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# ***NEWS***

## ***Minnesota Power Asks Customers to Reduce Non-essential Electric Use***

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DULUTH, Minn.—Due to extremely high electric demand, Minnesota Power is asking its customers to curtail non-essential electricity use at least through this weekend or until the current heat spell subsides. Because warm weather conditions are expected to continue in the region, analysts of the regional electric transmission grid are forecasting that the electric system may soon be operating at near peak levels. As a precaution in order to maintain system integrity, the public is being asked to reduce electricity use where possible.

In order to help Minnesota Power meet essential demand customers should:

- Refrain from using electric dishwashers, washing machines and dryers until after 8 p.m
- If using air conditioning, close off unused rooms.
- Turn off unused room lights, computers, and other appliances.

Minnesota Power will update the situation as events warrant. Minnesota Power provides electricity in a 26,000-square-mile electric service territory located in northeastern Minnesota. Minnesota Power supplies retail electric service to 135,000 retail customers, wholesale electric service to 16 municipalities, and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States.

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