

March 20, 2025

The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Wright,

On behalf of the nearly 900 not-for-profit electric cooperative members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), thank you for taking the time to understand the strong partnership between America's electric cooperatives and the Department of Energy as we work together to unlock the full potential of American energy.

NRECA's member cooperatives are not-for-profit entities independently owned and governed by the people they serve. From growing exurban regions to remote farming communities, electric cooperatives provide power to 42 million Americans across 48 states. They keep the lights on across 56% of the American landscape – areas that are primarily residential and sparsely populated. Those characteristics make it comparatively more expensive for electric cooperatives to operate than the rest of the electric sector, which tends to serve more compact, industrialized, and densely populated areas.

NRECA has collected the enclosed 89 letters from 75 electric cooperatives selected by the Department of Energy to receive infrastructure funding, highlighting how these projects are helping the cooperatives provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to their communities. Without DOE funding many of these projects would not be affordable for our members and would hamper critical grid investments to improve service for the rural Americans they serve.

Many of our member cooperatives have independently sent similar letters directly to the Department of Energy. These vital projects advance the Trump Administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric cooperatives keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America. In short, they will help to realize the Trump Administration's goal of American energy dominance.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners as the Trump Administration works to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for recognizing the value of these projects and for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,



Jim Matheson
CEO, NRECA

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ANZA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Anza Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Anza Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN)

This project helps us upgrade a major part of the import line that feeds our entire system. The affected portion of this circuit traverses some of the most rugged mountainous terrain in our service territory and is economically impossible to achieve without this financial assistance.

The grant of \$5,160,188 supports 5,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Kevin Short
CEO, Anza Electric Cooperative
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Arizona Electric Power Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Transmission Lines Reconductor and Critical Structure Replacements

Two segments of AEPCO's 115 kV transmission system currently has a very small conductor which results in a "bottleneck" of the flow of power in and out of AEPCO's service area. Reconductoring is an economical solution without rebuilding hundreds of structures, though increasing the capacity of the line by 100-200%. On AEPCO's 115 and 230 kV transmission system, there remains 13 critical angled/deadend wood-poled structures that will be replaced by engineered mono-poled steel structures. This will resolve and "harden" the line. Failure of critical wood-poled structures nearly always results in failure of a number of adjacent structure by the "domino" effect, rendering the transmission system out of service for an extended period of time, and can result in lengthy customer power outages and expensive repairs.

The grant of \$14,376,201 supports 150,090 consumer members.

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Sincerely,

Patrick F. Ledger
CEO, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Black Hills Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Black Hills Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Black Hills Wildfire Mitigation

Eight rural South Dakota electric cooperatives seek to significantly reduce wildfire risk in and around the Black Hills by replacing 381 hydraulic reclosers with electronic reclosers, install nearly 3,000 non-expulsion fuses, underground nearly 100 miles of power lines, and incorporate meteorological, full and historic wildfire data into a utility wildfire prevention tool. These measures will enable remote control over grid conditions during high wildfire risk. Currently, FEMA places this scenic area and tourist destination in the 85th percentile for wildfire risk.

The grant of \$33,735,272 supports 38,948 consumer members.

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Sincerely,

Walker Witt
CEO, Black Hills Electric Cooperative
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Blue Ridge Energy, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Blue Ridge Energy is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Alleghany County Microgrid - Cherry Lane Township

Blue Ridge Energy proposes to construct and install a 6MW/12MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). This system will operate as a microgrid to provide a much-needed system adaptive capacity during disruptive events (back-up power) for approximately 1,250 meters located within the Cherry Lane Township, a rural community in Alleghany County, North Carolina. In addition, the BESS would operate in parallel to the grid and be used to shave peak loads during heavily-loaded winter or summer periods, which could provide power cost savings to all of the member-owners of Blue Ridge Energy. Another reason why this project is critical to the individuals in this area is because a single radial line feeds these communities and upgrades are extremely difficult due to conditions not in our control. This area is on the eastern side of the Blue Ridge Parkway and it would take several years to get permission to build a new transmission line over or under the Parkway. Also, there is a 575 kv transmission line owned by Duke Energy in this area that would be difficult and cost-prohibitive to build a transmission line under. For these reasons, this project would be beneficial to serve the residents of this area with reliable, affordable, sustainable, and safe electricity for decades.

The grant of \$8,977,060 supports approximately 1,250 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Johnson
CEO, Blue Ridge Energy
1216 Blowing Rock Blvd, Lenoir, NC 28645

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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN) Project

Butte Electric's system is located in the northern Black Hills area of South Dakota. The funding for the WARN project will provide funds to bury overhead lines in areas that are highly susceptible to wildfire. This area of South Dakota has experienced rapid population growth in recent years. Utilities have had to extend services further and further into rural areas that are rough, tree covered, and remote. This will benefit our members and all of the citizens who live in the counties that we serve.

