



## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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## Peak Energy Alert

**January 29, 2019** — Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services (Albert Lea), MiEnergy Cooperative (Rushford), and People's Energy Cooperative (Oronoco) have issued a peak energy alert from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. today and anticipates doing the same tomorrow (1/30/19). Due to high demand on the regional grid, cooperative members are urged to reduce electrical usage until after 8:00 p.m.

Members enrolled in the Dual Fuel or Water Heater Load Management Programs will be affected from approximately 5:00 – 11:30 p.m.

Members can conserve electricity during this peak alert period by setting their heat to 68°, especially if no one is home; running the dishwasher or doing laundry later in the evening; using a microwave instead of the oven to cook dinner; and refrain from turning on televisions or gaming systems. Each seemingly small action can collectively make a big difference in the demand made on the electric grid.

### About the Electric Cooperatives

For over 80 years, Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services, MiEnergy Cooperative, and People's Energy Cooperative have been delivering retail electric power and energy solutions to southeast Minnesota. All are Touchstone Energy® cooperatives and members of Dairyland Power Cooperative which generates and transmits reliable electric power to 62 counties in four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois).

Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services serves over 18,000 members in Freeborn and Mower Counties. MiEnergy Cooperative serves approximately 21,700 electrical services in Winona, Houston, Fillmore and parts of Olmsted and Mower counties in Minnesota along with Chicksaw, Howard, Winneshiek and Allamakee counties in Iowa. People's Energy Cooperative serves nearly 19,000 members in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha and Winona counties.

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