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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN ASKS MEMBERS TO CONSERVE ENERGY TODAY

Rockford, Minn. (August 1, 2011) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) asks that members voluntarily conserve energy from noon until 10 p.m. today and tomorrow. There is high energy use expected throughout the region due to high temperatures and recent storms.

There is enough power to meet the demand, but your cooperation in helping conserve energy is appreciated. Here are some tips for conserving energy, while still keeping your home cool, on hot and humid days:

- Choose meals that don't contribute additional heat to your home (use a microwave or outdoor grill instead of an oven).
- Delay running the dishwasher until after 10 p.m.
- Delay washing clothes until after 10 p.m.
- Turn off excess lights and keep curtains and draperies closed.
- Turn off computers and other electrical equipment when not in use.
- Avoid leaving doors open for extended periods of time.
- If you are using an air conditioner, turn your thermostat up a couple degrees to save energy.
- Consider traveling to a nearby mall, movie theater or restaurant to beat the heat.

Additionally, WH will be activating its Off-Peak programs today to conserve energy. For the most up-to-date load management information, Off-Peak customers are encouraged to visit WH's website, www.whe.org, and click on "Load Management" under the quick links section.

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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