

## Application for New Service

Welcome to North Itasca Electric Cooperative! To make your new service installation easy, we provide individualized help to process and install a new service. To begin processing your new service we will need:

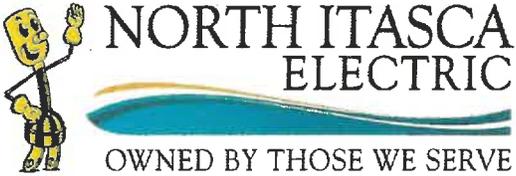
- New Service Information form (included)
- Membership Service Agreement signed (included)
- New Member Account Information form (included)
- Right-of-Way Easement (*easements give North Itasca Electric Cooperative permission to install and maintain electrical equipment on your property*) with a complete legal description of the property as shown on deed or abstract (*copies of tax statements are not acceptable*). Right-of-Way Easement must be **signed and notarized**.
- **A check for the application fee in the amount of \$107.88 (non-refundable). The application fee is valid for 12 months. If the service is not constructed within 12 months, a new application fee shall apply.**

When fees are paid and completed forms are in our office, an appointment will be scheduled with our staking technicians. They will meet you on your property to help determine the best options for your electrical service. After meeting with a staking technician (and before a tentative construction date), you **must** complete the following requirements before we can proceed:

- Acquire private Right-of-Way easements (*private easements give North Itasca Electric Cooperative permission to install and maintain electrical equipment on adjoining properties*) Right-of-Way Easement must be signed and notarized by all affected property owners. (Note: North Itasca Electric Cooperative personnel will apply for government easements on your behalf. Any additional fees to be paid by applicant.)
- Clear the right-of-way (20 feet for underground, 40 feet for overhead, 50 feet for three phase service).
- Pay all line construction charges, permit fees, special permits, or lease agreements in addition to specialized equipment required for construction not routinely used by the cooperative. Routine construction charges will be assessed as follows:
  - If there is an existing yard pole, existing transformer pole or existing underground stub pole the cost to install up to a 200A meter loop shall be \$750.00. If there is an existing yard pole, existing transformer pole or existing underground stub pole the cost to install a 320A meter loop shall be \$1000.00. 600A and larger services shall be quoted individually.
  - New construction 0 to 300 feet: \$2700.00. Distances over 300 feet shall be an additional \$6.00 per foot for single phase services. New Construction Three Phase 0 to 300 feet: \$8500.00. Distances over 300 feet shall be an additional \$12.00 per foot for three-phase services.
- Construction season shall run from June 1 through November 1. Quotes not paid in full prior to the end of the construction season shall incur a frost charge of an additional \$10.00 per foot. If there is no frost present during construction, the frost charges shall be refunded.
- Pay deposit if required.
- **Provide a required copy of the Minnesota Electrical Inspection form\* (MN STATUE 326B.36 SUB DIVISION 5)**

\*The Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry requires an electrical inspections form be filed. North Itasca Electric Cooperative provides the meter loop or pedestal.

All wiring performed on the consumer side of the meter must be filed with and inspected by the Minnesota State Electrical Inspector per state law. (Forms are available at [www.electricity.state.mn.us](http://www.electricity.state.mn.us))



# New Service Application Members Checklist

The following items must be completed to proceed with your New Service. Verify that each form is filled out and included with your application.

\*\*\* New Service Information Form \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* New Account Information Form \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Membership /Service Agreement \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Right-Of-Way Easement \_\_\_\_\_

Must have **completed** including legal description which can be found on your title, deed or through your county office

\*\*\* Copy of Minnesota Electrical Permit Form \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your ELE Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

You can apply for electrical permits online by going to [www.dli.mn.gov](http://www.dli.mn.gov). You can also download and print the permit form from this website. If you have questions call your local electrical inspector.

Site Sketch \_\_\_\_\_

Data Collection \_\_\_\_\_

Auto Pay (circle one)      YES      NO      \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* IF THESE FORMS ARE NOT COMPLETE WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION AND PROCESSING FEE, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED AS INCOMPLETE AND RETURNED TO YOU FOR THE MISSING INFORMATION. YOU WILL NOT BE PUT ON THE SCHEDULE UNTIL ALL THE REQUIRED FORMS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.



**Mission**

Delivering value to our member-owners and communities by providing safe reliable energy and other services.

