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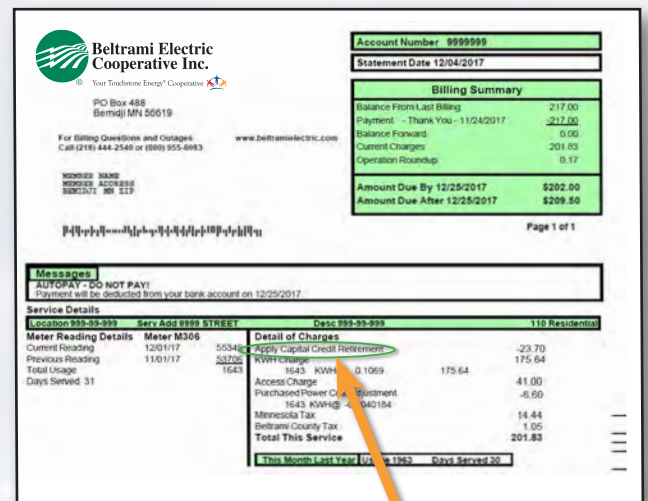
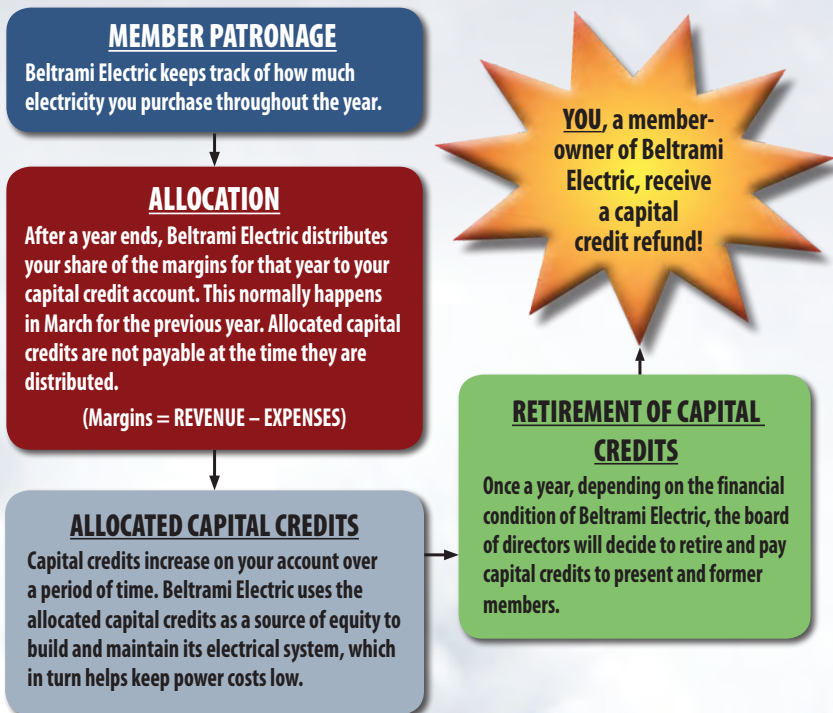
As a MEMBER of Beltrami Electric,

When you signed up to receive electric service from Beltrami Electric, you became a member of an electric cooperative. While investor-owned utilities return profits to investors and stockholders, Beltrami Electric Cooperative is a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative, and we allocate excess revenue to members as "capital credits," and retire – or pay – them when the co-op's financial condition permits.

It **PAYS** to be a member-owner of Beltrami Electric! Earning and receiving capital credits is just one of the benefits of membership in Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc. This year the board of directors for Beltrami Electric has approved the retirement and paying of nearly \$1 million in capital credits for more than 20,000 present and former members of Beltrami Electric!

YOU get the credit!

How do capital credits work?



A Benefit of Co-op Membership

When you signed up to receive electric service from Beltrami Electric, you became a member of an electric cooperative. Electric cooperatives allocate revenue to members as "capital credits," and retire - or pay - them when the co-op's financial condition permits.

Present members who receive a capital credit retirement will see a credit on their statement in late November or early December (depending on the billing cycle). A credit applied to a statement will be listed as "Apply Capital Credit Retirement" under the Detail of Charges.

Thank you for your membership!

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Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance.

