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# ALP UTILITIES RECOGNIZED FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

ALP Utilities earned a Diamond Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)® designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service.

The Diamond RP3 designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate the highest proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. ALP joins 271 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP3 designation.

Only 122 of those 271 achieve the highest designation of a Diamond RP3 utility.

"Receiving an RP3 designation is a great honor signifying a utility has demonstrated commitment to industry best practices," says Troy Adams, Chair of APPA's RP3 Review Panel and General Manager at Manitowoc Public Utilities, Wisconsin. "And ultimately, the culture developed from this pursuit of excellence and continued improvement through the RP3 program results in measurable value delivered to the local community."

"We are extremely proud to be the recipient of the Diamond RP3 designation," said Ted Cash, General Manager of ALP Utilities. "This is the culmination of a great deal of hard work by staff and the ALP Board, people who really care about powering the Alexandria area. ALP is committed to being a premier municipal utility and to continuing to look for ways to improve our operations and service to benefit our customers."







# ALEXANDRIA AREA YMCA INVESTS IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

When the Alexandria Area YMCA began to explore solutions for its failing 170 ton chiller, they discovered even new efficient chillers have a significant run cost due to their high cooling output.

The Alexandria Area YMCA's Property Management Committee, led by Committee Chair Jim Phillips, and Buildings and Grounds Director, Tom Kratzke, partnered with Jeremy Sorenson and the team at Trane® to research and analyze cooling options and explore energy efficiency rebates with ALP Utilities (ALP). In October 2021 the Alexandria Area YMCA's Board of Directors voted to purchase a Trane® Thermal Battery™ Cooling System, or ice chiller, for \$410,250. Installation was completed in May, 2023.

The chiller system charges six Ice Bank energy storage tanks at night when excess or lower cost energy is available and acts like an air-conditioning battery. The tanks discharge when the facility needs cooling during the day. The Trane® system is expected to shift 170 tons of cooling load, reducing peak daytime demand by 204 kW to nighttime off peak load—saving them power costs annually. Newly available federal tax credits, energy savings and a rebate give the project an anticipated project payback in just under two years.

"The Alexandria Area YMCA is excited to invest in our future," said Phillips, "We are grateful to Trane® and ALP for their partnership and support."



(Pictured front to back: Jackie Peters, YMCA, Vicki Gesell, ALP, Jesse Robertson, Missouri River Energy Services, Tom Kratzke, YMCA, Josh Waldorf, ALP, Jeremy Sorenson, Trane, Jim Phillips YMCA Board.)

ALP, through its Bright Energy Solutions® (BES) program, presented a \$55,250 rebate check to the Alexandria Area YMCA for its new chiller system. BES is a portfolio of energy efficiency cash-incentive programs available to ALP customers through Missouri River Energy Services, our power supplier.

"ALP has offered the Bright Energy Solutions® program since 2008, and we've awarded over \$3.28 million in rebate checks for businesses and residential customers who take advantage of our many different rebate programs," said Vicki Gesell, Energy Services Specialist. "We want to congratulate the Alexandria Area YMCA for its strong commitment to become more energy efficient, and in turn, also help ALP also reduce costs."

For questions about BES please contact the ALP Utilities office at 320-763-6501 or visit alputilities.com

#### **EV OWNERS SURVEY: GET \$50**

Please take our survey if you have purchased or leased a new or used EV. We'd like to learn about your charging preferences to ensure we are prepared to deliver the power you need, when you need it.

Complete our simple, eight-question survey and we'll give you \$50 to thank you for your time! Download the survey today at: alputilities.com/rebates

#### **EV CHARGEPOINT® HOME FLEX CHARGER REBATE: \$500**

Receive a \$500 rebate if you purchase a ChargePoint® Home Flex EV charger. This charger powers up any EV as much as 9X faster than a wall outlet—adding up to 37 miles of range per hour to your EV. (Restrictions apply, visit alputilities.com for details).

Search electric vehicles on the IRS.gov website to learn about tax incentives and credits available in 2023.

#### **DEHUMIDIFIER REBATE: \$25 PORTABLE DEHUMIDIFIER / \$200 WHOLE-HOME SYSTEM**

Summer temps and humidity are here, and ENERGY STAR® certified dehumidifiers can keep you more comfortable while protecting your home from mold, bacteria growth and dust mites.

#### RESIDENTIAL CENTRAL AIR OR AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP TUNE UP REBATE: \$30

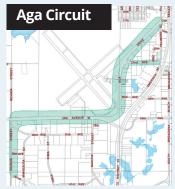
Customers may receive one incentive per piece of equipment in any two-year period. Central air and heat pump rebates are also available.