The grant of \$1,875,398 supports 69,870 citizens in the three-county area will benefit consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Sleep
CEO, Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

IIJA - WARN

The WARN Grant funding for Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative is scheduled to be used to improve reliability and resiliency of our electric grid, enabling us to embrace emerging technologies that support the growth of power infrastructure for data centers and artificial intelligence that require maximum resiliency, keeping these technologies in the United States.

The grant of \$5,000,000 supports 26,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Gary L Highley
CEO, Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Capital Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Capital Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Hwy 36 Overhead to Underground/Convert Overhead to Underground on Federal/State Highways

This grant is extremely important for the reliability and safety of the 3,206 consumer-members that are affected by the direct benefit of burying these power lines. This project also benefits emergency first responders and other personnel responding to crises by eliminating overhead wires, which often fall onto highways and cause significant delays. By reducing these obstacles, responders can reach citizens more quickly—whether they are injured, stranded in a snowbank, or unable to access essential resources like food and medical care. These grants will also make a huge difference in providing other emergency services to a large part of our service area by mitigating wildfires that would otherwise spread rapidly and protecting against the effects of blizzards, high winds, and extreme heat.

The grant of \$1,406,938 supports 3,206 consumer members.

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Sincerely,

Paul Fitterer
CEO, Capital Electric Cooperative
7401 Yukon Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503

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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Smart Technology for Advanced Resilient Transmission (START)

In our project the infrastructure funding will enable the cooperative to upgrade two critical sections of its transmission grid using advanced conductors. It enhances our grid's ability to respond to devastating storms, ensuring reliable electricity for our communities during grave conditions. The project helps us maintain an affordable cost of energy for communities by reducing energy loss and business revenue loss during power outages. Most importantly for the future of our industry, it supports innovation with advanced conductors in rural areas, thereby increasing grid capacity with minimal construction permits and regulations, enabling flexibility and supporting urgency. The infrastructure funding allows CCEC to improve the resilience and efficiency of its transmission grid by enhancing two pivotal segments that connect transmission delivery points. These segments are our oldest transmission lines, constructed with creosote-treated wood poles and outdated construction methods. The infrastructure funds would significantly enhance the resilience of the transmission grid, enabling a much quicker restoration of power by ensuring the grid is fortified and prepared for storms. The rebuild will incorporate stainless steel hardware and polymer insulators to prevent coastal corrosion.

The grant of \$8,015,936 supports 13,600 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Jacob H. Joplin
CEO, Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative
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**Central Wisconsin
Electric Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Substation Hardening-Tie between Wittenberg and Groenier substations

This project aims to reduce outage lengths and add redundancy to the system by hardening existing electrical infrastructure. The increased flexibility offered by having the option to back-feed from two substations will allow for a reduction in planned service outages.

The grant of total for both, \$1,939,509 supports 749 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.


Sincerely,

Lila A Malvik-Shower
CEO, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative
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These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Substation Hardening-Wittenberg Feeder #3, converting 2.5 miles from overhead to underground

The aim of this project is to convert overhead electrical lines to be relocated underground. Current infrastructure is located along a forested road which have been subject to damage and faults from weather events in the past. By undergoing this line conversion, the impact on weather events will be greatly minimized, maintenance requirements will be reduced, and increase reliability of service to the entire community. The project aims to prevent initial outages by hardening existing electrical infrastructure. A majority of outages experienced at the project area are caused by natural hazards, with vegetation related issues being most numerous. In 2022 they had a tornado come through and they lost power for almost a week.

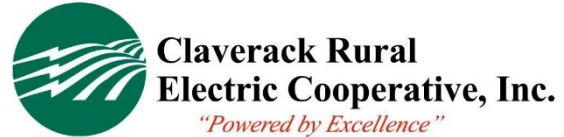
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Sincerely,

Lila A Malvik-Shower
CEO, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

RESIST (Resilience to Intense Storm and Invasive Species) - Triggered Grid Disruptions

RESIST Grid Disruptions focuses on the deployment of critical electric infrastructure upgrades in rural America, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. The \$36.9 million investment in infrastructure will fortify nearly 6,500 miles of distribution lines, which serve over 43,000 consumers, to withstand disruptions and damage caused by invasive species. This approach will improve grid reliability and resiliency as electric loads continue to grow, directly supporting the President's "Unleashing American Energy" Executive Order, which seeks to ensure reliable energy access nationwide, and the "Declaring a National Energy Emergency" Executive Order, which seeks to expedite the delivery of energy infrastructure. This project also directly supports Secretary Wright's "Unleashing the Golden Era of American Energy Dominance" Secretarial Order, which seeks to strengthen grid reliability and security. This project will invest in critical flexible grid infrastructure that will integrate grid hardening with advanced data systems for improved monitoring and predictive capabilities, providing a comprehensive approach to mitigating persistent outage issues and adapting to emergent climate and ecological challenges. The funding from DOE will enable the project team to deploy technology to mitigate and prevent grid disruptions from intense storms and the impact of invasive species, while enhancing the ability to add new electric loads and distributed energy resources that otherwise would not be supported by existing technology.