All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electrical lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

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Capital credits, 2018 outlook

Jared Echternach, *CEO*

Members to receive nearly \$1 million in capital credits

I am pleased to report that your board of directors has authorized a capital credit retirement of nearly \$1 million in 2017. Credits will appear on the bills members receive in December. Checks to former members are scheduled to be mailed in mid-December just in time for the holiday season.

Each year since 1984 your board of directors has authorized a retirement of capital credits to the members. This year your board of directors once again authorized a hybrid method, retiring 50 percent of the co-op allocation from 1993 to wholesale accounts, 50 percent of the co-op allocation from 1994 excluding wholesale accounts and 2 percent of the co-op allocation from all remaining unretired years. Under the hybrid method of retirement, more members and newer members will benefit from the capital credit retirement and experience the cooperative difference.

As a member of Beltrami Electric Cooperative, you are also an owner. Any margins realized at the end of the year are allocated to the members based on the amount of electricity used. We credit this amount on an annual basis to a patronage allocation account in your name. This allocation is held by the cooperative as equity, which allows us to reduce borrowing costs while maintaining your distribution plant. You can be proud of the fact that more than \$23.9 million has been returned to members in the history of the cooperative.

2018 outlook

Your board of directors is in the process of reviewing the 2018 preliminary budget and rates. We expect wholesale power costs to remain relatively flat in 2018. This is welcome news as wholesale power makes up 70 percent of our total costs. We will continue to work hard internally to minimize the impact of any increase in 2018, but at this point it appears a modest increase may be necessary.

Cooperative rates are intended to be fair across all rate classes and your board of directors works diligently under a rate policy designed to ensure fair rates. As a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative, the only time we increase rates is when we absolutely must to satisfy our loan covenants and to keep your cooperative financially stable. We will communicate any changes in advance so members have time to prepare and budget. In addition, we will continue to promote ways members can save on their energy bill through our conservation and efficiency programs.

Metering project

Your cooperative's meter replacement program continues ahead of schedule. Allegiant Utility Services has been installing new meters throughout our service area over the past year. With more than 50 percent of the new meters installed, we expect this project to be completed by the end of 2018. Our existing meters have reached their end-life, and since the meter serves as the cash register for each of our services, it's an important and necessary project. When our contractor changes the

meter at your service location, it should only take a few minutes. Power will be disrupted during this time and we thank you for your patience as we complete this project.

The good news is that the new meters will provide additional benefits to our members, including more detailed information on electric use, so those looking to improve conservation and efficiency will have access to more information on when they consume electricity. You can access this information through your cooperative's website using programs such as MyMeter and SmartHub.

We are already experiencing benefits of the new metering system in terms of troubleshooting. In several cases the meter data has allowed us to work with members to diagnose a problem on their side of the service, eliminating the need to send a crew.

In the case of a line outage where several members are without power, the meters can remotely verify that power has successfully been restored, providing more accurate information to our line crews and to our members, thus reducing the potential for crews to be called back later.

We will continue to evaluate ways the new meter system can enhance the value of your membership.

Happy Holidays

It's hard to believe that a new year is almost upon us. As 2017 comes to a close, your board of directors and employees at Beltrami Electric wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year!



Co-op Connections

Business Deal of the Month

**DUNN
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10% off all
beverage
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www.dunnbros.com

Hours: Monday-Friday: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.,
Sunday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

This holiday season warm up to the return of fan favorites, Candy Cane Mocha and Almondine Tea Latte, and a new twist on our signature Nirvana. The new Spiced Eggnog Nirvana features steamed eggnog and comforting seasonal flavors of ground cinnamon and vanilla.

*The one card
that does it all.*

Co-op Connections® Card



**Beltrami Electric
Cooperative Inc.**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Your cooperative understands how busy life can get. Whether working, running kids to activities, spending time with family or running errands, it can be easy to forget to make a payment. With SmartHub, you can take the worry out of paying your bill and set up auto pay from a bank account or credit card. With SmartHub, automatic payments are secure and simple. You can easily manage your account, view or pay your bill, monitor your usage, report an outage and more!

Visit www.beltramielectric.com to sign up for SmartHub or download the app to your mobile device today!



SMART TIPS FOR USING SPACE HEATERS/ELECTRIC BLANKETS



Many people turn to space heaters or electric blankets for added warmth in the winter. Safe Electricity reminds those who use space heaters and electric blankets to keep safety considerations in mind and use these devices with caution.

