



Bobbi Schroepfel's chocolate mayonnaise cake has been in her family for decades.

Her father was the youngest of 10 kids and grew up on a farm in Iowa. His great grandfather immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1873 and settled in Iowa. The family refers to the cake as "Grandma's" cake but it was a recipe that emerged most likely during the WWII timeframe when staples were rationed.

"According to my dad's sisters, they got creative on a number of fronts to stretch out items such as flour, sugar and eggs, but when I look at this recipe it appears the mayonnaise may be more for moistness rather than rationing of flour or sugar," said Bobbi, Vice President of Customer Care, Communications and Human Resources.

Bobbi joined NorthWestern Energy in 1998 as the Director of Market Research. She previously worked for an electric cooperative in Minnesota. Driving to Huron, South Dakota, for the interview at NorthWestern was Bobbi's first time in the Mount Rushmore State.

"I had never been to South Dakota in my life even though I grew up right next door in Minnesota," she said.

Bobbi became Vice President of Customer Care in 2002, and now oversees corporate communications, human resources, and labor and safety, in addition to customer care. She enjoys the variety of her job. She also loves the culture and family-like atmosphere of NorthWestern Energy and has worked hard to help create and maintain that culture.

That work has been recognized recently. NorthWestern Energy was named one of America's Greatest Workplaces and one of American's Greatest Workplaces for Diversity and Women by Newsweek.

"We have great employees," Bobbi said. "If you put a problem in front of a group of employees at NorthWestern, they will solve it. Their commitment to customers and the communities we serve is second to none."



## Chocolate Mayonnaise Cake

Bobbi usually makes the cake in a 9x13-inch pan, and tops it with chocolate frosting. It can also be made into rounds for a layer cake, and it's also delicious with vanilla or peanut butter frosting.

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup cold water
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 6 tablespoons baking cocoa
- Pinch of salt

### DIRECTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9" x 13" baking pan.
- 2 With a mixer, beat together sugar, mayonnaise, eggs, vanilla and water.
- 3 In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking soda, baking cocoa and salt.
- 4 Add dry ingredients to wet and mix just until combined.
- 5 Bake for 40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.
- 6 Once the cake has cooled, frost with your favorite frosting and enjoy!

**High altitude adjustments:** Add ¼ cup flour (2¼ cups total) and reduce baking soda to 1 ½ tsp. Bake at 375 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

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# Energy Connections

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## Arbor Day is April 26

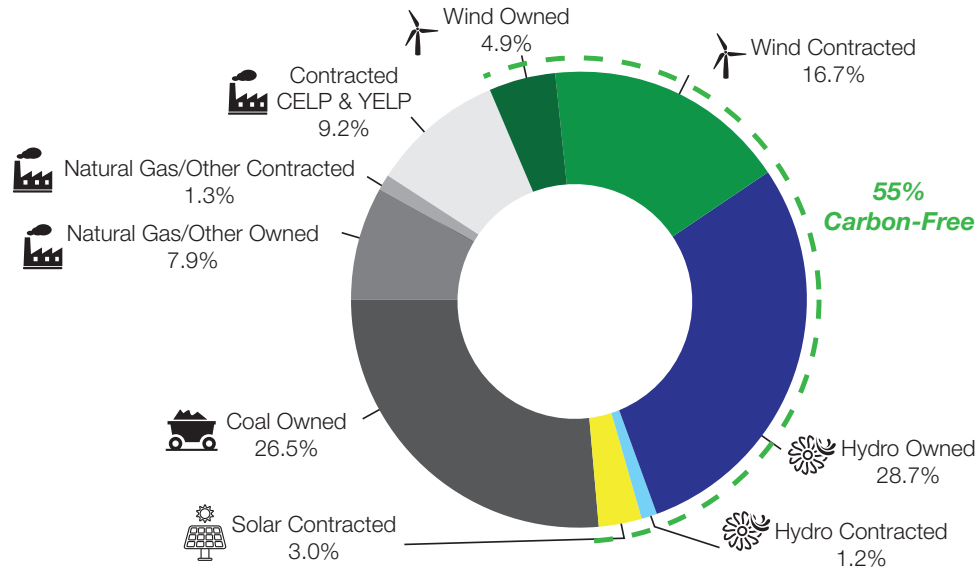
Plant a tree for Arbor Day! Planting trees has many benefits, including keeping your home cooler by providing shade in the summer and breaking cold winds to lower your heating costs in the winter.

# Our Electric Generation Portfolio

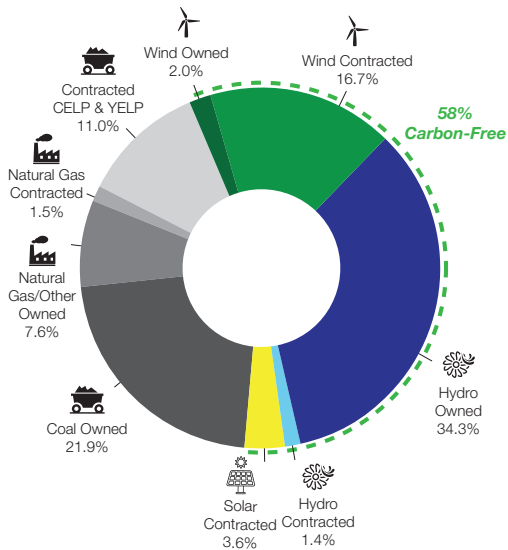
Our current energy supply portfolio is built on a balanced mix of carbon-free resources, including hydro, wind and solar, and traditional thermal resources. In

2023, 55% of our electric generation came from carbon-free resources, with our Montana hydroelectric system contributing nearly 30%.

