



## Thank a Lineworker

**Bill Scott**  
President & Chief Executive Officer

We depend on our entire staff to keep Great Lakes Energy running smoothly, but on April 13 we honor lineworkers.

They often find themselves in dangerous and challenging situations, so our lives may be a little bit brighter and safer every day. They repair damaged lines and maintain critical infrastructure, so we have reliable service. Without their hard work and commitment, our co-op would not thrive. No matter the time—day or night, weekday or weekend—if the lights go out, so do they.

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In addition to aiding members in our local service territory, lineworkers may lend help when a neighboring electric utility is affected by a major outage. Last winter a major snowstorm struck the Upper Peninsula and left thousands without power. A group of GLE lineworkers were quick to answer the call for mutual aid to help our fellow cooperative restore power to their members, pictured above left.

Great Lakes Energy lineworkers maintain 14,508 miles of line in our 26-county service territory. We are the third largest electric co-op by line miles in the United States, which means our crews have their hands full when large storms knockdown lines throughout our system. The only thing bigger than the challenges they face is their determination to get the job done.

We truly appreciate our Great Lakes Energy lineworkers! They are committed and critical to our success.

Perhaps you have seen them raising their bucket trucks in howling winds and torrential rains, or in freezing, icy conditions. They work around the clock near high-voltage power lines until electricity is restored to every member in our co-op community.

We hope you will join us in thanking the many lineworkers—both locally and around the country—who light our lives. Remember, your power works because they do!

## Mark Your Calendar



**APRIL 13**

**National Lineworker Appreciation Day**

*How will you  
#ThankaLineworker?*



## Attend a Free Energy Seminar

Learn about home heating and cooling options with geothermal and air-source heat pumps and Energy Optimization (EO) programs that offer incentives to help co-op members save energy.

They include rebates for the purchase of furnaces with variable speed blower motors, heat pump water heaters, Wi-Fi-enabled or smart occupancy-sensing thermostats, refrigerators, televisions, lighting and more. In addition, information on free online audits will be provided.

- ▶ Local heating and cooling companies and Great Lakes Energy staff members will be on hand to answer questions related to heat pumps.
- ▶ Co-op members will learn about other incentive programs offered by Great Lakes Energy, too.

▶ **Door prizes of energy saving gifts will be awarded. Register today to attend!**

### Register Now

**SATURDAY, MAY 30,  
FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON.**

Holiday Inn Convention Center  
East Ballroom  
4079 W. U.S.-10  
Ludington

**Space is limited, so please register by calling 1-888-485-2537, ext. 8957 or by visiting [gtlakes.com/events](http://gtlakes.com/events).**

## Three Openings on GLE Board

Nominating petitions are available in three districts for Great Lakes Energy (GLE) members who wish to seek election to the cooperative's board of directors.

Three board positions, each for three years, will need to be filled. Qualifying GLE members who reside in districts 3, 4, or 5 can seek election to the board.

### COUNTIES BY DISTRICT ARE:

**District 3** - Antrim County

**District 4** - Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, and Otsego counties

**District 5** - Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties



**Ric Evans**

**Larry Monshor**

**Dale Farrier**

The terms of directors Ric Evans of Ellsworth (District 3), Larry Monshor of Gaylord (District 4), and Dale Farrier of Kalkaska (District 5) expire this year. The three incumbents plan to seek re-election.

To get a name on the ballot, qualifying member-owners of the electric cooperative who maintain a primary residence within its service area must file a nominating petition.

Petitions must be signed by at least 50 active GLE members within the candidate's district. Completed petitions are due June 12, 2020 by noon to the GLE office in Boyne City.

▶ **Visit [gtlakes.com/board-of-directors](http://gtlakes.com/board-of-directors) to request a petition or learn more.**



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