

# ACCOUNTABILITY INTEGRITY INNOVATION COMMITMENT INNOVATION

## THE FOUR COOPERATIVE VALUES...



Annual Meeting • Loyal American Legion Hall Wednesday, April 6, 2016 • 9:30 a.m.

## Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Membership of Clark Electric Cooperative

## Wednesday, April 6, 2016

The 79th annual meeting of the members of Clark Electric Cooperative will be held at the American Legion Hall in the city of Loyal, Clark County, Wisconsin on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Action will be taken on the following items of business:

- 1. Report of Officers, Directors, Employees and Guests.
- 2. Election of two (2) board members.
- 3. The selection of delegates to Dairyland Power Cooperative Annual Meeting.
- 4. Such other business that may come before the meeting.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2016.

/S/Charles Bena

President

#### **Note: Nominations and Election**

Nominations will be received from the floor at the annual meeting of members. If there is more than one nominee, election shall be by ballot and majority vote. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, then all but the two persons receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be dropped from the ballot on the second and succeeding ballots.

## **Rules Of Order For Official Business Meeting**

- **1.** The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order and under the following special Rules of Order.
- Members wishing to speak are to give their name(s) and Town location in which they are members.
- 3. During nomination and election proceedings for director, candidates will be allowed to speak for four minutes; and one member supporting his/her candidacy will also be allowed to speak for four minutes.
- 4. Resolutions must be submitted to the Rules Committee, c/o of the CEO/GM, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting to give the Committee and the Board of Directors an opportunity to make a recommendation to the membership.
- 5. Other than individuals on the Annual Meeting program, only members will be allowed to speak for four minutes on each issue and for one time only except that an additional two minutes may be granted by <sup>2</sup>/3 majority of the vote at the meeting.
- 6. No signs or handouts will be permitted within the building of the place of the meeting, except such handouts as required for the official conduct of the Annual Meeting.
- 7. No demonstrations shall be held within the building of the place of the meeting.





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The Four Cooperative Values...



## **Abbreviated Minutes of The 2015 Annual Meeting**

The 78th Annual Meeting was held on April 9, 2015, and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President, Charles Bena.

Scott Johnson gave the invocation.

National Anthem was presented.

Herman Seebandt gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was dispensed with as members registered at the door and a quorum to conduct business was present.

The Rules of Order, as adopted by the Rules Committee, were approved as printed in the Annual Report.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as printed in the 2014 Annual Report.

The Notice of Annual Meeting and Proof of Due Mailing were read.

Minutes of the 2014 annual meeting with corrections were approved.

The Board of Directors, former directors, and guests were introduced.

The President's report was approved as printed.

Linda Powers, River Valley Architects gave a short presentation on the new headquarters facility. Attorney Niles Berman, Wheeler, Van Sickle and Anderson S.C. reviewed the qualifications of Director. President Bena appointed Attorney Berman to conduct the elections.

Attorney Berman asked for nominations for a director to succeed Charles Bena (Mead). Charles Bena is eligible for another term. Charles Bena was nominated for reelection. After calling three times for additional nominees, it was moved and seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Charles Bena. Motion carried.

Attorney Berman asked for nominations for a director to succeed Herman Seebandt (Weston). Herman Seebandt is eligible for re-election. Herman Seebandt was nominated. After calling three times for additional nominees, it was moved and seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Herman Seebandt. Motion carried.

Attorney Berman asked for nominations for a director to succeed Marvin Verkuilen (Worden). Marvin Verkuilen is eligible for re-election. Marvin Verkuilen was nominated. After calling three times for additional nominees, it was moved and seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Marvin Verkuilen. Motion carried. Tim Stewart, CEO/General Manager reviewed the 2014 financial performance and Community Solar project. It was moved and seconded to accept the report as given. Motion carried.

John Carr, V.P. of Strategic Planning for Dairyland Power Cooperative, gave a short presentation on the current projects at Dairyland Power Cooperative.

