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## News Release

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### **ELECTRICAL SUBSTATIONS MAY BE ON ‘POKÉMON GO’ GAME APP**

**Rockford, Minn. (July 18, 2016)** — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) and other electric utilities are urging everyone to be cautious when using the new "Pokémon Go" app and to stay away from all electrical facilities.

The app uses buildings and landmarks as gathering sites for players. The electric cooperatives learned there is discussion that players can catch electric-type Pokémon near substations and transformers.

Electrical equipment can be dangerous and should not be considered gaming locations. WH urges gamers, members and the public to stay away from substations, all power lines and equipment on utility poles and underground electrical facilities commonly identifiable as those green boxes in neighborhood yards.

Never attempt to enter substations, go over a fence or climb utility poles to try and reach transformers. Serious injury or death can occur.

If someone sees activity where a person is trying to get into a substation or climb an electrical pole, you are encouraged to call 9-1-1 first, and then the WH office at (763) 477-3000.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves almost 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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