

## **In Conclusion**

During interviews, it has often been testified that the Utilities have employed a great caliber of people. None of the events that were accounted in this piece would have been achieved if it were not for the terrific employees of HUC. While few were singled out during this writing, know that the cumulative actions of these special men and women were paramount to the overall success that the Utilities have experienced for these past 74 years. In 2008 alone it was found that the Utilities' assets had doubled without increasing the workforce; this is a testament to how exemplary the staff truly is. They have toiled through freezing temperatures and searing hot days to provide the citizens of Hutchinson the luxury of an affordable and reliable supply of electricity. The casserole that is baked to perfection, the television that is airing your favorite show, and the fan that cools you at night are all products of the blessings that electricity has bestowed on us.

The economic vivacity in Hutchinson serves as unequivocal proof that the Commissioners of today and yesteryear honored their mission to provide a dependable, reliable, and cost-effective supply of power. Currently, the value of the electric and natural gas plant serving Hutchinson is in excess of \$100,000,000 while Hutchinson Utilities presently has revenues exceeding \$40,000,000. As guardians of the rate payers, Hutchinson Utilities has been steadily able to lower its costs, thus decreasing the fees charged to customers. Time and time again the Utilities have consistently been found at the cheaper end of the rate spectrum when compared to other utilities; rates are not much more than what they were prior to World War II. Because of its conquests and achievements, such as the establishment of a natural gas division to acquiring the massive LM 6000 unit, the Utilities was and will forevermore remain as an icon in the community of Hutchinson.

As the Hutchinson Utilities Commission looks to the future it will continue to abide by its mission through continuing to sustain reliable and high-quality sources of energy. While it is largely unknown of what the next decades will bring us, rate payers of Hutchinson can be certain that the Utilities will remain at the forefront in any matter regarding electricity and natural gas, perhaps even renewable energies. Citizens can also be comforted by the fact that the Utilities has and will remain under the steadfast control of Hutchinson rate payers.

Former Electric Superintendent, Butch Wentworth, articulated best what each moment was and will be like for the Utilities when he affirmed pithily that, "every day was the same, but every day was different."

### **The Utilities' Mission Statement**

The Hutchinson Utilities Commission will provide economical, reliable electric and natural gas service within our service territory and the Midwest, while contributing to the economic vitality of the City of Hutchinson and our customers.