**General Service Rates:**

2026 Rates (Mar - May / Sept - Dec.)		700 kwh usage	1500 kwh usage	2000 kwh usage
Base Charge		\$55.65	\$55.65	\$55.65
Energy (per kwh)	\$0.1447	\$101.29	\$217.05	\$289.40
Sales Tax	\$0.07875	\$12.36	\$21.48	\$27.17
Monthly Cost		\$169.30	\$294.18	\$372.22

2026 Rates (Jun - Aug.)		700 kwh usage	1500 kwh usage	2000 kwh usage
Base Charge		\$55.65	\$55.65	\$55.65
Energy (per kwh)	\$0.1657	\$115.99	\$248.55	\$331.40
Sales Tax	\$0.07875	\$13.52	\$23.96	\$30.48
Monthly Cost		\$185.16	\$328.16	\$417.53

**Information on Load Control hours:**

Members on a Great River Energy substation:  
[www.greatriverenergy.com](http://www.greatriverenergy.com)

Members on Northhome substation:  
[www.beltramelectric.com](http://www.beltramelectric.com)  
PBTv channel 301

**How to apply for a Load Management Program**

You can go to our website: [www.northitascaelectric.com](http://www.northitascaelectric.com) and download an application form or stop by the office and pick one up. Many times, the contractor will work with the member sizing and supplying the equipment needed for the job, but sometimes the home owner will do the work in which North Itasca Electric can purchase and supply the members with what they need. In either case, a Load Management application form needs to be filled out to receive the equipment needed for metering.

**Electrical inspections required**

State law requires that all electrical work must be inspected. Electrical Contractors will submit an electrical application for your job, but if you're doing the work yourself, you must submit a request for inspection to:

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry  
443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155  
Phone: (651) 284-5005 or 1-800-DIAL-DLI (1-800-342-5354);  
TTY: (651) 297-4198 or online at:  
[www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/ElectricalHomeownerForms.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/ElectricalHomeownerForms.asp)

**Electrical inspectors:**

Itasca County - Steve Bartlett - 7:00am – 8:30am - 218-591-1616  
Koochiching county - Curt Collier - 7:00am – 8:30am - 218-966-5070  
Beltrami County - Mark Smythe - 7:00am – 8:30am 218-751-0487

**Rebates**

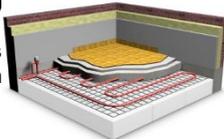
See Website for Rebate Information

**Load Control Programs**

**Storage Water Heating:** (off-peak) .06571¢ per kWh. Electricity is supplied to the water heater for 8 hours each night, typically from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM +/- 1 hour. Weekends and Holidays 10:00 PM until 3:00 PM +/- 1 hour the following day. Program requires water heater to have a storage capacity of 100 gallons or more and an energy rating of 90%.



**Storage Heating with Floor Slab:** (off-peak) .06571¢ per kWh. Electricity is supplied to a boiler or electric mats for 8 hours each night. Power is typically on from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM +/- 1 hour.

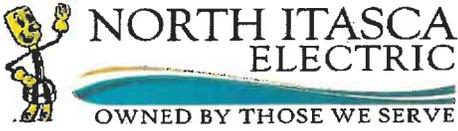


**Dual Fuel Space Heating:** .07702¢ per kWh. A thermostatically controlled fossil fuel heat source is required to qualify for this program. The electric heat must be wired as the primary heating source and be able to supply over 50% of the heating for the entire home. The non-electric heating source must be able to provide 100% of the home's heating requirements. Wood does NOT qualify as a backup heat source! Load control can occur during no specific time periods and can last for a few hours up to 12 hours max. There is a good possibility of power being shut off when the temperature drops rapidly or in the negative numbers. A fully automated thermostatically controlled backup system is essential to maintain comfort. Electric baseboard, plenum heaters, electric furnaces, and boilers, are all good choices for the program.



**We have more information available upon request.**

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# New Account Information Form

For Office Use Only:	
Date Mailed/Filled out	<input type="text"/>
Member Number	<input type="text"/>
Map Number	<input type="text"/>
Electric Account #	<input type="text"/>

Phone: 218-743-3131 or 1-800-762-4048

Fax: 218-743-3644

Email: [support@nieci.com](mailto:support@nieci.com)

Web Site: [www.northitascaelectric.com](http://www.northitascaelectric.com)

Please print or type when completing this section.