It was moved and seconded to compensate the member delegates the same per diem as last year and to use the IRS standard rate for mileage. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to leave the number of member delegates to the Dairyland Power Cooperative Annual Meeting the same. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the member delegates as nominated and that the Board of Directors appoint the remaining delegates to attend the Dairyland Annual Meeting, if needed, at the next scheduled board meeting. Motion carried.

There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

Moved and seconded to adjourn at 12:17 p.m.

## President and General Manager's Report

t is our privilege, on behalf of the Board of Directors, Management, and Employees of Clark Electric Cooperative to provide this annual report for year ended December 31, 2015. The Cooperative's financial report for year-end 2015 & 2014 is contained in this booklet. Please take a few minutes to review the information contained herein.

#### **Financial Parformanca**

**Clark Electric Cooperative continues** to report solid financial performance. The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining Clark Electric Cooperative in a strong financial position. The positive performance for 2015 continues the trend of maintaining a sound organization. Clark Electric Cooperative's equity position remains one of the strongest in Wisconsin while electric rates remain among the most competitive in the Cooperative segment of the Wisconsin electric industry. The result of this sound financial positioning has allowed the Cooperative to once again retire allocated capital credits to our membership. During 2015, the Board of Directors approved total retirements of \$884,558. This brings the total dividends retired to our members to over \$21,778,146.

Total cost of providing electric service

increased 2.44% over the 2014 level. This, coupled with a 1.85% decrease in kWh sales, resulted in downward pressure on operating margins which was \$978,972 compared to \$1,278,638 in 2014. The Operating Times Interest Earned Ratio (OTIER) was 3.10 compared to 4.30 in 2014.

Finally, it is important to note that Clark Electric Cooperative has met or exceeded vital statistical tests as required by our lenders, the Rural Utilities Service and the National **Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance** Corporation. In addition, our financial condition is audited every year by an independent auditing firm. The audit confirms and reports on the financial condition, controls, and procedures used by Clark Electric Cooperative.

#### **Operations**

Each year the Cooperative performs a host of maintenance programs designed to help maintain our continuity of service and keep the electric system operating efficiently. Major maintenance programs include pole testing, reclosure maintenance, regulator maintenance, vegetation management, tree trimming, and overhead/underground line inspection. We are very pleased to report that during 2015 the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI),

\$950,000 \$908,395 \$884,558 \$900,000 \$865,187 \$854,390 \$827,149 \$850,000 \$805,693 \$800,000 \$775,952 \$762,029 \$750,000 \$700,000 \$650,000 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

## **Capital Credits Retired**

despite large storms in July, 2015, was 2.51 (This represents 99.97% system reliability). The 2015 index is well below the **Rural Utilities Service** (RUS) established threshold while the 5 year average (2.54) is also well below the RUS established threshold.

The Cooperative invested in excess of \$ 1.71 million in new distribution plant

during 2015. This represents new construction / replacement of electric lines, new service extensions, and member service upgrades. In addition, a total of 83 new services were added as compared to 76 new services during 2014.

#### **Community Solar**

The Clark Electric Cooperative Board of Directors approved the build-out of a 53.3 kW solar garden to be constructed adjacent to the cooperative's headquarters facility just west of Greenwood, WI. The community solar garden became operational on July 19, 2015.

The community solar project provides members the opportunity to purchase local renewable energy through a cooperative program. This in turn allows members to take more control of their power choices. Through aggregation, we are able to offer a highly competitive solar product to our membership (\$2.61/watt).

The community garden is designed for those members interested in an affordable option to purchase renewable solar energy. Members have the opportunity to purchase a subscription unit and receive credit equal to their share of the array's output on their electric bill.

