



Outpouring of support during major storm

On Thursday, May 12, a strong line of thunderstorms raced across our service territory, bringing down trees and power lines and causing substantial damage for many property owners. These storms produced wind speeds of more than 100 miles per hour.

The storms left about 9,500 customers without power. The strong winds brought down more than 50 power poles.

As soon as they were able to do so safely, our crews responded and began working around the clock to repair broken poles and downed lines.

Their efforts were met with an outpouring of community support. Messages poured in on social media thanking our line crews for their hard work.

"Thank you all!! You are all amazing! There are not enough words to adequately express our families' gratitude!!" one Facebook user wrote.

"Thank you all so much for your continued efforts to get power restored so quickly," another said.

Our crews also encountered lots of kindness while they

were working. Customers offered snacks, drinks and words of gratitude.

Community Relations Manager Tom Glanzer reached out to Ryan's Hanger in Huron, South Dakota, around 8:30 p.m. Thursday and asked the restaurant to make 50 burgers for our crews. The burgers were delivered by 9:15 p.m.

The Huron McDonald's made sure our crews had a good breakfast Friday morning.

Friday at lunch, Pack and Play travel bought pizza for our entire team! Walmart donated an entire pallet of water to help keep crews hydrated.

By Friday evening, power had been restored to all but about 300 customers. By 4 p.m. Sunday, every customer once again had power.

We want to extend a huge thank you to all our crews who worked to get the power back on. We are also extremely grateful for all the support we received during the storm. We are honored and blessed to serve such caring communities!

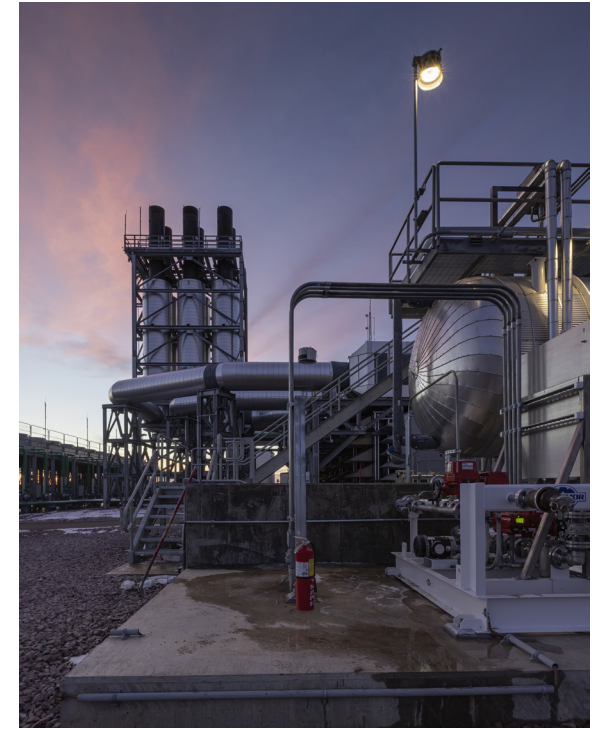
Bob Glanzer Generating Station coming online

The Bob Glanzer Generating Station in Huron came online last month. The 58-megawatt natural gas plant will be an important generation asset to help mitigate capacity deficits like those we experienced in February 2021, when we had to ask customers to conserve energy in order to prevent rolling blackouts. The new plant will provide on-demand electric capacity and also support the variability of wind and solar generation. These on-demand resources are critical until longer-duration, carbon-free resources are developed and cost effective.

The Bob Glanzer Generating Station in Huron is named in honor of the late South Dakota State Rep. Bob Glanzer. Bob was a high school teacher and coach before becoming the manager of the South Dakota State Fair in 1975. He went on to a successful banking career, retiring in 2012.

An important aspect of the process of building this plant included ongoing dialogue and sharing information with a wide variety of stakeholders, including consumer, environmental, conservation and community groups.

Hear what they have to say:



NorthWestern Energy has always been a strong supporter of our community. The new Bob Glanzer Generating Station represents a huge investment in the future energy needs of Huron and the surrounding area. On behalf of the citizens of Huron, I'd like to thank NorthWestern not only for their continued support but their willingness to wisely invest in their future.

Gary Harrington, Mayor of Huron

From a community perspective, NorthWestern Energy is the type of dedicated business that all communities wish they would have. Their dedication to the community, both monetarily and from a volunteer standpoint, is treasured. The economic impact they have had on Huron with the construction of the Bob Glanzer Generating Station has been immeasurable. They are looking forward to the future of energy for our region and being fiscally responsible with the investment in clean energy. The environmental awareness and the value that the plant and the energy produced there will provide to Huron and other communities will have great impact for many years to come.

Laurie Shelton, President/CEO, Huron Chamber of Commerce

The Bob Glanzer Generating Station represents an investment by NorthWestern Energy that will benefit the City of Huron for decades to come with a reliable and affordable source of locally produced clean energy. The project being located next to Huron's newest industrial park, Vantage Business Park, will provide new or expanding businesses with the assurance that their time lost to electrical outages will be virtually non-existent. NorthWestern Energy has always played a vital role in Greater Huron's economic development efforts and we look forward to partnering with them on future business expansion efforts.

Ted Haeder, President/CEO, Greater Huron Development