

**CITY OF CHASKA
GREEN POWER CHOICE PROGRAM
PARTICIPATION FORM**

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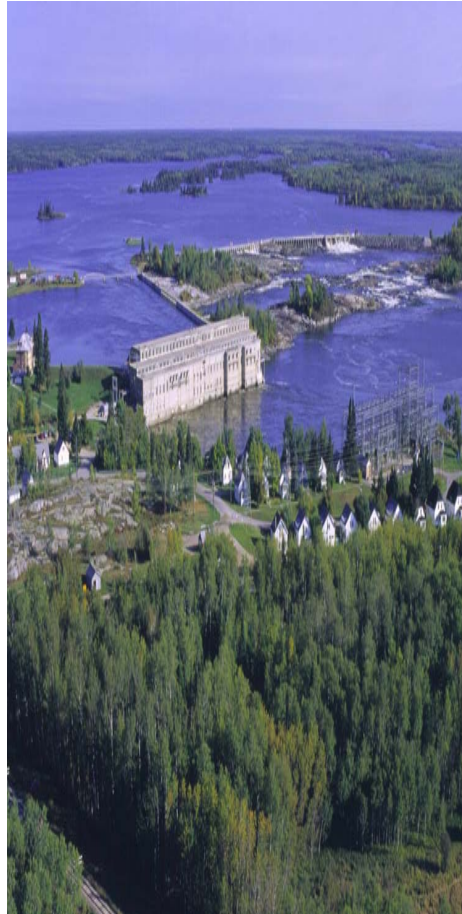
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Please select one option only.

- 1 block (100 kWh) @ \$1.75
- 2 blocks (200 kWh) @ \$3.50
- 3 blocks (300 kWh) @ \$5.25
- 4 blocks (400 kWh) @ \$7.00
- 5 blocks (500 kWh) @ \$8.75
- Other: please specify total number of 100 kWh blocks you wish to purchase each month

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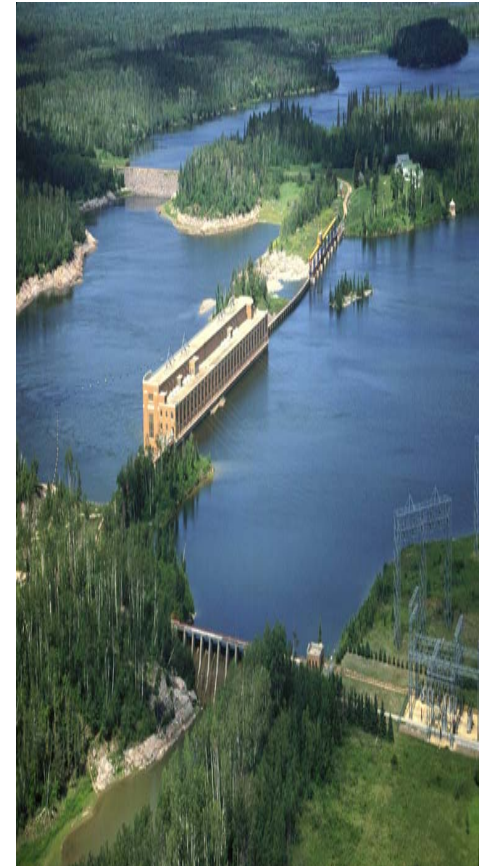


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PROGRAM**



Invest in a clean source of power.
You can contribute to a healthier environment for this generation ...
and the next.

What is “green power”?

“Green power” is a term used to describe electricity supplied from **renewable energy sources** such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric, and biomass.



Why should I buy green power?

Electricity generation is one of the leading industrial causes of air pollution in the United States. By using **fossil fuels**, such as coal, oil and natural gas to create electricity we help create **air pollutants**, which result in environmental hazards such as **smog, acid rain** and **global warming**.

Using electricity an average US household generates **45,000 pounds of CO₂** every year – **twice the amount** used by an average household in **Europe or Japan!** equivalent to **cutting down 4 acres of forest** or **driving 19,000 miles!**

By purchasing green power, you are **supporting increased reliance** on renewable energy sources, thereby **reducing the burning of fossil fuels**.

Purchasing 1 “**block**” of green power each month for a year is equivalent to

planting 1/2 acre of trees or **not driving your car 2500 miles!** (Buying 6 blocks each month for a year is like taking **one car off the road for a year!**)

What is the Green Power Choice Program?

Green Power Choice is a **voluntary program** offered to customers of the City of Chaska Utility Department. The Green Power Choice program currently offers **Hydropower**, which is purchased by the City of Chaska Utility Department’s energy supplier (Minnesota Municipal Power Agency) from **Manitoba Hydro**. Hydropower creates **no air pollution** and water from hydroelectric plants may be **“recycled”** into other uses (recreation, irrigation, and drinking).

How will the green power that I purchase get to my home or business?

The amount of green power electricity you purchase is not directly sent to your home or business. Instead it will be **delivered to the power grid**, which supplies electricity to your home or business. So, every time we replace existing power with a renewable resource, **your electricity pool becomes a little greener** and that benefits everyone.

How will purchasing green power affect my monthly bill?

Hydropower is offered in **blocks of 100 kilowatthours (kWh)** for a charge of **\$1.75 per block**. The cost of the green power you purchase is added to your regular electric charges each month and since **you** choose the number of blocks you would like to purchase, you decide how much you are willing to contribute to support the use of renewable energy. So if you choose to buy five blocks (500 kWh) of hydropower, an additional \$8.75 will be added to your electric bill each month. (5 x \$1.75 = \$8.75)



Why does it cost more to purchase green power?

While **water is a cheaper fuel** than coal, oil and natural gas, the facilities that make hydropower are more expensive to construct and operate.

How do I sign up?

Signing up is easy! Simply print out the **Participation Form** on the back of this brochure and place it in the envelope with your utility bill payment or call Chaska Utility Billing at 952-448-9200.