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#### President and General Manager's Report (continued from page 5)



By utilizing a solar garden approach, issues such as inadequate space for solar panels near your home, too many trees that would block the sun at your residence, cost of a small PV array, installing panels on your rooftop, insurance, interconnection of the PV system to the grid, and unsightly panels at your residence all go away. In addition, all operations and maintenance issues is handled by Clark Electric Cooperative. Any residential/ seasonal member, regardless of whether you own or rent your home and where you live, who pays a monthly electric bill to Clark Electric Cooperative could be a potential candidate for participating in the community solar project. Call our office for details or visit our web site www.cecoop.com for more information.

#### **Facilities Completed**

Since 2010, The Board of Directors of Clark Electric Cooperative had been considering how best to address our facilities needs. Clark Electric Cooperative was founded April 1, 1937, and moved into our existing facilities in 1948. Throughout the years an auditorium building (1965), two warehouse facilities, and a pole yard were added to help meet our needs. The Cooperative broke ground on August 28, 2014. The facility is comprised of the main office, warehouse, and

vehicle storage areas. This facility focuses on energy efficiency and renewable energy. The new building incorporated state-of-the-art geothermal heat pump systems. This type of system uses the stored solar energy of the earth to heat and cool the building for a fraction of the energy and cost of traditional methods. The building also incorporates features such as passive solar heating through window and building orientation, energy efficient lighting and automated system controls. Construction began in early September and was completed in June 2015. Our annual Member Appreciation Day (kick-off to Cooperative Month) and Open House was held September 19, 2015 at the facility with approximately 900 people attending.

#### **Dairyland Power Cooperative**

Dairyland Power Cooperative is our wholesale power supplier located in La Crosse, WI. As purchased power represents approximately 70.85 percent of our total cost of providing electric service, it is the major cost driver of your electric bill.

As you are all aware, we have experienced significant increases in wholesale power costs since 2006.



In 1988, the Cooperative purchased land west of Greenwood for the purpose of building a pole yard, warehouse space, and a possible industrial park. To that end, the park has had infrastructure installed including electrical, sewer, water and a road. rate from the 2010 level. In 2012, we again experienced an increase in the wholesale charges that Clark Electric Cooperative pays for power of approximately 4.14 percent. Fortunately, in 2013 and 2014 we experienced declines of 2.48 percent

In 2011, we

experienced a 2.81

percent increase in

and 2.77 percent. Unfortunately that trend has reversed as we experienced an increase of 3.34% in 2015. We are again anticipating an increase of 2.50% in wholesale rate for 2016. We are pleased to note that Clark Electric Cooperative has not had a change to our base rates since March 1, 2013.

#### **Maintaining Financial Strength**

Efficiency measures have been somewhat effective in helping hold rates steady in recent years (2013-2015). The largest contributing costs are associated with environmental improvements, transmission projects, cost of fuel and transportation, and purchased power. Fuel to operate its generating facilities continues to be Dairyland's largest annual expense, with barge and rail transportation of coal constituting a significant portion of that cost. Dairyland's plants used approximately 2.2 million tons of coal in 2015. To ensure long term financial strength, the Dairyland Board of Directors has implemented a strategic financial plan to maintain "A" ratings from Moody's and Standard & Poors credit rating agencies.

#### **Power Delivery Projects**

Dairyland continues to rebuild its backbone transmission network by focusing on its 161 kV transmission line between Genoa and Alma. Originally constructed circa 1950, the line's wood structures needed replacement to maintain continued safe and reliable electric service.

In fall 2015, Dairyland completed the Holmen to Marshland segment of that line. To protect the environment, Dairyland contracted for a heavy-lift helicopter to set poles for a portion of this segment in the Vann Loon Wildlife Area. Dairyland anticipates finishing this rebuild in 2017 from Holmen to La Crosse.

Dairyland is an 11 percent owner of the CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV line with an expected final completion in 2016. A segment of the 345 kV line from North Rochester to Briggs Road (La Crosse area) was completed and put into service in the fall of 2015. The line was built to serve local load in the area and is delivering expected results by reducing

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congestion, enhancing reliability and providing access to economic energy, including renewable resources.

