From the RPU archives
See RPU history in photos
RPU has provided water and electric service to Rochester residents for more than 100 years. And over the course of that time, many photos and documents have been preserved. Take a peek into the RPU archives and look back at RPU’s history in photos.

Cutting floor in the North Broadway Plant for new turbine, 1923.

RPU bucket truck in a past Rochesterfest Parade.

Looking northeast at the Silver Lake Plant, circa 1945.

At the combustion gas turbine dedication in 2002, (left to right) RPU General Manager Larry Koshire with a Pratt & Whitney Project Manager, Former Mayor Chuck Canfield, and former Utility Board President Dick Landwehr.

A 1938 Plymouth used as an RPU vehicle.

Early construction on the RPU Service Center along East River Road NE, 1987.

Front cover of a Silver Lake Plant brochure from 1949.

The Silver Lake Plant during the flood of 1978.

The Silver Lake Plant...
The water standpipe pictured was built in 1887. Later, the Saint Mary's water tower was built near the standpipe to provide additional water storage capacity. After more than 108 years of use, the standpipe was demolished in 1995.

Cover of the 1983 RPU annual report featuring current RPU employees Pete Bennett (right) and Steve Fiek (left).

Video crew on top of the former RPU business office located at 1st Avenue and 5th Street NE, which was built in 1963.

The North Broadway Plant was constructed in 1916. The plant was demolished once electric capacity from the Silver Lake Plant was adequate for the city of Rochester.

An RPU billing statement, circa 1962 or before.

The RPU hydroelectric dam on Lake Zumbro was constructed and put in service in 1919.

Unit #4 was installed at the Silver Lake Plant and went online in 1969. Rated output for Unit #4 is 50 megawatts.

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RPU water crew repairing a water main break, circa 1975.

Past water superintendent Eugene Schwarz stands in the old 4th Street SE water pumping station, circa 1940.
MORE PARTNERS = MORE SAVINGS!

When we began **CONSERVE & $AVE** in 2003, we saved nearly 7.9 million kWh. Thanks to many Rochester area businesses, the savings have continued to climb!

The following businesses and organizations, with help from their Energy Solutions Partners (ESPs), worked with Rochester Public Utilities in 2012 through our Partnering in Energy Solutions program. They earned rebates totaling $960,282 and saved 22 million kWh. That amount of electricity is comparable to the average annual energy use of 2,600 homes in Rochester!

We can help your business save energy and money too. Visit www.rpu.org to learn more about Partnering in Energy Solutions.

A special thanks to our ESPs for their work on energy efficient projects. To learn how to become an ESP, visit www.rpu.org or call an RPU Commercial Account Representative at 507.280.1500.

### In addition to those pictured, the businesses, organizations, and ESPs listed below also partnered with RPU in 2012:

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Thank You

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth at the Rochester Area Builder’s Home Show. We had a great time sharing information about energy-efficient lighting and answering all of your energy and water conservation questions.

We would also like to extend a thank you to all of the trade allies and commercial customers who attended our 2013 meetings, which were held last month. Reaching our water and energy conservation goals is only possible through working together on projects and upgrades.

Representatives from People’s Energy Cooperative, Minnesota Energy Resources, and RPU on hand at the Trade Ally Meeting.

Bob Anderson (left) and Steve Monson (right) prepare to welcome visitors to the RPU booth at the Rochester Area Builder’s Home Show.

A lighting display at the RPU booth at the Rochester Area Builder’s Home Show showing an array of different LED lighting technologies available.

Residential Account Representative Stephanie Humphrey presents to the trade allies in attendance at the annual Trade Ally Meeting.

Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarships for High School Seniors
Entries Due April 5, 2013

ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST:
* First Place …… $2000
* Second Place …… $1500
* Third Place …… $1000
* Fourth Place …… $500

Visit www.rpu.org for essay guidelines and to download a scholarship entry form. Good luck!
Thanks to the Water Crews!

This winter season has been significantly higher than previous years for water main breaks. So far this season there have been 39 water breaks in Rochester. This is the most recorded over the past five seasons.

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Water mains can break under many conditions, but sub-zero temperatures and a deep frost line can often be a main cause for them. Having clean water available to you at all times is not always easily done. There are many RPU water employees that work tirelessly to ensure that when you go to turn your water faucet on, that you readily have it available in the dead of winter and throughout the year.

Did You Know?

With your help, we collected 2,037 pounds of old holiday lights this winter! Because of such a great effort, there will be less waste dumped in the landfill and more products reused or recycled. Thanks for such a great effort!
Cold Weather Rule Window Ending Soon

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule window is coming to an end on April 15. If you are behind on paying your RPU bill, please contact RPU customer service to make arrangements to bring your account current by April 15.

If no arrangement has been made and your account is not current as of April 15, your electric service may be shut off for non-payment. RPU customer service is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday to assist you.


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Is Your Home Protected?

For only $2.99 per month, you can have peace of mind that you won’t be hit with costly repair bills if your underground electric or water service breaks!

To learn more and sign up, visit: www.rpu.org

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ATTEND A FREE ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP!

Monday, April 15, 2013 6:30 p.m.
Lincoln Choice Elementary School – 1122 8th Ave SE

Reserve your spot! Contact Ashley Robertson at 888.734.6365 or arobertson@mncee.org.

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RPU’s 11th Annual
Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 26 • 11 am-1 pm
Mayo Park - Downtown Rochester

FREE ADMISSION • FREE FOOD* • FREE GIVEAWAYS* • FREE TREES*
LIVE MUSIC • FAMILY ACTIVITIES • AND MORE!

Sponsoring Partners:

For more information visit: www.rpu.org

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NEIGHBORHOOD ENERGY CHALLENGE

Attendees are eligible for a home energy audit. Auditors will also install products that can help you start saving right away. You’ll receive information on energy efficiency financing and rebates. This $400 value is available to workshop attendees for a co-pay of only $50! Visit www.rpu.org to learn more.

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

*while supplies last
Upcoming RPU Board Meetings

Join RPU during one of their Board meetings.

Location: RPU service center
When: March 26, April 30
Time: 4 p.m.

Payments can always be made online at www.rpu.org or over the phone by calling 855.210.2285.

Working with residential and commercial customers to reduce electric and water usage and promote environmental stewardship.

Our 2013 Conservation Goals are:

**Electric Utility**
Goal 18,563,927 kWh saved
7,417,666 kWh saved to date
40% to goal

**Water Utility**
Goal 9,564,220 gallons saved
1,477,702 gallons saved to date
15.5% to goal