## PRIMARY MEMBER (name of applicant)

Name   
first middle last

**Billing Address:**

Address

City  State  Zip Code

Phone Number  Cell Phone:

SSN\*  Birth Date\*\*

D / L #

email

## Service Location Address (if different from Billing Address):

Address

City  State  Zip Code

Phone Number  Cell Phone:

## JOINT MEMBERSHIP (co-owner / spouse):

Name:   
first middle last

Address

City  State  Zip Code

Phone Number  Cell Phone:

SSN\*  Birth Date\*\*

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Are you now or have you ever been a member of North Itasca Electric Co-op, Inc. (circle one) Yes No

## SEASONAL or RESIDENTIAL (circle one)

Would you like to be enrolled in paperless billing (circle one) Yes No

email



## Membership/Service Agreement

I / We, the undersigned, am applying for a \_\_\_ Single or \_\_\_ Joint membership and agree to purchase electrical services from North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc. under the following terms and conditions.

- 1) Agree to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Cooperative as well as other rules, regulations and policies which may be adopted by North Itasca Electric Cooperative.
- 2) Agree to furnish easement to North Itasca Electric Cooperative for Right-of-Way maintenance, operational procedures, and access to Cooperative equipment.
- 3) Agree to comply with all existing easements on my property from North Itasca Electric Cooperative or its predecessor organizations. I recognize that where the Cooperative has existing facilities on my property that I do grant them permission to maintain their said facilities.
- 4) Agree not to interfere with or endanger the Cooperative's installed electrical system. I agree not to dig, excavate, or grade in areas where underground electric facilities are located without contacting the proper notification center.
- 5) Recognize that North Itasca Electric Cooperative does not guarantee a regular and uninterrupted supply of energy and in case the supply of energy is interrupted or defective, the Cooperative shall not be liable for any damages resulting therefrom.
- 6) Recognize that the quality of such power supply may not be suitable, without modification, for some business and specialized personal uses.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The next 2 pages are a guide to help you fill out our easement form. this is a requirement for the installation of you service.

Please note All easements are required to be filled out completely and have all property owners signatures witnessed by a Notary Public. Also the original physically signed document must be mail back to our office. If this document is not filled out correctly your entire new service application will be mailed back to you.

Work Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Map Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT

Date Jan. 1, 2024

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, JOHN AND JANE DOE  
(Full Name(s) of Owner(s))

Status: MARRIED TO EACH OTHER *Note: See Below*

(Status Options include: "A Single Person", "Husband and Wife", "Divorced and not married", "Widowed and not married", or "Married to each other")

For themselves and their successors and assigns ("Owner"), herby convey(s) to North Itasca Electric Cooperative, a member owned utility under the laws of the State of Minnesota, its successors and assigns ("North Itasca Electric Cooperative"), the perpetual easement and right to enter upon the lands of the Owner in the County of COUNTY, State of Minnesota described as follows:

THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION NEEDS TO FILLED COMPLETELY SEE EXAMPLES BELOW.

EXAMPLE, 1. TOWNSHIP 60N RANGE 26W SECTION 10 LOT 2, PLAT DREAM LAKE SHORES EXAMPLE

2. IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR DEED LEGAL DESCRIPTION PLEASE NOTE  
SEE ATTACHMENT " EXHIBIT A" ( AND ATTACH THE EXHIBIT TO THE BACK OF THE DOCUMENT)

**1. Purpose and Extent of Easement:** The easement is for erecting, operating, maintaining, repairing, rebuilding and burying overhead and underground electrical distribution lines and related facilities including but not limited to signal lines, poles, wires, cables, handholes, manholes, transformer enclosures, concrete pads, transformers, connection boxes, and such other accessories and appurtenances as may be desirable in connection therewith (the "Facilities") over, under or on the centerline Right-of-Way and all abutting streets, roads and highways. The Right-of-Way is defined as \_\_\_ feet on each side of the Facilities existing and to be constructed, but in no event shall it be less than the width on each side of the centerline of the following: (a) 10 feet for underground lines; (b) 20 feet for overhead, single phase primary lines; (c) 10 feet for overhead secondary lines; and (d) 25 feet for overhead primary three phase lines. The easement includes such joint use or occupancy of the easement as North Itasca Electric Cooperative may permit for electrification or other purposes.