Two other regional 345 kV transmission projects are in various phases of approval. Dairyland is a 5 percent participant in a portion of the Badger Coulee Project. Construction will begin in 2016 with the project in service in 2018. Dairyland is also a 9 percent participant in the Cardinal-Hickory Creek project.

Every year Dairyland also rebuilds approximately 50 miles of 69 kV transmission line to improve service and reliability. In our area, Dairyland has rebuilt approximately 38 miles of transmission line since 2011.

#### **EPA's Clean Power Plan**

On August 3, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized its rules regulating greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. This plan has been dubbed the "Clean Power Plan."

The administrative rules are designed to reduce carbon dioxide emission from power plants by 32 percent below national levels recorded in 2005. Each state has a different EPA assigned emission reduction target. In general terms, the Midwest has relied more on coal generation than other parts of the country because coal was affordable, abundant, and in some cases the only viable base load option available. Wisconsin has one of the more stringent reduction targets: a 41 percent reduction of emissions by 2030. The states have until 2016 to submit their initial plan for achieving the targeted reductions with a final version due 2018. If states fail to submit a plan, they will be forced to use the federal model to achieve compliance. The Wisconsin's Public Service Commission (PSC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have been tasked with developing a compliance plan. They concluded last year that the combined power plant modifications, construction of new generation to replace older facilities, and purchases of alternative generation would cost Wisconsin electric ratepayers between \$3 to \$13 billion.

#### What are we doing?

Many steps have already been taken to significantly reduce air emissions by Dairyland Power Cooperative. DPC has invested over \$300 million over the last decade in air emission control equipment at our existing coal plants. We have cumulative reductions in mercury output by over 90 percent, particulate matter by 99 percent, sulfur dioxide by well over 90 percent, and nitrogen oxides by over 70 percent. Dairyland is also in the midst of a strategic plan to continue to diversify our energy resources. We currently have approximately 12 percent renewable energy and will continue to seek renewable projects that are cost effective. Dairyland has also shut down its five oldest coal-fired units at the Alma Station (Alma, WI) over the last five years.

The Clean Power Plan is extremely complex and will take time to analyze. Going forward, we will try to ensure credit for early action taken by Dairyland to reduce emissions, provide broad flexibility in the measurers allowed as compliance options, and allow sufficient time to reliably achieve compliance. It is critical that the rule allows sufficient time to achieve the desired goals in a reasonable and cost effective manner. Energy policy is incredibly complex and absolutely vital to the economy of our country. Transitioning too quickly will have economic and operational impacts. We urge all members to stay informed on this issue as safe, reliable, sustainable, and cost effective energy is vitally important.

#### Supreme Court Temporarily Halts CPP

On February 9, 2016, in a 5-4 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay on the EPA's Clean Power Plan. This stay is unprecedented – never before has a stay been granted by the Supreme Court prior to the Circuit Court of Appeals issuing a decision on the contested regulation. The Supreme Court's stay means that the Clean Power Plan cannot go into effect while the courts are reviewing the rule to determine whether it is lawful. During this period of time, EPA cannot enforce any of the deadlines or requirements contained in the rule. Obviously this will take months and perhaps years to play out.

#### **Looking Forward**

While Dairyland is making every effort to keep energy affordable, the reality is that regulatory compliance and operational expenses continue to place upward pressure on wholesale rates, which in turn impact Clark Electric Cooperative's rates. Power suppliers continue to face the challenge of potential carbon legislation, growing state renewable energy standards, tougher environmental regulations and challenging energy efficiency mandates. All of these affect the bottom line. It is important that we, as members of our cooperative, understand the impacts.

In closing, be assured that the Board of Directors, Management and Employees of your Cooperative will continue to pursue and improve methods to bring you safe, dependable power and other related services. Clark Electric Cooperative is your organization, and we are dedicated to serving our membership in the most practical, cost effective manner. We approach the future with confidence and the knowledge that the commitment and dedication to service, membership owned, and not-for-profit operation will enable us to focus on you, our customer and owner. Our only goal is to meet the needs of our member-owners, both today and tomorrow. It is an honor and a privilege to be of service to you.

