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People's Energy Cooperative Recognized With 2023 Best Workplace Award

ORONOCO, **MN**, **May 1**, **2023** — People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) was recognized by Workforce Development, Inc. as one of the *Best Places to Work* in Southeast Minnesota last week at the Workforce Development Forum.

"It's an honor to be recognized as a *Best Place to Work* in Southeast Minnesota for a second year," said PEC President and CEO, Mike Henke. "Our vision is to be a trusted energy resource for our members, an employer of choice, and a respected business partner with our communities. Being selected as a *Best Place to Work* reinforces the fact that we offer competitive pay and benefits as well as the flexibility that so many employees are seeking today. This helps in our recruiting efforts to attract the highly qualified people we need to deliver on our mission of providing reliable electric service."

Best Places to Work is a national program that recognizes the best employers in local communities. Workforce Development, Inc., in partnership with Personnel Dynamics Consulting Group of Florida, surveyed 45 companies within Freeborn, Mower, Rice, Steele, Goodhue, Olmsted, Houston, Dodge, Fillmore, Wabasha, and Winona Counties to identify the Best Places to Work in Southeast Minnesota.

Each organization participating in the survey was asked to complete a 40-question, online survey. Personnel Dynamics Consulting Group collected the information, analyzed the data, and provided the results. Results are measured on turnover, growth, training, promotion, benefits, pay, working environment, and retirement benefits.

The top five employers by size were then selected. Small employers are those with under 50 employees, medium sized is 51-150 employees, and large employers have 151 or more employees. PEC was recognized in the medium category with 70 employees.

About People's Energy Cooperative

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating 87 years of delivering retail electric power to its 20,000 consumer-members in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha, and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). People's is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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