When buying a space heater or electric blanket, check for approved safety certification marks to verify that the product has been tested for safety. Look for space heaters and electric blankets with safety features, including an automatic shut off. Be very cautious about buying used space heaters or electric blankets. They may not have up-to-date safety mechanisms. Your safety is worth the investment in a new heater or blanket.

Safe Electricity shares the following tips for using space heaters and electric blankets:

- Review and follow all manufacturer directions.
- Plug space heaters and electric blankets directly into outlets; avoid using an extension cord.
- Always remember to turn off space heaters and electric blankets when not in use. Never leave one of these devices on unattended or after going to bed.
- Many fires start when flammable products are placed too close to heating devices, such as space heaters. Space heaters should be kept at least 3 feet from blankets, clothing, paper and other flammables.
- Place space heaters out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, nonflammable floor surface – NOT on carpets, furniture or countertops.
- Be aware of pets and children near heating appliances. Pets should never be allowed to sleep on top of electric blankets.
- Keep space heaters and electric blankets away from water. If they become wet, do not turn them on to dry.
- Regularly examine cords to make sure there is no cracking or fraying. Do not use damaged appliances. Also inspect your electric blanket to ensure that it is not worn or damaged. It should not have any charred or dark areas. Replace old or damaged blankets.
- Store your electric blanket in a manner which avoids creasing. If it cannot be stored flat, loosely fold or roll the blanket in a cool, dry closet.

To learn more on how to avoid electrical hazards, visit SafeElectricity.org.

HOW TO: CALCULATE THE COST OF RUNNING A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER

First, convert watts to watt hours:

$$\frac{\text{_____ watts}}{\text{_____ kilowatts}} / 1,000 =$$

Next, calculate the operating cost:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{_____ kilowatts} \times \\ &\quad .11\text{¢ per hour} \\ &\text{_____ ¢ per hour} \times \text{_____} \\ &\text{hours} = \$\text{_____ per day} \\ &\$ \text{_____ per day} \times 30 \text{ days} = \end{aligned}$$

MONTHLY COST TO OPERATE

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Purchasing electronic gifts this holiday season? Remember to purchase ENERGY STAR®-certified electronics and give the gift of energy efficiency. Visit www.energystar.gov/productfinder for a full list of efficient products.

Source: energystar.gov



Safely connect a portable generator to your home with GenerLink!

- The GenerLink is a 200 amp UL listed automatic transfer switch
- Beltrami Electric Cooperative technicians will install at your electric meter
- GenerLink transfer switch is available in two different sizes (30 or 40 amp models) and comes with a 20-foot power cord to connect your generator to the meter socket transfer switch
- Allows you flexibility and control to select what you want to run using your home's circuit panel

Contact Beltrami Electric Cooperative today at 444-2540 or 800-955-6083 for current pricing or more information



Tips for staying safe this holiday season



Gathering with family and friends during the holidays often means making great memories, reliving traditions and sharing the spirit of the season. However, amid all the festivities, don't forget about safety. Safe Electricity shares tips to help ensure that your holiday season – whether decorating, feasting or traveling – remains a safe one.

Keep safety in mind when decorating the home. Ensure that your tree is placed at least 3 feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces or radiators and on a stable platform. Before hanging holiday lights, check for worn spots, fraying and excessive kinking. Damaged strands of lights should not be used. Consider investing in LED light strands. Although they are more expensive than traditional incandescent bulbs, LED lights last much longer and are also more efficient and durable.

Don't get burned in the kitchen. Clean your stovetop and oven often, especially before the large amount of baking and cooking that takes place for family gatherings. Doing so will help prevent fires in the kitchen, should a malfunction or accident in the kitchen take place. Do not leave combustible items, such as towels or potholders, near the stovetop. Keep all appliance cords away from heat. Never use appliances near the kitchen sink. Plug appliances into ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets. Unplug your appliances when they are not in use.

Whether you are leaving the home for a few hours or for a few weeks, turn off all lights when they are not in use. Your neighbors can still enjoy your exterior Christmas lights while you are away if you put them on an automatic timer. This will remove the extra worry of an electrical accident while also reducing energy costs. If you will be gone for an extended holiday trip, you can reduce the risk of a power surge damaging equipment by unplugging unneeded electrical devices before leaving.