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Charles Bena President

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Timothy E. Stewart CEO/GM

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## **Statement of Cash Flows**

#### Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Equivalents

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Cash Flows From Operating Activities	2015	2014
Net Margins	\$ 1,505,102	\$ 2,211,506
Adjustments to reconcile net margin to net cash		
provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and Amortization	1,184,045	1,081,672
G&T Capital Credits	(758,971)	(745,112)
Gain on Equity in Subsidiary/Sale of Investments	(51,525)	(180,056)
Increase in Defered Debits/Credits	227,495	44,886
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivable	(32,316)	91,150
Notes Receivable	104,113	103,993
Materials and Supplies	31,542	(98,938)
Other Current and Accrued Assets	(13,162)	26,249
Accounts Payable	(637,607)	618,493
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	(32,033)	(12,058)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,526,683	3,141,785
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital Expenditures	(3,838,614)	(3,864,449)
Investments in Associated Organizations and Other Assets	168,764	197,142
Dividend Received	100,000	1,100,000
Net Cash Provided by (used in) Investing Activities	(3,569,850)	(2,567,307)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Long-term Borrowing	8,829,000	3,216,000
Payments on Long-term Debt	(5,154,845)	(467,864)
Advance Payments on Long Term Debt	(60,000)	(500,000)
Notes Payable	0	0
Capital Credits Retired	(744,458)	(721,379)
Changes in Other Equities and Consumer Deposits	(88,561)	(32,397)
Net Cash Provided by (used in) Financing Activities	2,781,136	1,494,360
NET INCREASES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	737,969	2,068,838
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,167,422	1,098,584
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,905,391	\$ 3,167,422



## **Balance Sheet - December 31, 2015**

Assets and Other Debits	Dec 2015	Dec 2014
Total Plant in Service Construction Work in Progress Total Utility Plant Accumulated Depreciation & Amortization <b>Net Utility Plant</b>	<pre>\$ 40,575,716 125,767 40,701,483 10,037,609 30,663,874</pre>	<ul> <li>\$ 35,261,875</li> <li>2,547,601</li> <li>37,809,476</li> <li>9,930,669</li> <li>27,878,807</li> </ul>
Investments in Subsidiary Companies Investments Associated Organizations - Patronage Capital Investments Associated Organizations - Other General Funds Other Funds Available for Sale Securities <b>Total - Other Property and Investments</b>	3,414,330 8,588,725 493,378 199,361 11,758 <b>12,707,552</b>	3,542,506 8,058,275 493,378 185,912 96,029 <b>12,376,100</b>
Cash - General Funds Temporary Investments Notes Receivable - Net Accounts Receivable - Net Sales of Energy Accounts Receivable - Net Other Materials and Supplies Electric and Other Prepayments Interest & Dividends Recievable <b>Total Current and Accrued Assets</b>	490,909 3,414,481 701,987 1,899,619 79,797 449,161 160,750 5,097 <b>7,201,801</b>	843,136 2,324,287 806,100 1,915,700 31,399 480,703 147,588 5,096 <b>6,554,009</b>
Other Deferred Debits Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes <b>Total Assets</b>	907,731 <b>\$ 51,480,958</b>	1,022,721 <b>\$ 47,831,637</b>
Liabilities and Other Credits	Dec 2015	Dec 2014
Patronage Capital Operating Margins - Current Year Non-Operating Margins Other Margins and Equities <b>Total Margins and Equities</b>	<pre>\$ 26,378,716 1,661,934 (156,831) 5,195,132 \$ 33,078,951</pre>	\$ 25,054,722 1,926,295 285,212 5,215,530 \$ 32,481,759
Long Term Debt - REA (net) Long Term Debt - Economic Development Long Term Debt - (NRUCFC & Co-Bank) <b>Total Long Term Debt</b>	11,463,611 608,302 2,944,894 <b>\$ 15,016,807</b>	5,810,928 708,310 5,026,605 <b>\$ 11,545,843</b>
Notes Payable Accounts Payable Consumers Deposits Other Current and Accrued Liabilities Current Maturities-Long Term Debt <b>Total Current and Accrued Liabilities</b>	- 1,443,498 116,505 1,156,250 556,440 \$3,272,693	2,081,106 133,881 1,126,002 463,046 <b>\$ 3,804,035</b>
Deferred Credits	112,507	
Total Liabilities and Other Credits	\$ 51,480,958	\$ 47,831,637

