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We want a clean environment. And, we want reliable, reasonably priced electric power. We at Minnesota Power know that providing power to communities and businesses is a balancing act.

Construction has begun on upgrading environmental equipment at Minnesota Power's Laskin Energy Center in Hoyt Lakes and Taconite Harbor Energy Center

in Schroeder. These two projects, costing \$60 million, will significantly reduce nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide and mercury emissions. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approved the costs for Laskin and Taconite Harbor environmental retrofits to be recovered through customer billings. You will notice a line item adjustment on your monthly electric bill beginning in December. A second phase of emission reduction is being planned for our Boswell Unit 3 in Cohasset.

We are also investing, along with FPL Energy, in the largest wind farm yet to be built in North Dakota. The Oliver County Wind Energy Center will be capable of generating enough electricity to power 16,000 homes. Construction of the 22 wind turbines, each with blades the length of a football field will be completed by the end of the year.

These projects demonstrate our on-going commitment to environmental stewardship. For more information about our emission reduction plans visit: [mnpower.com/earth-friendly](http://mnpower.com/earth-friendly).

*Wishing you a season of holiday joy and peace.  
We're helping make your season bright!*

## Federal tax incentives for energy efficiency improvements

When you're filling out your taxes for 2006, be sure to include any improvements you've made on your home or business for energy efficiency upgrades, solar energy systems or for purchasing a fuel-efficient hybrid-electric vehicle.

Tax credits for energy upgrades include adding insulation, high efficiency heating and cooling equipment, windows and doors, metal roofs, central air conditioning, heat pumps and more.

You'll want to check out the ENERGY STAR® Web site for complete information on the tax credit and product requirements.

Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov). Click special offers under Products. Then click on Federal tax credits. The credit applies through 2007 but it could be extended. You may want to consult a tax advisor for more information.

**Winter driving?** Before leaving home, call *Weatherline* for the forecast, temp and time for Duluth and surrounding areas: 218-733-0300.

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# \$25,000 discounts on Whitewater lakeshore lots

Minnesota Power is making a limited special offer on its lakeshore lots for lease on the Whitewater Lake Reservoir near Hoyt Lakes. Through Dec. 31, 2006, you'll get \$25,000 off the current listed lot price. With the discount, lot prices range between \$59,500 and \$75,900.

The lots are truly unique as you can enjoy the benefits of City of Hoyt Lakes-maintained water and sewer, a paved private drive, access to the city-paved recreation trail network and public boat launch. The 1,200 surface acres of Whitewater Lake are rich with walleye, northern and crappie. And, you're just 10 minutes away from Giants Ridge Ski and Golf Resort.



Please call Sue Roed in the MP Land Office at 1-888-526-3648 for more information. Or, visit [www.shorelandtraditions.com](http://www.shorelandtraditions.com).



## \$250 fall/winter furnace rebate

Lower your heating and electric bills this season by installing a qualifying high efficiency furnace with an ECM (electric commutated motor) fan. Plus, get a \$250 rebate from Minnesota Power.

Here's how to get your rebate:

Contact a participating heating contractor. They're listed on our Web site, or you can call the toll-free number (see below) and find one in your area. Schedule an appoint-

ment to have your new high-efficiency furnace installed by a program trained contractor.

You'll receive a \$50 coupon from the contractor to use with another \$200 rebate from Minnesota Power. We'll mail your \$250 check within eight to ten weeks when work is complete.

Visit [www.mnpower.com/ecmcoupon](http://www.mnpower.com/ecmcoupon), or call 1-800-677-8423. Call now to save energy and money this season. The rebate offer ends Feb. 28, 2007.

### Public Service Message

#### **Make a community donation and enjoy a movie**

Gateway to the World is a 74-minute film on DVD which documents the history of Duluth and its pioneers. Interwoven into the tale is the story of the Aerial Life Bridge and how it has become a symbol of opportunity for our region and the world. Net proceeds from the sales of this DVD

will support the Duluth Legacy Endowment Fund whose mission is to encourage lasting gifts fulfilling specific public interests. The fund, administered by the

Duluth Superior Community Foundation, will disperse grants to benefit the community of Duluth in the following areas: arts and culture, beautification, education, environment, human services, parks and recreation.

To order your Gateway to the World DVD for \$19.95, contact Lake Superior Magazine at 218-722-5002, toll free at 1-888-BIG-LAKE (888-244-5253) or order on line at [www.lakesuperior.com/catalog/gateway.html](http://www.lakesuperior.com/catalog/gateway.html). The Web site provides additional information on the film and lists other area retailers that offer the DVD for sale.