The grant of \$27,681,725 supports 43,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Steven Allabaugh
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks

This funding serves to replace existing overhead line with underground line, replace existing aged underground line with new underground line, and harden existing overhead line in order to mitigate the risk of wildfire in a high fire risk area. This project will increase resiliency and reduce wildfire risk for residences, emergency services, and public resources.

The grant of \$1,388,346 supports 135 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Andy R. Fletcher
CEO, Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Consumers Power Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Consumers Power Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Santiam Canyon Wildfire Assessment and Resilience Project

This project is a multi-year undergrounding of CPI's electrical system in the Santiam Canyon fire area. To date, CPI has invested over \$40 million in the canyon to mitigate against wildfires like the one we saw during the 2020 Labor Day fires. The scope includes converting 200 of the remaining overhead services in the fire area to underground. CPI has contacted the members and scheduled construction. When completed, the project will eliminate any chance of a utility source of ignition in the town of Detroit, OR.

The grant of \$2,000,102 supports 200 consumer members directly, as well as multiple communities of thousands of people will be impacted if a wildfire were to be ignited.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

James Ramseyer
CEO, Consumers Power Inc.
PO Box 1180, 6990 West Hills Rd, Philomath OR 97370

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Cotton Electric Cooperative, Inc, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Cotton Electric Cooperative, Inc is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN)

This grant funding will enable the cooperative to strengthen the utility grid, enhance resilience, and reduce wildfire risks through key strategic improvements. The project includes vegetation management (\$2.7 million) to trim or remove hazardous vegetation under power lines, reducing wildfire ignition and spread. Conductor replacement (\$2.3 million) will upgrade aging copper and steel lines to aluminum, improving durability against wind and ice. A pole inspection and replacement program (\$2 million) will identify and replace deteriorating wood poles across eight circuits. Additionally, recloser modernization (\$1 million) will upgrade sectionalizing equipment with hot line tagging capabilities to prevent fire ignition during Red Flag Warning days. These investments will improve grid reliability and safety while mitigating wildfire risks.

The grant of \$8,068,007 supports 35,107 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Meason
CEO, Cotton Electric Cooperative, Inc
226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Delaware County Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Delaware County Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

RESIST Grid Disruptions (Award: GD0994)

This project will improve grid reliability and resiliency as electric loads continue to grow, directly supporting the President's "Unleashing American Energy" Executive Order, which seeks to ensure reliable energy access nationwide, and the "Declaring a National Energy Emergency" Executive Order, which seeks to expedite the delivery of energy infrastructure. This project also directly supports Secretary Wright's "Unleashing the Golden Era of American Energy Dominance" Secretarial Order, which seeks to strengthen grid reliability and security. This project will invest in critical flexible grid infrastructure that will integrate grid hardening with advanced data systems for improved monitoring and predictive capabilities, providing a comprehensive approach to mitigating persistent outage issues and adapting to emergent climate and ecological challenges. The funding from DOE will enable the project team to deploy technology to mitigate and prevent grid disruptions from intense storms and the impact of invasive species, while enhancing the ability to add new electric loads and distributed energy resources that otherwise would not be supported by existing technology.

The grant of \$27,681,725 supports 43,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

John Gasstrom
CEO, Delaware County Electric Cooperative
5 N Depot Street, Delhi, NY 13753

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of DSO Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

DSO Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

WARN Wildfire Mitigation Grant

Kansas typically has relatively high winds. When you add dry conditions, wildfire dangers increase. These grant allow DSO to install automatic reclosers on much of the electrical system. These reclosers will automatically turn the power off if the power line goes down during high winds. Currently, DSO has to drive to each recloser and manually set it to a high wind setting when needed. Such a process is extremely time-consuming and inefficient. With the grant, DSO can make the changes remotely and save valuable time and money. However, the ultimate value of the grant is wildfire mitigation. The grant could potentially save millions of dollars in land, livestock, and buildings. Most importantly, the automatic recloser could help save human lives.

The grant of \$2,000,000 supports 6,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Tim Power
CEO, DSO Electric Cooperative
PO Box 286. Solomon, Kansas 67480

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Dunn Energy Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Dunn Energy Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Dunn Energy Cooperative Smart Grid Development & Training Project

As a small electric cooperative in rural Wisconsin this funding is critical to help us accelerate our transition to a smarter and more dynamic electric grid. This initial project allows us to begin a hardware upgrade in one of our most critical substations that will allow us to see more real time energy information. We will also use the grant to help train our staff on smart grid billing.