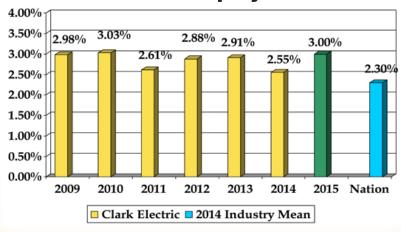
## **Statement of Operations**

Item	Dec 201	5 Dec 2014
Operating Revenue	\$ 21,354,37	9 \$ 21,168,415
Cost of Power	14,435,75	6 14,242,384
Transmission Expense Distribution Expense-Operation Distribution Expense-Maintenance Consumer Account Expense Consumer Service & Info Expense Sales Expense	1,224,14 1,404,46 466,73 135,93 57,33	1,385,596           490,035           127,907
Administrative and General Expense Total Operations Expense	777,44 \$ 4,066,06	668,636
Total Operation & Maintenance Expense	\$ 18,501,81	<b>\$ 18,190,679</b>
Depreciation & Amortization Expense Tax Expense - Property Tax Expense Other Interest Long Term Debt Interest Expense- Other Other Deductions Total Fixed Expenses <b>Total Cost of Electric Service</b> <b>Patronage Capital &amp; Margins</b>	1,184,044 220,704 466,044 2,794 1,873,599 \$ 20,375,40 \$ 978,975	220,940           5,641           387,110           1,000           2,735           1,699,098 <b>19,889,777</b>
Non-Operating Margins Non-Operating Margins - Other Generation & Transmission Capital Credits Total Non-Operating Margins Patronage Capital - Margins	(153,832 679,96 526,13 <b>\$ 1,505,10</b>	2 647,656 932,868

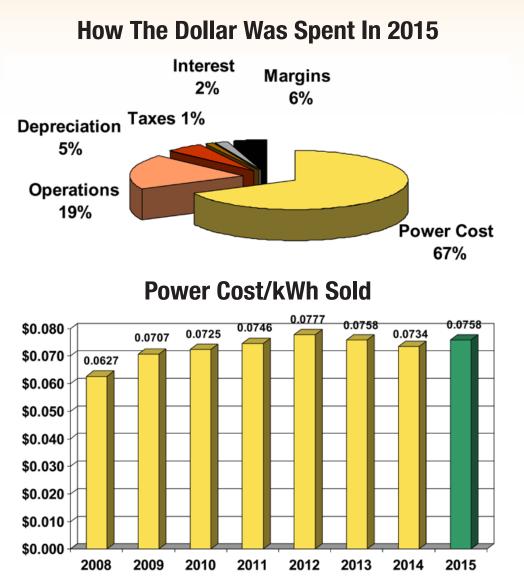
#### Thousands 193,987 195,000 190,402 190,000 185,000 180,132 181,448 180,000 174,895 173.503 171,012 171,172 175,000 170,000 165,000 160,000 155,000 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