For a complete list of residential rebates and application forms, visit alputilities.com.

# 2023 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

ALP has begun our summer construction overhead to underground electric system conversion project. The 2023 project, will include work to increase capacity by adding additional underground electric lines in the areas below. (See maps).

44th & McKay Circuit Tie



#### **2023 SUMMER PROJECT AREAS:**

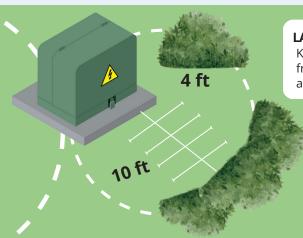
**44 & McKay Mainline Circuit**: Starting at Voyager Drive and Co Rd 42, going northeast on East Golf Course Rd to S Le Homme Dieu Drive and ending on the north end of McKay Avenue.

**Aga Circuit:** Starting at ALP's Southwest Substation going north on Nevada Street to 34th Ave W. Then going east on 34th Ave to Hwy 29 and going north on Aga Drive to Fillmore Park.

**Cedar - Douglas Area:** An area encompassing 4th Ave to 17th Ave on Cedar and Douglas streets. This project will complete the conversion of overhead lines to underground lines which began in 2022.

The undergrounding that has taken place over the last 12 years continues to improve ALP's proven reliability. Outages caused by squirrels and trees on lines have diminished considerably.

All customers affected have received letters. Please contact ALP Utilities if you have any questions or concerns at: 320-763-6501.



#### LANDSCAPING AROUND TRANSFORMERS

Keep plants and shrubs at least 10 feet from the front and 4 feet from the sides and backs of underground transformers.

#### **KNOW WHAT'S BELOW**

When it comes to underground utilities, safety and damage prevention are the ultimate goals. Call 811 at least 48 hours before you do any excavation.





#### WATERING GUIDELINES

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 1** 

LAST DIGIT OF HOUSE #

WATERING DAYS



1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd numbers) ----- odd calendar days

#### LAWN SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

Please avoid sprinkling between 10 am - 6 pm from June 1 - September 1. This is the hottest part of the day and the most water is lost to evaporation. Exemptions are private wells used for watering, hand watering of gardens and trees using a watering can or hose, and new landscaping or sod may be watered daily but not between 10 am - 6 pm for a period of 30 days following installation.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

# LEROY MEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELLA WESTLUND \$1,000

Ella is the daughter of Todd and Tracy Westlund. She plans to attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ next fall to study graphic design and advertising.



Congratulations & Best Wishes!

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#### **ANNUAL COGENERATION & INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION:**

In compliance with ALP Utilities adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, ALP is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers, whom satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. ALP is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested customers upon request regarding rates and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility. Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the Board of Public Utilities. Interested customers should contact ALP Utilities, 316 Fillmore Street, Alexandria MN 56308 or call 320-763-6501.

#### 2022 DRINKING WATER REPORT

# CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2022 Drinking Water Report (Alexandria MN)

On an annual basis, ALP Utilities (ALP) is required by the US Environmental Protection Agency to send water samples to the Minnesota Department of Health for testing.

The results of the testing are issued to ALP and are available to water customers in an annual water quality report, also referred to as a "Consumer Confidence Report".

This report informs customers what contaminants have been detected in ALP's drinking water, how these detection levels compare to drinking water standards, and where our water comes from. Be advised that ALP's water supply is in compliance with all Minnesota and federal drinking water standards.

# To view the most current report, you may visit: https://www.alputilities.com/water-quality-report/ccr/

Paper copies of the report are also available at the ALP office located at 316 Fillmore Street, Alexandria, MN. If you would like a copy of the report e-mailed or mailed to you, please contact ALP via e-mail at alp@alputilities.com or via telephone at 320-763-6501.

# 2023 AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER LEGISLATIVE RALLY

Alexandria Mayor Bobbie Osterberg and ALP General Manager Ted Cash attended this years' American Public Power Legislative Rally.

Mayor Osterberg stated "The goal is to be able to represent Public Power issues directly to members of Minnesota's Congressional Delegation. The ability to meet face-to-face and build a trusted relationship with all members of our delegation is always a priority for communities like Alexandria."

Cash added, "We face numerous challenges in the energy industry in Minnesota in the very near future. The only way we can successfully address these issues is

to engage with policy makers at all levels to chart a successful path to keep electricity reliable and affordable to the communities we serve."

(Pictured: Mayor Bobbie Osterberg, ALP Board Member, Ted Cash, ALP General Manager)





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