

## It started more than 70 years ago...

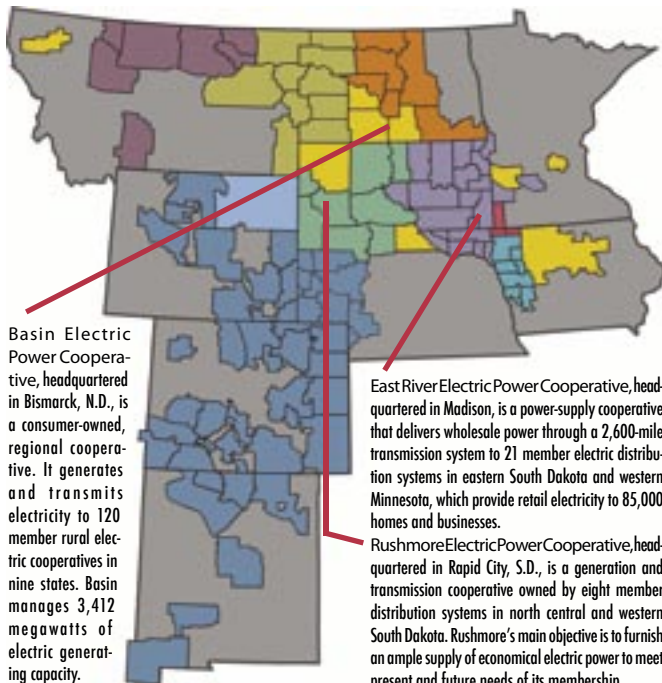
**Neighbors joined neighbors** and formed the state's first electric cooperatives. During the next seven decades, these cooperatives would light counties throughout South Dakota, empowering local communities with local resources.

From Union County to Perkins County, from Fall River County to Roberts County, from Aurora County to Ziebach County, South Dakota's 28 distribution electric cooperatives bring reliable electricity to approximately 270,000 people across 90 percent of South Dakota's land mass. These locally-owned and controlled electric cooperatives serve more than 108,000 farms, homes, schools, churches, businesses, industrial parks and other establishments across the state.

Most rural electric systems are distribution systems that deliver electricity to end users. These distribution cooperatives are co-owners of generation and transmission cooperatives (G&Ts) that generate and/or transmit electricity to meet the needs of distribution cooperatives.

Not only do cooperatives provide electricity to their consumers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, they also generate more than a half billion dollars worth of business volume and services to South Dakota's economy. This, along with the core values of being Touchstone Energy cooperatives, shows that electric cooperatives truly have the power of human connections.

## Our Generation and Transmission Cooperatives



Basin Electric Power Cooperative, headquartered in Bismarck, N.D., is a consumer-owned, regional cooperative. It generates and transmits electricity to 120 member rural electric cooperatives in nine states. Basin manages 3,412 megawatts of electric generating capacity.

East River Electric Power Cooperative, headquartered in Madison, is a power-supply cooperative that delivers wholesale power through a 2,600-mile transmission system to 21 member electric distribution systems in eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota, which provide retail electricity to 85,000 homes and businesses.

Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, headquartered in Rapid City, S.D., is a generation and transmission cooperative owned by eight member distribution systems in north central and western South Dakota. Rushmore's main objective is to furnish an ample supply of economical electric power to meet present and future needs of its membership.

## South Dakota's Local Electric Cooperatives:

Black Hills Electric Cooperative  
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605-673-4461 • [www.bhec.coop](http://www.bhec.coop)

BonHommeYanktonElectricAssociation  
PO Box 158 • Tabor, SD 57063-0158  
605-463-2507 • [www.byelectric.com](http://www.byelectric.com)

Butte Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 137 • Newell, SD 57760-0137  
605-456-2494 • [www.butteelectric.com](http://www.butteelectric.com)

Cam Wal Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 135 • Selby, SD 57472-0135  
605-649-7676 • [www.cam-walnet.com](http://www.cam-walnet.com)

Central Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 850 • Mitchell, SD 57301-0850  
605-996-7516 • [www.centralec.com](http://www.centralec.com)

Charles Mix Electric Association  
PO Box 10 • Lake Andes, SD 57356-0010  
605-487-7321 • [www.cme.coop](http://www.cme.coop)

Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 169 • Mission, SD 57555-0169  
605-856-4416 • [timg@cherry-todd.com](mailto:timg@cherry-todd.com)

Clay Union Electric Corporation  
PO Box 317 • Vermillion, SD 57069-0317  
605-624-5525 • [www.clayunionelectric.coop](http://www.clayunionelectric.coop)

Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 880 • Watertown, SD 57201-0880  
605-886-5848  
[www.codingtonclarkelectric.coop](http://www.codingtonclarkelectric.coop)

Dakota Energy Cooperative  
PO Box 830 • Huron, SD 57350-0830  
605-352-8591 • [www.dakotaenergy.coop](http://www.dakotaenergy.coop)

Douglas Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 370 • Armour, SD 57313-0370  
605-724-2323 • [kenvanzee@unitel.sd.com](mailto:kenvanzee@unitel.sd.com)

FEM Electric Association  
PO Box 468 • Ipswich, SD 57451-0468  
605-426-6891 • [www.femelectric.coop](http://www.femelectric.coop)

Grand Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 39 • Bison, SD 57620-0039  
605-244-5211 • [www.grandelectric.coop](http://www.grandelectric.coop)

H-D Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 1007 • Clear Lake, SD 57226-1007  
605-874-2171 • [www.h-delectric.coop](http://www.h-delectric.coop)

Kingsbury Electric Cooperative  
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605-854-3522  
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Lacreek Electric Association  
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605-685-6581 • [wayne@lacreek.com](mailto:wayne@lacreek.com)

Lake Region Electric Association  
PO Box 341 • Webster, SD 57274-0341  
605-345-3379 • [www.lakeregion.coop](http://www.lakeregion.coop)

Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 8 • Timber Lake, SD 57656-0008  
605-865-3511 • [www.mge.coop](http://www.mge.coop)

Northern Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 457 • Bath, SD 57427-0457  
605-225-0310 • [www.northernelectric.coop](http://www.northernelectric.coop)

Oahe Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 216 • Blunt, SD 57522-0216  
605-962-6243 • [www.oaheelectric.com](http://www.oaheelectric.com)

Rosebud Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 439 • Gregory, SD 57533-0439  
605-835-9624 • [www.rosebudelectric.com](http://www.rosebudelectric.com)

Sioux Valley Energy  
PO Box 216 • Colman, SD 57017-0216  
605-534-3535 • [www.siouxvalleyenergy.com](http://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com)

Southeastern Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 388 • Marion, SD 57043-0388  
605-648-3619  
[www.southeasternelectric.com](http://www.southeasternelectric.com)

Traverse Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 66 • Wheaton, MN 56296-0066  
320-563-8616 • [www.traverseelectric.com](http://www.traverseelectric.com)

Union County Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 459 • Elk Point, SD 57025-0459  
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West Central Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 17 • Murdo, SD 57559-0017  
605-669-2472 • [www.wcenet.com](http://www.wcenet.com)

West River Electric Association  
PO Box 412 • Wall, SD 57790-0412  
605-279-2135 • [www.westriver.com](http://www.westriver.com)

Whetstone Valley Electric Co-op  
PO Box 512 • Milbank, SD 57252-0512  
605-432-5331 • [www.whetstone.coop](http://www.whetstone.coop)

Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
1717 E. Interstate Ave. • Bismarck, ND 58503  
701-223-0441 • [www.basinelectric.com](http://www.basinelectric.com)

East River Electric Power Cooperative  
PO Box 227 • Madison, SD 57042-0227  
605-256-4536 • [www.eastriver.coop](http://www.eastriver.coop)

Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative  
PO Box 2414 • Rapid City, SD 57709-2414  
605-342-4759 • [www.rushelec.com](http://www.rushelec.com)

South Dakota Rural Electric Association  
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# Electric Service Territory Map

