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### **Expanding the Electric Vehicle Public Charging Network**

**ORONOCO, MN, March 9, 2023** — Electric vehicle (EV) drivers have two new locations to charge their EVs while traveling in Southeast Minnesota – Bennett's Eyota Market and High Plains Cooperative in Plainview. With grant funding from Dairyland Power Cooperative, People's Energy Cooperative is proud to play a part in the continued expansion of the regional EV public charging network.

These level 2 chargers can add nearly 60 miles of range to a car's battery in the amount of time that one would shop for groceries at Bennett's Eyota Market, do business at the new Foresight Bank location within Bennett's, or visit the vibrant downtown of Plainview.

"High Plains Cooperative is happy to have partnered with People's Energy Cooperative to bring the Plainview community an electric charging outlet," shares Keith Holm, CEO and general manager of High Plains Cooperative. "We are embracing the future head on and are committed to the residents of Plainview."

High Plains Cooperative is offering free charging at the new charger from April 1 through June 30, 2023. Bennett's Eyota Market is offering free charging now through April 30, 2023.

"As your local rural electric cooperative, we are committed to our members, including the companies operating within our service territory," says Mike Henke, president and CEO of People's Energy Cooperative. "Through collaborations like these, we are able to serve members who drive electric vehicles, generate revenue from non-member charging, and help local businesses fulfill a need they see in their community."

As founding members of the CHARGE, LLC network, People's Energy Cooperative and Dairyland Power Cooperative remain committed to the development of a visible network of cooperative-powered EV chargers.

#### **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 19,000 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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