

# NCE Cooperative Facts

## ABOUT US

Nobles Cooperative Electric (NCE) is proud to serve rural members in Murray and Nobles counties, along with portions of Cottonwood, Jackson, Lyon, Pipestone and Rock counties in southwestern Minnesota. NCE is a distribution cooperative that provides service directly to residential and commercial members. As a small, local electric cooperative, NCE knows and serves the needs of its members who expect state-of-the-art technology, responsive service and reliable electricity.

## MISSION

Committed to improving the quality of our members' lives.

## VALUES (START)

**SAFETY**   **TEAM**   **ACCOUNTABLE**   **RESPONSIVE**   **TRANSPARENT**

## COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

Cooperatives around the world operate according to the same set of core principles and values. These principles are a key reason that America's electric cooperatives operate differently from other electric utilities, putting the needs of their members first. Our cooperative principles are:

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| 1. Open and Voluntary Membership   | 5. Education, Training and Information |
| 2. Democratic Member Control       | 6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives      |
| 3. Members' Economic Participation | 7. Concern for Community               |
| 4. Autonomy and Independence       |  |

## QUICK FACTS

- Number of active services: 6,957
- Miles of power line: 2,271 (Underground = 1,262; Overhead = 1,009)
- Average density per line: 3.25 services/mile
- Average residential kWh/month: 1,359
- Average number of members per employee: 219
- Number of employees: 24
- Board members: 7
- Towns served in addition to rural area: Avoca, Dovray, Ellsworth, Fulda, Lismore, Reading and Wilmont
- Facilities: Slayton and Worthington (includes main office)
- Anniversary date: June 2, 1936
- Substations: 18
- 16 percent of our members voted in NCE's 2023 election
- For every dollar paid to the cooperative, 59.5 cents is spent on wholesale power costs
- NCE has one of the lowest kilowatt-hour rates in Minnesota (91 percentile)

## CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS OR CASH BACK



NCE issues capital credits refunds annually to members. That is one of the benefits of being a cooperative member. As a member, you became part owner in the cooperative. Other businesses return profits to investors and stockholders. Not us. NCE is a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative. We return Capital Credits (cash back) to our member-owners.

**Your cooperative has paid back \$13,256,177 the last 15 years!**

## DEMAND RESPONSE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

We work with our members to offer a variety of energy efficiency programs and rebates including:

- Appliance rebates
- Heating and cooling rebates, including smart thermostats
- Load management programs with incentives
- \$550 Marathon storage water heaters (100 gallon)
- Commercial and agricultural rebates
- MyMeter online empowerment tool



**Nobles Cooperative  
Electric**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Have you ever wondered where your energy comes from? NCE purchases power from Great River Energy (GRE), Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative (SMEC, formerly Alliant) and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). Twenty-four percent of the energy we receive is from hydro-electric power from dams along the Missouri River delivered by WAPA. Great River Energy and Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative provide us our wholesale electrical requirements.

## GREAT RIVER ENERGY IS LEADING THE WAY FORWARD

**2020**

Source	Percentage
COAL	55%
NATURAL GAS	2%
RENEWABLE	25%
HYDRO-ELECTRIC	0%
MARKET	18%
RAINBOW PURCHASE	0%

**2027**

Source	Percentage
COAL	0%
NATURAL GAS	7%
RENEWABLE	57%
HYDRO-ELECTRIC	6%
MARKET	24%
RAINBOW PURCHASE	6%

Legend: COAL (Blue), NATURAL GAS (Orange), RENEWABLE (Green), HYDRO-ELECTRIC (Yellow), MARKET (Light Blue), RAINBOW PURCHASE (Brown)

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members. Directors are elected from the membership and accountable to the members and service territory they serve. Each member has the opportunity to vote and have their voice be heard. The NCE Board of Directors is committed to serving you.

- Seven directors serve with staggered three-year terms.
- Directors must receive NCE's electric service and have their primary residence in the district they represent.
- Directors must meet the qualifications listed in the bylaws.
- Basic commitments:
  - Monthly board meetings
  - Committee assignments
  - Education seminars
  - Keeping the members' best interests at heart

141 Hope	125 Shelburne	124 Rock Lake	123 Custer Garvin	122 Monroe	221 Springdale	
Ruthlon 041 Aetna	025 Ellsborough	024 Skandia	023 Lake Sarah	022 Shetek	021 Holly	121 Ann
126 Rock	026 Cameron	027 Lowville	028 Mason	Currie 029 Murray	030 Dovray Dovray	130 Westbrook Westbrook
Woodstock 135 Burke	Lake Wilson 035 Chanarambie	Hadley 034 Leeds	Slayton 033 Slayton	032 Lime Lake Avoca	031 Des Moines River	131 Rosehill
136 Osborne Edgerton	Chandler 036 Moulton	037 Fenton	Iona 038 Iona	039 Bondin Fulda	040 Belfast Dundee	140 Southbrook
105 Battle Plain	005 Leota	004 Wilmont Wilmont	003 Bloom	002 Seward	Kimbria 001 Graham Lakes	101 La Crosse
Kenneth 106 Vienna	Lismore 006 Lismore	007 Larkin	008 Summit Lake	009 Elk	010 Hersey Brewster	110 Alba
115 Magnolia	015 Westside Adrian	014 Olney Rushmore	013 Dewald	012 Worthington Worthington	011 Lorain	111 Ewington
316 Kanaranzi	016 Grand Prairie Ellsworth	017 Little Rock	018 Ransom	019 Bigelow Bigelow	020 Indian Lake	320 Round Lake Round Lake
216 Midland	116 Elgin	118 Viola	119 Wilson	120 Horton	220 Fairview	

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