**2. North Itasca Electric Cooperative's Right of Access:** North Itasca Electric Cooperative has the right of ingress to and egress from the Right-of-Way over the Owner's adjacent lands and lying between public or private roads and the Right-of-Way, such right to be exercised in such manner as occasions the least practicable damage and inconvenience to Owner.

**3. North Itasca Electric Cooperative's Right to Maintain Facilities:** North Itasca Electric Cooperative has the right to construct new Facilities and extensions of existing Facilities within the Right-of-Way. North Itasca Electric Cooperative has the right to inspect, remove, repair, improve and make such changes, alterations, substitutions, and additions to the Facilities as it determines advisable. Owner agrees that all the Facilities remain North Itasca Electric Cooperative's property, removable at its option.

**4. North Itasca Electric Cooperative's Duty to Restore:** After completing any construction or maintenance of the Facilities, North Itasca Electric Cooperative will restore the Property as nearly to its original condition as may be practical under Code. If underground construction is utilized, North Itasca Electric Cooperative will furnish information showing locations of the Facilities on an "as built" basis.

**5. North Itasca Electric's Right to Clear and Maintain the Right-of-Way:** North Itasca Electric Cooperative has the right to clear and maintain the Right-of-Way, and when necessary, the adjacent lands of Owner, of trees, shrubs, brush, stumps, roots and other obstructions that may endanger the Facilities including the right to cut down all dead, weak, leaning or dangerous trees that are tall enough to strike any part of the Facilities in falling. North Itasca Electric Cooperative has the right to maintain the Right-of-Way to the extent and in the manner that North Itasca Electric Cooperative in its sole discretion determines advisable, including by chemical, mechanical or hand clearing methods. North Itasca Electric Cooperative has the right to keep the Right-of-Way clear of all buildings, structures, or other obstructions, and has the right to correct any violations of National Electric Safety Code (the "Code") requirements caused by construction of any buildings, structures, fences or other obstructions within the Right-of-Way, each at the Owner's expense.

**6. Grade Changes and Damage by Owner:** If grade changes are made by the Owner, which make it necessary for North Itasca Electric Cooperative to relay or relocate any of the Facilities, the cost of such changes will be paid by the Owner. The Owner is responsible for the cost of any repairs to the Facilities caused by the action of the Owner.

**7. Easement to Run with the Land:** The Owner reserves unto themselves, their successors and assigns, the full right to take, use, and enjoy the Property in every manner not inconsistent with this easement. This easement shall run with the land and will be binding on the heirs, administrators, successors and assigns of the Owner. The Owner agrees to disclose to their successors in the title the existence of this easement. The Owner covenants that they are the owners of the Property, and that the Property is free and clear of encumbrances and liens of any character except those held by the following persons:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner has signed this easement this 1 day of JANUARY, 2024

JOHN DOE

Owner

JANE DOE

Owner

STATE OF MINNESOTA )

COUNTY OF COUNTY )

This Instrument was drafted by:  
North Itasca Electric Cooperative,  
A member-owned utility  
301 Main Avenue  
Bigfork, MN 56628

This instrument was acknowledged before  
me this 1 day of JANUARY, 2024

By JOHN DOE  
(Owners printed name)

By JANE DOE  
(Owners printed name)

(SEAL)

NOTARY SIGNS HERE

Notary Public

My Commission expires JAN. 1, 2028

Work Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Map Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner has signed this easement this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

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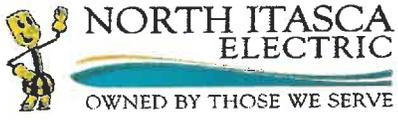
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me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owners printed name)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owners printed name)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



## Site Sketch

Please indicate the following information below in a sketch. This information will be helpful in designing the service with your needs in mind.

- ❖ Building Site (present and future)
- ❖ Meter Location
- ❖ Preferred line route
- ❖ Septic system
- ❖ Water system
- ❖ Driveways
- ❖ Culverts
- ❖ Transformer location
- ❖ Any buried obstacles

North

West

East

South



## Data Collection Information

Please provide the following information so that North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be compliant with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The information regarding race, color or national origin designation is requested in order to assure the Federal Government, that North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc. complies with Federal Laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your request for services or to discriminate against you in any way.

