included in the scope of work under Task Order No. 14 (available upon request) include a comprehensive condition assessment of MPS' existing assets and maintenance practices. Using this information, Apex will develop a comprehensive asset management plan that will help guide a long-term Master Plan for the WTP. Significant portions of the Master Plan will include forward-looking strategies related to treatment asset utilization, evaluation of asset retirement and replacement alternatives, and long-term financial planning. In addition, MPS intends to complete a feasibility study evaluating options for expanding its source water portfolio and treatment technologies, including planning-level cost analyses to support future strategic action items and budgetary planning for the Water Division.

MPS and Apex anticipate completing this work between the fourth quarter of 2026 and the first quarter of 2027. The cost of these services is \$143,900 and is included in the 2026 Water Division budget.

### **KEY ISSUES:**

- MPS has long taken proactive steps to ensure that assets within its WTP network are operated, maintained, and replaced as needed to maximize reliability and resiliency while meeting all regulatory requirements to ensure safe and reliable drinking water.
- While internal efforts have been extensive, staff determined that it was necessary to engage an outside firm to evaluate current systems, prioritize asset rehabilitation and replacement schedules, and verify that no planning gaps remain.

- The primary components included in the scope of work under Task Order No. 14 include a comprehensive condition assessment of MPS' existing assets and maintenance practices. Using this information, Apex will develop a comprehensive asset management plan that will help guide a long-term Master Plan for the WTP.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The cost of these services is \$143,900 and is included in the 2026 Water Division budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Marc Pritchard, Water Plant Manager.

**Attachments:** Available upon request.

**Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for  
2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve the specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 20, 2026, the Commission approved Task Order No. 13 with Apex Engineering Group, Inc., (Apex) to complete the engineering and funding administration services associated with Moorhead Public Service's (MPS') 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project (Project). MPS' Water Division proposes completing this Project to replace approximately 30 lead service lines.

On February 17, 2026, the Moorhead City Council approved the Resolution of Application for the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) Drinking Water Revolving Fund Application to continue the application process for state and federal funding for replacing lead service lines. Approving the plans and specifications and authorizing advertisement for bids are the next steps for this Project. Following the bid process, the final contract and cost of the Project will be 100 percent reimbursable through the MPFA, contingent upon MPFA's final approval of the funds.

The bid opening is scheduled for June 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., provided the Commission authorizes advertisement for bids. A recommendation to award the bid will be presented to the Commission on or about June 16, 2026.

The specifications are available for review upon request and will be posted on QuestCDN upon Commission approval.

**KEY ISSUES:**

- The bid opening is scheduled for June 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., provided the Commission authorizes advertisement for bids.
- A recommendation to award the bid will be presented to the Commission on or about June 16, 2026.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The final contract and cost of the Project will be 100 percent reimbursable through MPFA, contingent upon MPFA's final approval of the funds.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Jake Long, Water Distribution Manager.

**Attachments:** Available upon request.



**Approve Task Order No. 4 with Terracon Consultants  
for 2026 Construction Materials Testing**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve Task Order No. 4 with Terracon Consultants, Inc., for 2026 construction materials testing, contingent upon final legal approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

Moorhead Public Service (MPS) utilizes construction materials testing services to accommodate a diverse scope of work, including soil density and compaction testing, concrete compressive strength testing, and environmental investigation testing. The most common testing service used by MPS is related to soil density and compaction associated with installing new watermain or repairing watermain break excavations. Compaction determination is required for excavation to ensure minimal settlement after construction. MPS will require construction materials testing for watermain replacement projects and other maintenance projects in 2026.

To comply with construction materials testing requirements, MPS staff proposes using Task Order No. 4 with Terracon Consultants, Inc. (available upon request). Also included in Task Order No. 4 are other potential construction services, including concrete observation and testing, and environmental investigations. The hourly rates for these services are included in Task Order No. 4 and are available on an as-needed basis. MPS has budgeted \$30,000 for construction materials testing for 2026.

**KEY ISSUES:**

- The most common testing service used by MPS is related to soil density and compaction associated with installing new watermain or repairing watermain break excavations.
- Compaction determination is required for excavation to ensure minimal settlement after construction.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- MPS has budgeted \$30,000 for construction materials testing for watermain replacement projects and other maintenance projects in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Jake Long, Water Distribution Manager.

