

You Are A Member

As a cooperative, our “customers” are actually our Members and our Owners.

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BASICS

An electric cooperative is a private, non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state and owned by the customers, or Members it serves. It is governed by a board of directors elected from and by the Membership. It is guided by the following principles:

1) Voluntary and Open Membership — Co-ops are voluntary organizations open to all persons able to use their service.

2) Democratic Member Control — Co-ops are democratic organizations controlled by their Members

who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. Elected representatives are accountable to the Membership.

3) Members’ Economic Participation — Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is the common property of the cooperative.

4) Autonomy and Independence — Co-ops are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their Members.

5) Concern for Community — While focusing on Member needs, co-ops work for the

sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their Members.

6) Education, Training and Information — Cooperatives provide education training and information for their Members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives.

7) Cooperation Among Cooperatives — Cooperatives serve their Members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, regional, national and international organizations.

If you have any questions about your cooperative, please contact our office or visit our website for additional information. ■