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Nodak Electric Cooperative energizes community's first electric vehicle fast charging station

Co-op to hold ribbon cutting and Frosty giveaway event on Oct. 1

GRAND FORKS, N.D. – Nodak Electric Cooperative is pleased to present Greater Grand Forks' first public electric vehicle (EV) fast charging station, located in the Wendy's Restaurant parking lot at 3760 32nd Ave. South in Grand Forks.

The station is a ChargePoint Level 3 DC fast charger powered by 100% renewable wind energy from North Dakota. The 62.5-kilowatt (kW) station is "pay-to-charge" and supports most popular EV makes, such as Tesla, Chevy, Nissan and BMW. Fast charge stations can typically provide 100-250 miles of range/hour, allowing for easier regional electric vehicle travel.

Offering an EV fast charging station in Grand Forks is an economic opportunity for the community, creating a destination for drivers traveling from Canada to Fargo or Minot to Bemidji. Nodak Electric is committed to promoting electric ownership and use in northeastern N.D.

Please join Nodak Electric for a ribbon cutting ceremony on **Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in the Wendy's Restaurant parking lot.** Following the ceremony, Nodak staff will remain at the charger through 1 p.m. to hand out FREE Wendy's Frosty vouchers for community members who drive by with questions about the station – an effort dubbed ***Fast Charge & Frostys***.

Funding for Nodak Electric Cooperative's installation of the station was made possible in part through Volkswagen settlement money, awarded to qualifying projects in effort to mitigate transportation pollution, and Nodak Electric. For more information on the grant, visit the website for the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality: <https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/planning/VW.aspx>

About Nodak Electric Cooperative

Headquartered in Grand Forks, N.D., Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for profit, member-owned electric distribution system serving more than 14,000 member accounts in all or parts of 13 counties in northeastern North Dakota. The cooperative has seven service centers in Cavalier, Devils Lake, Finley, Grafton, Grand Forks, Hillsboro and Michigan, North Dakota. Wholesale power is served to the cooperative through Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.