For more home electrical safety tips, visit SafeElectricity.org.

10 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills

Looking to lower your bills this winter? Use the 10 tips below to conserve energy.

-  Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.
-  Reduce waste heat by installing a programmable thermostat.
-  Turn off lights when not in use.
-  Lower your water heater temperature. The Dept. of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.
-  Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.
-  Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home.
-  Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out.
-  Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home.
-  Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.
-  Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



Track and compare your usage

* Track your usage against weather conditions and see how it compares to previous months & years

Data & Alerts wherever you are

* Access your meter data across all of your devices and use the alert system to keep you up to date even when you are out of town.

Set Customizable Markers-

* Track things like vacations, remodel, LED lights, heating, etc.



GET STARTED TODAY!!
Visit mymeter.beltramiellectric.com

Northern Lights

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the fifth of the month prior to publication of the next issue. Example:
 - o Ads submitted by Dec. 5 – will be published in January issue.
 - o Ads submitted between Dec. 6 and Jan. 5 – will be published in February issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com (preferred).
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.
- All ads must be **50 words or less** and typed or printed clearly.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- Ads are published at no charge as space permits on a first-received, first-printed basis, with **no guarantee your ad will appear**.
- Ads are only allowed to be repeated for **three consecutive months** and must be resubmitted each month.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless otherwise noted.

For Sale:

1996 Jeep Cherokee 4x4, 4dr, 193k, good running vehicle, \$799/obo, 612-702-2010 or 444-5881.

Hay. 1st crop organic 4x5 big bales. Excellent quality. 407-2052.

Glulam beam, 6 x 16 x 24 ft. \$375, call Bob 443-0426.

H-FarmAll for sale with loader, make offer, 333-8830.

4' W x 8' D x 8' H, custom-built, 2x4 frame, storage shed, shingled w/metal roof edge, tan T111 siding w/ blue trim, \$500. 444-6165.

All walnut stereo components: Hitachi solid state reel to reel; Dual Hi-Fi turntable; Dukoder tuner model #8070; Sansui AU-666 amplifier; four Triton 3 speakers. All in excellent new condition. Brought from Germany. \$340 for all. Would make a great Christmas gift! 854-7483.

2005 Chevy Suburban, 250K miles. Motor and drivetrain very good, maintenance records available. New tires, some rust, interior, seats very nice (has

third seat). One owner. Great hunting fishing vehicle. \$4,000, for pics text or call 701-213-7363.

Brand new items, all with tags on. Black wool coat small \$210/\$60. Red wool coat small \$210/\$60. Emu boots new \$190/\$80—Black, size 8. Men's jacket (blue/black) size large. \$120/\$50. Men's Columbia size med. \$120/\$55. Call 368-4973.

2003 Chrysler Concorde, one owner. Excellent condition, runs great. \$2,500. Call 333-1319.

Chain-link dog kennel: 6'x10'x4', \$100; 9' steel garage door, best offer; older Sears and Yardman lawn mowers, best offer. 243-3399.

Uni-cover Safari fiberglass pickup topper, victory red, fits 2007 to 2013 Chevrolet crew cab short box, 5'8". Can be painted by body shop to match truck color. Great shape. \$525. Call 766-2491.

Singer sewing machine, console model, all attachments included. Winterberry Christmas dishes, selected pieces. Guitar Hero, 2 guitars, 3 controls, games Wii player. All in excellent condition. Please call 751-9357 or 556-2955.

2005 and 2006 T660 LE 4-stroke, 2-up Arctic Cat snowmobiles. Both w/luggage carriers, electric start w/remote, block heaters. Both in excellent, low mileage condition. Available separately or w/ four place alum trailer w/front and rear ramps, road salt shield, new double axles and tires. Asking \$10,500 for package or call for separate prices. 547-1744.

1999 Buick Park Avenue, good condition, navy blue, new motor. \$1,900/obo. 760-3872.

Mobile home-1970s, 56"x13' 8" w/12'x12' addition. Newer windows, furnace and water heater. To be moved. \$7,500. 172 Lakin Ave S. Kelliher. 612-716-9024.

Wood frame futon with mattress in a wild duck upholstery pattern with an olive microfiber back fabric, includes 2 matching pillows. Great condition and would be perfect in a bedroom for extra sleeping or a cabin. \$140. 444-4137.