**Attachments:** Available upon request.



**Approve Sponsorship Request from  
Moorhead Parks and Recreation for Movie Night in the Park****RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve a sponsorship request from Moorhead Parks and Recreation for Movie Night in the Park at the Heritage Garden and Amphitheater in the amount of \$1,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 14, 2026, the Commission approved the amended Policy on Sponsorship and Marketing (Policy). As stated in the Policy, “Moorhead Public Service’s General Manager has the authority to review and provide a recommendation to the Moorhead Public Service Commission for approval of a sponsorship request, or unilaterally approve a marketing request.”

Moorhead Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with Moorhead Public Service (MPS), plans to host Movie Night in the Park on June 12, 2026, at the Heritage Garden and Amphitheater in Moorhead, featuring the movie “Rio.” This event is free to the public and aims to provide a fun, family-friendly evening for community members and encourage community engagement and outdoor recreation. Attendees will be invited to bring their own snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, blankets, lawn chairs, and other picnic items to enjoy during the movie.

MPS would be recognized as the primary sponsor of Movie Night in the Park. The sponsorship amount will offset event-related expenses, including movie licensing and popcorn machine rental. Recognition for the sponsorship will be provided to MPS in the following ways:

- MPS will receive pre-event recognition.
- MPS’ name and logo will be displayed at the event.

MPS has budgeted \$50,000 for sponsorship and marketing expenditures in 2026. To date, \$14,977 has been expended.

**KEY ISSUES:**

- On April 14, 2026, the Commission approved the amended Policy on Sponsorship and Marketing. As stated in the Policy, “Moorhead Public Service’s General Manager has the authority to review and provide a recommendation to the Moorhead Public Service Commission for approval of a sponsorship request, or unilaterally approve a marketing request.”
- MPS would be recognized as the primary sponsor of Movie Night in the Park.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The sponsorship amount requested for this event is \$1,000.
- MPS has budgeted \$50,000 for sponsorship and marketing expenditures in 2026. To date, \$14,977 has been expended.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.

**Attachments:** Moorhead Parks and Recreation Sponsorship Submission Form



# Sponsorship Submission Form

## Requester Information

**Date:** 05/11/26

**Name of Organization Requesting Sponsorship Opportunity:** \_\_\_\_\_

Moorhead Parks and Recreation

**Name of Sponsorship Event:** Movie Night

**Primary Contact Person and Title:** Steve French

**Primary Contact Person Phone Number:** 218-299-5446

**Primary Contact Person E-mail:** steve.french@moorheadmn.gov

Please answer the following questions related to the above-named sponsorship request:

1. How will the sponsorship benefit the Moorhead community as a whole?

A free movie night creates a welcoming space for Moorhead residents.

It also increase access to family friendly entertainment, ensuring everyone can participate

2. How will the sponsorship directly relate to the functions of Moorhead Public Service?

A free movie night supports Moorhead Public Service by strengthening community trust and visibility,

demonstrating how reliable local utilities help create safe, enjoyable, and connected public spaces for all residents

3. Does the sponsorship have, as the primary objective, the benefit of a private interest?

No

## **APPROVE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_







**Approve Sponsorship Request for 2026 Moorhead Sausage Fest**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve a sponsorship request for the 2026 Moorhead Sausage Fest in the amount of \$1,500.

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 14, 2026, the Commission approved the amended Policy on Sponsorship and Marketing (Policy). As stated in the Policy, “Moorhead Public Service’s General Manager has the authority to review and provide a recommendation to the Moorhead Public Service Commission for approval of a sponsorship request, or unilaterally approve a marketing request.”

The Moorhead Sausage Fest (Sausage Fest), to be held at First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead on September 26, 2026, is a family-friendly event that features Oktoberfest-inspired food, including sausage, sides, and beverages from local businesses. The festive event includes live music, a fall harvest vendor market, and games for all ages. In 2024, the Volksmarch 5K walk/run and axe-throwing were added to the event.