**kWh Sales** 

## **Capital Credits Retired per Total Equity**







## **Comparative Operating Statistics**

	2015	2014
Miles of Line	1,986	1,984
Number of Meters Served	9,078	9,039
Electric Services per Mile of Line	4.57	4.56
Total KWH Purchased from Dairyland Power Cooperative	201,323,746	205,293,195
Total KWH Sold by Clark Electric Cooperative	190,402,190	193,987,456
Percent Increase (decrease) In Purchases	-1.934%	6.527%
Percent Increase (decrease) In Sales	-1.848%	6.911%
Average Line Loss	5.425%	5.507%
Cost per KWH Purchased (Cents per KWH)	7.170	6.938
Revenue per KWH Sold (Cents per KWH)	11.215	10.912
Number of KWH's Used per Meter per Year	20,974	21,461
Revenue per Mile of Line per Month	\$ 896	\$ 889
Average Bill per Meter per Month	\$ 196	\$ 195
Total Capital Credits Refunded this Year	\$ 884,558	\$ 827,149
Total Capital Credits Refunded to Date	\$ 21,778,146	\$ 20,893,588

## Personnel

## **Board of Directors**

Charles Bena, President	2003 - Pre	esent
Herman Seebandt, Vice President	2012 - Pre	esent
Charles Lindner, Secretary/Treasurer	2013 - Pre	esent
James Hager	2014 - Pre	esent
Allen Jicinsky, Director		
Scott Johnson, Director	2014 - Pre	esent
Marvin Verkuilen, Director		

### Management

Tim Stewart, CEO/General Manager	29 years
Mike Ruff, Director of Operations	23 years
Linda McAley, Director of Administrative Services	

## **Office Staff**

Sandy Herrick, Operations Aide	37 years
Tracy Nelson, Administrative Assistant	
Pat Krause, Member Accounts Representative	24 years
Bobbi Toburen, Member Accounts Representative	22 years
Amber Reddy, Member Accounts Representative	19 years
Cathy Langreck, Member Accounts Representative	17 years

## **Operations Staff**

Rick Suda, Line Superintendent	
Kevin Sterland, Ass't. Line Superintendent	23 years
Dan Sturz, Metering	
Kent Weigel, Metering	9 years
Jeff Block, Lineman	
Warren Luedtke, Lineman	
Mike Hackel, Lineman	
Josh Burns, Lineman	13 years
Chad Steffen, Lineman	13 years
Scott Bailen, Lineman	
Pat Susa, Warehouse Utility Man	10 years
Jarred Martens, Lineman	
Ieff Fellenz, Lineman	1 years
Kole Hinker, Lineman	8 months

Years of Service

## Chairman of The Board Report Clark Electric Appliance & Satellite, Inc.

lark Electric Appliance & Satellite Inc. completed its 21st year as a subsidiary company of Clark Electric Cooperative. 2015 certainly was an exciting and eventful year. We would like to share some of the highlights of the year and provide insight into what is coming in 2016.

As you are aware, Clark Electric Cooperative began construction of a new headquarters facility in 2014. The facility was completed in June of 2015. The new facility offers state-of-the art technologies that focus on efficiency. We are pleased to be able to move our operations from our old building to this new facility. This will benefit the company through reduced overheads and cost.

In 2012, we introduced the next generation of high speed internet, EXEDE. EXEDE is true high speed satellite internet that offers up to 12 MBPS download speed, 3 MBPS upload speed. This represented a significant capacity leap in satellite technology. Since 2012, we have seen this product line continue to expand. In March 2014, Clark Electric Appliance & Satellite Inc. acquired the customer base of another Wisconsin EXEDE provider. With this one transaction, we in essence doubled our customer base and enhanced our profit potential. We are again exploring the possibility of growth through acquisition. If successful, we will expand our customer base approximately 33% over current subscriptions.

ViaSat, the company that brings us Exede, is projecting to launch a new satellite, ViaSat 2 during the fourth quarter of 2016. This satellite will have the ability to deliver higher download speeds with more bandwidth capacity for customers. In today's society, consumers need the ability to stream movies, music, work from home, and access larger websites without the restrictions of bandwidth caps. ViaSat 2 promises these capabilities. We are excited to be a part of this technology and look forward to the subscriber growth this will bring. While new internet competitors continue to enter the marketplace, we are confident that EXEDE is the right solution for the sparsely populated areas of rural Wisconsin.