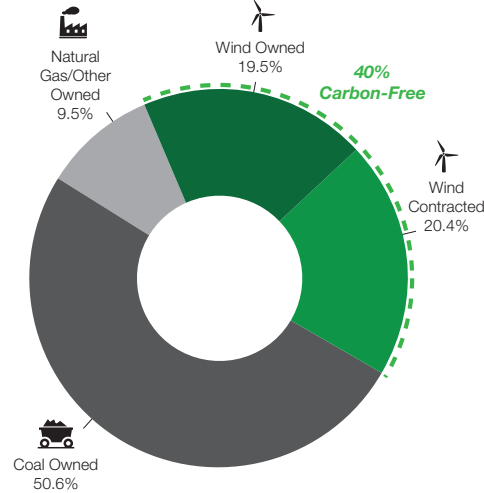
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# Our Net-Zero Vision

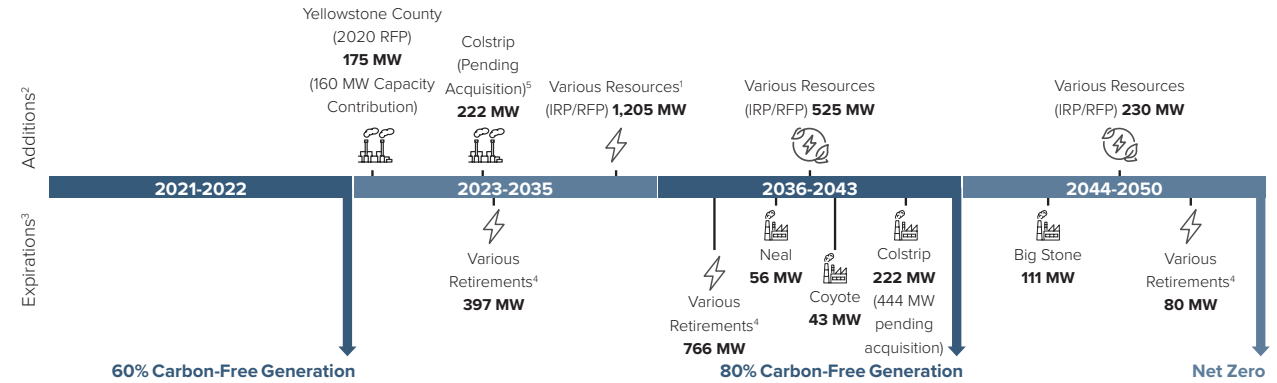
Over the past 100 years, NorthWestern Energy has maintained our commitment to provide customers with reliable and affordable electric and natural gas service while also keeping our commitment to environmental sustainability front and center. In early 2022, we took our commitment a step further and announced our plan to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

As we transition to a net-zero portfolio, we will continue to focus on supplying our customers with reliable energy at the most affordable rates possible.

Over the last 10 years, nearly all the owned electric generation we have put into service in Montana and South Dakota are carbon-free resources. Over time, we expect to close our coal plants at the earlier of depreciable life or when the plant is no longer cost effective. Until longer duration carbon-free resources are available and cost effective, we are likely going to need natural gas-fired generation to supplant the output and capacity provided by our coal resources.

Learn more at [NorthWesternEnergy.com/NetZero](https://NorthWesternEnergy.com/NetZero).

## Projected Owned and Contracted Resources



1. Includes resources from the 2020 Montana RFP PowerEx contract. Resources from the RFP are currently under construction and total 325 MW  
 2. Additions: owned resources = 397 MW (175 Yellowstone + 222 Colstrip acquisition)/contracted resources = 564 MW/unknown resources = 1,396 MW  
 3. Expirations: owned resources = 432 MW (654 MW pending Colstrip acquisition)/contracted resources 1,243 MW  
 4. These include long-term contracted resources, many of which are carbon-free, whose contract ends during the timeline presented above. Contracts may be renewed if they are cost effective and meet strategic goals and/or portfolio needs at the time of contract expiration  
 5. Pending Colstrip acquisition is 111 MW of Colstrip Unit 3 & 111 MW of Colstrip Unit 4 from Avista Corporation for zero dollars, with an effective transfer date of January 1, 2026.

# Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Investments

We are developing turnkey installation of new charging infrastructure along highway corridors at commercial customers' properties in Montana and South Dakota.

In addition, we are conducting an in-depth analysis to design programs for business customers to ensure our electric infrastructure is adequate and efficient for significant EV charging growth.

## Electric Vehicle Charger Usage by Year