Treadmill, "Weslo Cadence" G 5.9. Very good condition, used very little. Console has thumb heart rate monitor and 10 speed settings with 3 workout levels. Also monitors time, speed and distance walked or ran and calories burned. \$220. Firm. Call 444-8032.

New side-by-side Frigidaire refrigerator/freezer with ice and water dispenser, \$750. New Amana flattop stove \$375. 556-3900.

2003 Chevrolet Impala, 4 door, 3.8L, 111,000 miles, good tires, reliable. \$2,700. 766-3207.

6 ft. pre-lit Christmas tree, 1 yr. old. \$25. 996-1218.

Calla Lilies! Perfect for celebrations of any kind! 300 long stem lilies, used once. No holds please. All for \$100. Call 854-7212 before they are gone.

2015 Ski-Doo MXZ TNT 600 E-Tec snowmobile in excel. cond. with 20XX miles (wife's machine). Extras include mirrors, sunburst yellow/black color, full skid plate. Purchased brand new, always stored inside. NADA Blue book: \$7,745, you will never find a cleaner, next to new condition sled like this. \$7,400 firm. Walker. 612-868-3807.

4-burner LP gas stove, clean. \$75. 335-2328.

2nd crop hay bales, large rounds. Small square straw bales. Call 751-0408. Leave message.

1995 Aspire engine and trans. Complete. 157K miles. Best offer. Also, older Honda Civic engine – best offer. 760-8589.

New guns-Remington 28 GA model 1100 28 sport, Winchester 410 GA. model 9410 lever action, clay pigeon thrower, pickup access. 368-0441.

Vintage Ethan Allen solid maple drop-leaf harvest table (72x21, w/leaves 72x42) and 6 thumbprint chairs, \$1,200 new, \$500 today. Rare 20-gal. Red Wing crock, \$200. 586-2884.

2 new entertainment centers, \$25 each/obo. New gun vise \$40/obo, 2 vertical water pumps for 2" wells, \$100 each or \$150 for both. Craftsman 16" bar chain saw, \$50/obo. Upright freezer, \$85. 556-6736.

Computer desk and office chair, \$100. Deer stand, \$150. Bronze Elk lamp, \$75. ION fish ice auger, \$300. Dave Gen fish trap – 2 seat, \$200. Two large framed maps, one of Cass Lake, other of Chippewa National Forest, \$20 both. 335-0173.

4-5-6 inch Block, Crazy, Star quilts: twin \$35, full \$40, queen \$50, king \$60. Antique oak rocker, \$65. Sewing machines, \$15 each. Western Pro snowplow, 8ft. \$2,350. 243-2702.

Porcelain dolls, Christmas Village pieces. Call 444-8960.

Wanted:

I will pet sit at your house or mine, also do house check while you are gone. Whether it is deer season or a trip south, I will help you! Call 766-6510, please leave a message.

Free:

Downsizing: would like to give away to a good home our 50-gal. aquarium, wood cabinet stand, pump and all accessories. Call 556-0653 to arrange pick up.

Wind fallen trees not far from driveway need cutting up. You cut you take. Ash, maple, basswood. No charge. 751-0171. 8 miles from Bemidji.

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017. A quorum of directors was present.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Echternach presented Charlie Parson and Sue Kringen each with their Credentialed Cooperative Director Program certificate.
- CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including discussion on the new meter system, legislative issues, Operation Round Up, area solar projects and recent meetings attended. He also presented a draft political action plan.
- Credit Manager Dan Dow and Member Service Manager Jolene Kallroos reviewed the Cold Weather Rule and collections process.
- Attorney Gerad Paul reviewed recommended updates to the Bylaws suggested by the Bylaw Review Committee.
- Sid Sletten gave the Financial and Statistical report for September including review of work orders. He also presented Resolutions approving the Long-Range Load Forecast, a new FFB loan and increased borrowing limits.
- CEO Echternach presented proposed 2017 general capital credit retirement.
- President Coe appointed Judy Honer as the MREA voting delegate and Craig Gaasvig as the alternate
- Directors shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and educational conferences.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the consent agenda and work order inventories.
- Approved the Long-Range Load Forecast.
- Approved the 2017 general capital credit retirement.
- Approved the increased borrowing limits and FFB loan.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017.