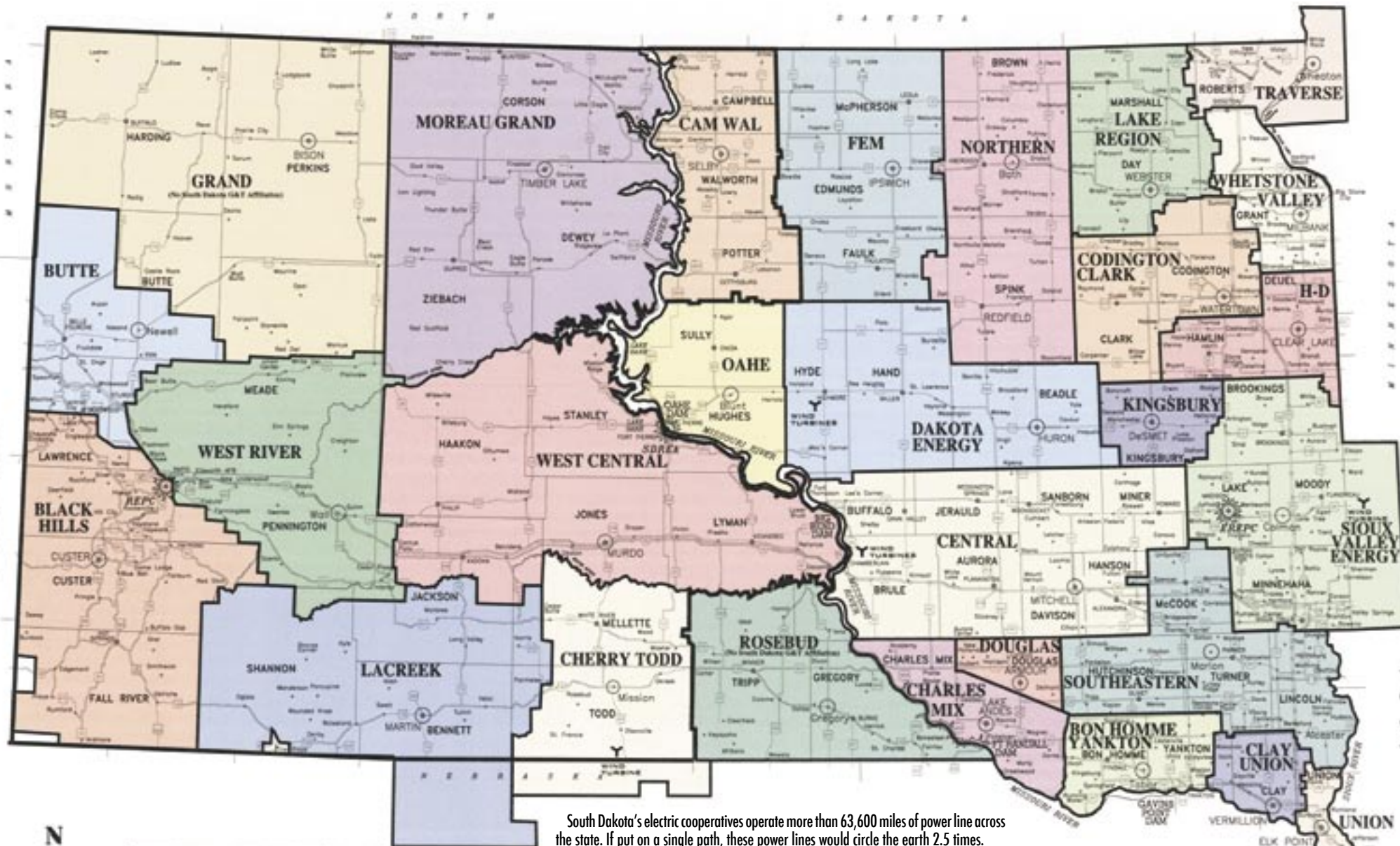
**South Dakota's electric cooperatives provide reliable, affordable power to families and businesses in every county in the state.**

**They operate enough power lines to circle the earth two-and-a-half times – all to ensure that their member-owners have the power they need to succeed.**



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# Service Territories of South Dakota's Electric Cooperatives



HEADQUARTERS		TEXT LEGEND	
	Rockmore Electric Power Cooperative	<b>CO-OP SERVICE AREA</b>	
	East River Electric Power Cooperative	<b>COUNTY DESCRIPTION</b>	
	South Dakota Rural Electric Association	<b>HEADQUARTERS CITY</b>	
	Member Cooperative Headquarters	<b>CITY AND TOWN DESCRIPTION</b>	
		<b>STATE DESCRIPTION</b>	
		<b>RIVER, LAKE, AND STRAIGHT DESCRIPTION</b>	
		<b>DAM DESCRIPTION</b>	
		<b>WIND TURBINE</b>	

South Dakota's electric cooperatives operate more than 63,600 miles of power line across the state. If put on a single path, these power lines would circle the earth 2.5 times. Although rural electric lines span more than 90 percent of South Dakota's land mass, they average only 2.23 consumers per mile of line and collect annual revenue of \$3,056 per mile of line. Investor-owned utilities average 24.8 customers per mile of line and collect annual revenue of \$43,280 per mile of line while municipally owned systems average 46.3 customers per mile of line with annual revenues of \$56,663 per mile. The average investment in the distribution plant per customer for the rural electric cooperatives is \$4,385. (IOUs average \$2,127 per customer and municipal systems average \$1,953 of plant investment per customer.)

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