Should you have any questions, you may contact our business office at 218-743-3131 or 800-762-4048.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Racial Categories		Ethnic Categories	
American Indian or Alaskan Native		Hispanic or Latino	
Asian		Not Hispanic or Latino	
Black or African American			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White			



**NORTH ITASCA  
ELECTRIC**

OWNED BY THOSE WE SERVE

## Auto Pay Sign Up Sheet

I authorize North Itasca Electric Cooperative and the bank listed below to initiate variable entries to my checking or savings account or my credit card.

This authorization remains in effect until I notify North Itasca Electric Cooperative in writing to cancel it in such time as to allow North Itasca Electric Cooperative to act on it.

ELECTRIC ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKING ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

ROUTING # \_\_\_\_\_

SAVINGS ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach a blank, voided check)

### TYPE OF CARD (PLEASE CIRCLE)

VISA

MASTERCARD

DISCOVER

AMERICAN EXPRESS

CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Payments will be processed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the 25<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday, it will be the next business day.

**I would like to be signed up for paperless billing: yes / no (circle one)**

If yes, email address \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGN HERE TO AUTHORIZE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE NEEDED FOR CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS)

Please return this form with a blank, voided check to:

**North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
PO Box 227, Bigfork, MN 56628**

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer."

# North Itasca Electric Cooperative Community Trust



<p>Operation Round Up ® is an ongoing charitable fund raising program to benefit worthwhile community projects. Funds are raised from North Itasca Electric Co-op., Inc. members who voluntarily round up their electric bills to the next highest dollar amount.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> How does the program work?</p> <p><b>A:</b> Each month, members who wish to participate allow North Itasca Electric Co-op.; Inc. to automatically round up their electric bills to the next highest dollar amount. For example, if your bill is \$68.51, your bill will be rounded up to \$69.00, meaning that month's contribution is 49 cents.</p> <p>If your bill is \$68.90, your bill will be rounded up to \$69.00, contributing 10 cents.</p> <p>The extra cents will be put in the North Itasca Electric Cooperative Community Trust. The most any member could contribute annually is \$11.88, but will average about \$6 a year per participant. Individually it doesn't sound like much, but collectively it adds up in a hurry. We average more than \$20,000 in annual giving.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Where and how are the funds distributed?</p> <p><b>A:</b> Any organization in the NIECI service area is eligible to apply for a grant from the trust.</p>	<p>Funds will not be used to pay utility bills or go towards political campaigns. Grant application deadlines will be published in the Watts News.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> What are some possible uses for the fund?</p> <p><b>A:</b> Examples of grants would be funding for fire department equipment, EMS, youth &amp; school programs, arts &amp; education, senior citizen groups and other various community programs and projects.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> How will we know where the funds go?</p> <p><b>A:</b> A list of the funds awarded will be featured in the <i>WATTS NEWS</i> and there will be an annual report for the trust fund. Until the funds are distributed, they will be placed in a trust fund with the North Itasca Electric Cooperative Community Trust.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Who will administer the trust?</p> <p><b>A:</b> A nine person volunteer board of directors from the North Itasca Electric Co-op., Inc. service area will review the applications and make grant recommendations.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> What is the role of the Operation Round Up ® Trust Board of Directors?</p> <p><b>A:</b> Separate from the North Itasca Electric Co-op., Inc. Board of Directors, this non-paid board will oversee the trust, evaluate applications made</p>	<p>to the program and make recommendations for issuing grants. They will have a set of bylaws by which to operate.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> What if I can't or don't want to participate in this program?</p> <p><b>A:</b> We realize that not everyone is willing or able to participate in the program. You may opt-out of the voluntary program. <b>However, if you do not notify us of your decision to opt-out, you will automatically be enrolled in the program.</b> You may opt-out at any time in the future if your situation changes or you may opt-back-in as well. To opt-out or to opt-in please notify us by calling 218-743-3131 or toll free 800-762-4048. You may also email us <a href="mailto:roundup@nieci.com">roundup@nieci.com</a> or notify us in writing with your account number and name telling us of your desire to opt-out or opt-in.</p> <p>Thank you for participating in this tremendous community support organization. Please read the <i>WATTS NEWS</i> for more information on Operation Round Up®</p>
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