Moorhead Public Service (MPS) would be recognized as a Platinum Sponsor for Sausage Fest at a cost of \$1,500. The sponsorship will be used to offset event-related expenses, including rentals for tents, tables, and chairs, as well as attractions such as the petting zoo and the children’s bounce house. Recognition for the sponsorship will be provided to MPS in a variety of ways, including:

- MPS will receive pre-event recognition.
- MPS’ name and logo will be displayed at the event.
- MPS’ name will be included in the sponsor/contributor list on Sausage Fest’s online pages.
- MPS will have the opportunity to provide an interview with the event emcee.
- MPS will receive 10 tickets for the event.

MPS has budgeted \$50,000 for sponsorship and marketing expenditures in 2026. To date, \$14,977 has been expended.

**KEY ISSUES:**

- On April 14, 2026, the Commission approved the amended Policy on Sponsorship and Marketing (Policy). As stated in the Policy, “Moorhead Public Service’s General Manager has the authority to review and provide a recommendation to the Moorhead Public Service Commission for approval of a sponsorship request, or unilaterally approve a marketing request.”
- MPS would be recognized as a Platinum Sponsor for Sausage Fest, with recognition provided in a variety of ways.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- MPS has budgeted \$50,000 for sponsorship and marketing expenditures in 2026. To date, \$14,977 has been expended.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis L. Schmidt  
General Manager

**Division/Response Person:** Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.

**Attachment(s):** Moorhead Sausage Fest Sponsorship Submission Form and Flyer



# Sponsorship Submission Form

## Requester Information

**Date:** of Event - 9-26-26

**Name of Organization Requesting Sponsorship Opportunity:** \_\_\_\_\_

Moorhead Sausage Fest

**Name of Sponsorship Event:** Moorhead Sausage Fest

**Primary Contact Person and Title:** Mitchell McKaig - Coordinator

**Primary Contact Person Phone Number:** 701-212-5424

**Primary Contact Person E-mail:** Mitchellmc317@gmail.com

Please answer the following questions related to the above-named sponsorship request:

1. How will the sponsorship benefit the Moorhead community as a whole?

Family friendly-Community focused Fall Festival w/ an Oktoberfest themed celebration. With free activities for kids and adults. (Petting zoo, bouncy house)

2. How will the sponsorship directly relate to the functions of Moorhead Public Service?

Community Engagement and Promotion of Public Service in Moorhead and the benefits.

PR booth available to display, share and promote Moorhead and Public Service

3. Does the sponsorship have, as the primary objective, the benefit of a private interest?

No

## **APPROVE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2026 Moorhead Sausage Fest Premiere Oktoberfest Event Sponsorship Opportunities



We're delighted to invite you to partner with us for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Moorhead Sausage Fest.

## Why Sponsor Moorhead Sausage Fest?

- Enhances Brand Visibility: Position your brand in front of an expected audience of over 1,000 local attendees, tapping into a wide demographic of potential customers.
- Community Engagement: Directly engage with the local community, showing your support for family-oriented events and local traditions.
- Social Media and Online Recognition: Leverage our growing online presence to boost your brand's digital footprint.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

### Platinum Sponsor

**\$1,500**

- 6 Social Posts
- Emcee Interview
- Prime Logo Placement
- 10 Event Tickets
- More!

### Gold Sponsor

**\$1,000**

- 3 Social Posts
- Emcee Shoutout
- Event Signage
- Print Media Inclusion\*
- 5 Event Tickets

### Silver Sponsor

**\$500**

- 2 Social Posts
- Group Signage
- 2 Event Tickets

We also have Bronze sponsorships available for \$250

\*The print media inclusion deadline is July 15. Sponsor signups after the deadline will not appear on the poster or takeaway cards.



# Sausage Fest Through the years

**3,630  
Attendees**

**3,322 Sausages  
Sold**

**48,611 ounces of  
Beer Sold**



## Becoming a Sponsor

**1**

**Step 1**

Choose your desired sponsorship package

**2**

**Step 2**

Contact Mitch at 701-212-5424, Tim at 701-610-9574 or email us at [mhdsausagefest@gmail.com](mailto:mhdsausagefest@gmail.com)

**3**

**Step 3**

Your Sausage fest contact will reach out for your brand's logo and information.

## Thank you for your interest!

We sincerely thank you for considering sponsoring Moorhead Sausage Fest 2026. Together, we're going to create an unforgettable experience for our community and foster lasting relationships.