

News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN'S NEWEST SUBSTATION NOW ENERGIZED IN SOUTHSIDE TOWNSHIP

Rockford, MN (March 15, 2013) — As part of ongoing efforts to provide superior electric reliability, Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) recently energized its newest substation in Southside Township, northeast of South Haven. The commissioning and ribbon cutting ceremony took place March 8.

“This new Lake Caroline substation helps ensure WH’s brand of high reliability and excellent power quality will continue well into the future,” said Chris Lantto, Board Chair and Director from the area. “It will also serve as a back-up in emergency situations should the substations in Silver Creek, Hasty and Goose Lake be taken offline for any reason,” added Timothy Young, Board Director from the area.

WH invested approximately one million dollars in the new substation. It will serve WH members in the area for decades.

Distribution substations such as the Lake Caroline substation are used to convert high voltage electricity from power plants into lower voltage levels suitable for distribution to homes and businesses. This substation is fed by a 69-kilovolt transmission line and is located at the intersection of Oliver Avenue (Country Road 136) and 97th Street, northeast of South Haven and southeast of Fairhaven.

As with WH’s other substations, this substation is equipped with high-tech special sensing equipment that remotely monitors and operates the substations from WH’s dispatch center in Rockford. If an outage does occur, this equipment – called SCADA – allows for faster recognition and restoration of power to members.

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric

accounts. The utility started its security division in 1989 that provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for more than 50,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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The new Lake Caroline Substation.



Pictured in front of the new Southside Township substation at the ribbon cutting ceremony were: (from left to right, front) Steve Nordahl, Lead Electric Apparatus Foreman; Elaine Anderson, HES Engineering Tech; Bruce Keranen, Electric Apparatus Tech; Paul Kahlbaugh, Electric Apparatus Tech; Chris Lantto, District 5 Board Chair, French Lake; Tim Young, District 1 Director, Annandale; Mark Vogt, President and CEO, Annandale; Wayne Baurenschmitt, Planning and Key Accts Supervisor; Lance Hovland, VP of Energy Distribution; Rich Horman, Lead Line Crew Foreman (from left to right, back) Rick Vanderstappen, Lineman; John Stueven, Lineman; Scott Gearey, Lineman; Curtis Cordt, Engineering Manager; Jon Lee, Lineman; Ryan Greninger, Lineman; Tony Jude, Lineman; Josh Myers, Lineman; Jim Sundell, Relief Foreman; Mike Kronquist, Apprentice Lineman.