FOR SALE BY BID

All items available for viewing at Beltrami Electric from Dec. 1 through Dec. 8 up to 4 p.m. All equipment sold "as is." Cash only.

- 1996 Case 580 Super L Backhoe, front wheel assist. Minimum bid: \$7,500.



- (2) Pole trailers: 1991 and 1997, minimum bid: \$500 each.

- 1996 Redi Haul 30,000 lb. flatbed trailer with tandem dual axles, pintle hitch, electric brakes. Minimum bid \$3,500.



Problems paying your electric bill?

Energy assistance may be available!

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, the following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.

Bi-CAP Energy Assistance

6603 Bemidji Ave N
Bemidji, MN 56601
218-751-4631

Mahube Energy Assistance

120 North Central Ave
Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-732-7204

Leech Lake Energy Assistance

115 6th St NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3783

Red Lake Energy Assistance

PO Box 190
Red Lake, MN 56671
218-679-1880

Kootasca Energy Assistance

201 NW 4th St., Suite 130
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-0800

Celebrate with savings

Buy energy efficient Christmas lights and decorations

LED Rebate

How to apply:

1. Purchase LED Christmas plug-in (not battery operated) lights and decorations in 2017.
2. Complete this rebate form and submit it to Beltrami Electric Cooperative by Dec. 31, 2017, with a copy of your sales receipt and the packaging showing the number of lights per string. ENERGY STAR® LEDs recommended.
3. Select appropriate rebate in the box below. Rebate cannot exceed 75 percent of cost. Maximum of 5 strings per customer.



Name _____ City/Zip _____

Account # _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Number of Strings	Rebate per String	Total Rebate
Less than 99 lights	\$3	
100-199 lights	\$6	
200-299 lights	\$9	
Greater than 300 lights	\$12	

Mail to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative • P.O. Box 488 • Bemidji, MN 56619-0488

Grant Application Deadline Dec. 31, 2017



The next deadline to submit Operation Round Up® grant applications is Dec. 31, 2017. Community organizations and groups may apply for an Operation Round Up grant by completing and returning an application form. Forms are available at Beltrami Electric's office or by visiting our website at www.beltramielectric.com.

We are looking for you!

Beltrami Electric is looking for **Karrina R. Cooper** (Bemidji, Minn.) and **Cole J. Furuseth** (Rosemount, Minn.). Please call 218-444-2540 if you have any information.

Statement of Operations Year-to-date: September 2017

	September 2016	September 2017
Operating Revenue.....	\$ 38,327,349	\$ 37,783,185
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 26,739,377	\$ 27,136,414
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 11,201,009	\$ 11,431,583
Total Cost.....	\$ 37,940,386	\$ 38,567,997
Operating Margin.....	\$ 386,963	\$ (784,812)
Interest Income.....	\$ 189,103	\$ 249,425
Other Margins.....	\$ 327,745	\$ 418,038
Total Margins.....	\$ 903,811	\$ (117,349)
kWh Purchased.....	355,904,263	352,305,820
kWh Sold.....	350,541,846	348,175,324
Meters Billed.....	20,756	20,877



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Help us decorate the mitten tree!

Deadline to drop off items at Cooperative Headquarters is FRIDAY, DEC. 8

With the holiday season approaching fast, it's once again time to decorate Beltrami Electric's annual mitten tree! For the 17th consecutive holiday season, we will be accepting donations of **NEW AND HOMEMADE** mittens, gloves, hats or scarves for distribution to **children in the area Head Start programs**. Enrollment in our local Head Start programs is close to 700 children this year.

Donations can be delivered to the Beltrami Electric office at 4111 Technology Dr. NW in Bemidji. Donations will be accepted until Friday, Dec. 8, and will be distributed the following week.



WATTS UP!



COMING SOON!

WATTS UP! is a new and easy way for our members to receive the latest news and information delivered right to your inbox! Learn about available rebates, energy efficiency tips, programs and services, upcoming events and more!

If Beltrami Electric already has an email address on file, you will automatically receive **WATTS UP!** Members may unsubscribe at any time by using the SafeUnsubscribe® link found at the bottom of every email.

Season's Greetings

from all of us at Beltrami Electric!

Beltrami's offices will be closed **Monday, Dec. 25**, for Christmas Day and **Monday, Jan. 1**, for New Year's Day.

