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Two employees and two board members were honored for their years of service to Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative at the organization's annual meeting April 7 in Sioux City.

Earning service awards were Dennis Hill, vice president of telecommunications services, who has been with NIPCO 30 years; and Jason Stock, an electrician, who is celebrating five years with NIPCO.

Directors who were honored were Alan Lucken, who has represented North West Rural Electric Cooperative on NIPCO's board for 15 years; and Vernon Winterhof, a director for five years representing Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative.

NIPCO, a Touchstone Energy cooperative headquartered in Le Mars, is a wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative owned by six rural electric cooperatives and also by a full-service municipal electric cooperative serving six western Iowa towns. Touchstone Energy is a national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. More than 660 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in 46 states deliver energy and energy solutions to more than 30 million customers every day. Touchstone Energy cooperatives serve their members with integrity, accountability, innovation and a long-standing commitment to communities.

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