**Our First Call Medical Monitoring** System is another one of our core products. The First Call program has promoted independent living among our senior citizens and homebound customers. With 24-hour monitoring for our senior citizens and consumers who may be handicapped or ill, this unit allows them to maintain a more independent lifestyle in their own home. During 2015, we will begin offering a new option with First Call, the ability to connect to the First Call system in homes with no landline phone. In 2016, we hope to have a fall detect pendant and a mobile device available. We believe that First Call will continue to be a valuable local resource to families.

Clark Electric Appliance & Satellite Inc. continues to offer electro technologies in heating and cooling solutions. We certainly experienced increased activity and interest in geothermal heating and cooling, air source heat pumps, storage heat systems and mini-boiler systems as consumers strive to eliminate a dependency of fossil fuel heating. Homeowners continue to turn to safe, energy efficient sources of electric heat, coupled with off peak heat rates, to provide an economic solution to high heating costs. In addition, Clark Electric Cooperative offers rebates on these systems

Our new showroom carries a full line of General Electric Appliances. We have been an exclusive dealer of General Electric for over 50 years, offering deliver, setup and service after the sale. A product that has become very popular is the Geo-Spring Hybrid Water Heater. The Geo-Spring basically is an air source heat pump water heater that pulls the heat from the air surrounding it and heats your water with it. The unit can be configured to use either the electric elements to heat the water, or air, or both. With this concept it can provide savings up to 35%.

Clark Electric Appliance & Satellite Inc., exists today because of our customers. We pride ourselves in being local with the ability to provide personal service. As we move into the future, we look forward to continued service to you and to provide products that will meet your expectations. We invite you to visit our showroom at 1209 West Dall-Berg Road just west of Greenwood.

Cooperatively Yours,

Marles E. Dona

Charles Bena Chairman of the Board

## Clark Electric Appliance & Satellite, Inc. Board of Directors

Charles Bena, Chairman	2012 - Present
Tim Stewart, President	2004 - Present
Charles Lindner, Secretary/Treasurer	2014 - Present
Patricia Lindner, Director	2013 - Present
Dr. John Scaletta, Director	2008 - Present
Mike Schaefer, Director	2014 - Present
Verlyn Schalow, Director	2013 - Present

### Appliance and Satellite, Inc. Staff

Rita Sladich, Inside Sales Manager	38 years
Michelle Walde, Appliance Assistant Manager, Sales	
Ryan Nielsen, Appliance/Geothermal Technician	15 years
Greg Shaw, HVAC Manager	13 years

## **Subsidiary Operations**

Operations	2015	2014
Income	\$ 1,760,673	\$ 2,004,288
Cost of Sales	1,194,212	1,139,615
Gross Margins	566,461	864,673
Overhead Expense	569,588	709,173
Margins	(3,128)	155,500
Assets		
Building/Equipment	1,013,520	1,152,247
Franchise/NRTC Capital	1,775,962	1,820,481
Current & Accrued Assets	1,174,493	1,325,511
Total Assets	3,963,975	4,298,239
Liabilities & Equity		
Equity	3,414,329	3,542,506
Debt 106,169	121,408	
Current Liabilities	443,477	634,325
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 3,963,975	\$ 4,298,239

Years of Service



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This Book Contains the Official Notice of Annual Meeting, Financial Report and Statistics.



**2016 Annual Meeting** 

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 • 9:30 a.m. American Legion Hall • Loyal, WI

Agenda

Reports from Officers, Directors, Manager, and Guests

**Election of Directors to the Board of Directors** 

Selection of Delegates to Dairyland Power Cooperative Annual Meeting

Such other business that may come before the meeting.

**3** early bird winners will be drawn before the start of the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Winners announced following adjournment (You must be present to win!)

Drawing for other prizes following adjournment