The grant of \$77,500 supports 10,980 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Jesse Singerhouse
CEO, Dunn Energy Cooperative
PO Box 220 Menomonie, WI. 54751

March 20, 2025



The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of East Central Energy, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

East Central Energy is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Dairyland Substation Modernization

The \$757,680 in funding for ECE's Dairyland Substation Modernization project will assist ECE in replacing and modernizing the 70+ year old equipment at the Dairyland Substation in Douglas County, Wisconsin. This will enhance reliability and reduce wildfire risk for 841 homes and businesses in Wisconsin and Minnesota by allowing the Cooperative to remotely monitor and control operations and regulate voltage and power quality to the connected locations. It will also decrease outage restoration times and O&M costs. Lastly, upgrading the substation transformer will increase the potential load serving capacity of the substation, unlocking the ability to back-feed the entire load of the Crystal Lake substation to the East, thereby enhancing reliability to the neighboring communities, safeguarding their energy needs for years to come.

The grant of \$757,680 supports 841 homes and businesses.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Justin Jahnz
CEO, East Central Energy
412 Main Avenue N, P.O. Box 39, Braham, MN 55006

March 20, 2025



The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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East Central Energy is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Milaca Substation Wildlife Protection and Resilience Enhancements

The \$401,643 in funding for ECE's Milaca Substation Project will allow ECE to upgrade an undersized transformer, install advanced sensor technology, and install animal-deterrent solutions at the Milaca substation in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota. These interventions will resolve a critical lack of redundancy by increasing the load serving capacity of the substation, decrease wildfire risks, and mitigate outages related to animal intrusion, ensuring a more stable and reliable power supply for 5,229 residents and businesses in Milaca and the surrounding communities.

The grant of \$401,643 supports 5,229 homes and businesses.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

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East Central Energy is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Mille Lacs Band Automation and Voltage Regulation

Approximately \$333,750 in funding sub-awarded to ECE through the State and Tribal Formula grants pending award to the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe will fund ECE's projects to install automated sectionalizing devices and voltage regulators to the Grindstone River, Sandstone, Mora, and Isle substations. The technologies will rapidly identify faults, isolate outages, and shorten the duration of outages for Mille Lacs Band and neighboring community members. Additionally, the voltage regulators will ensure all connected member- and cooperative-owned equipment continues to operate as desired. These technologies will improve the reliability and resiliency of our distribution system in the face of storms or other disruptions, resulting in fewer sustained outages in these communities.

The grant of \$333,750 supports 5,229 homes and businesses.

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Sincerely,

Justin Jahnz
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Eastern Maine 
Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 
The power of human connections®

Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

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Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Transmission Line Rebuild

The funding will allow for this project to occur. The project consists of rebuilding approximately 7.8 miles of a 69 kV transmission line, which was originally constructed in the mid-1960s. The existing old wooden poles and wire will be replaced with new ductile iron poles and new advanced conductor wire. This project will increase the reliability of the Co-op's 40-mile radial 69 kV transmission line. Approximately 5.2 miles of the existing wire is smaller than the other wire on the line and therefore limits the capacity of the entire line. Replacing the small wire with the new wire will increase the capacity of the line. The new ductile iron poles will eliminate the extensive wood pecker damage that has occurred on the wooden poles.

The grant of \$4,200,000 supports 10,200 consumer members.


America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Scott Hallowell
CEO, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative
21 Union St., PO Box 425, Calais ME 04619

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Deployment of Smart Reclosers in ECEC Service Territory

Installing programmable reclosers in ECEC's service territory will allow for more robust sectionalizing schemes to be implemented, which will enhance the coordination between protective devices and, in turn, decrease both the frequency and duration of service interruptions. This increase in reliability will amount to an improved quality of life for the Cooperative's membership.

The grant of \$730,227 supports 2,505 members.


America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Monica C. Obrycki
CEO, Eau Claire Energy Cooperative
8214 Highway 12, Fall Creek, WI 54742

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Eau Claire Energy Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Reconstruction of Overhead Lines in ECEC Service Territory

This funding would allow ECEC to bring approximately ten miles of its distribution system up to its modern-day construction standard, which has proven to be significantly more reliable than the aged overhead lines that are in place in these areas today. Without additional assistance, the replacement of this aged infrastructure would take nearly 40 years to complete system-wide. Therefore, this funding opportunity provides the opportunity to provide a stark improvement to both the reliability and the quality of life that members in these areas enjoy.

The grant of \$998,408 supports 1,472 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Monica C. Obryki
CEO, Eau Claire Energy Cooperative
8214 Highway 12, Fall Creek, WI 54742

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Fairfield Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Covered Conductor

This project will convert 4.0 miles of overhead distribution line from three-phase 4/0 ACSR to 477 ACSR on wooden poles using a spacer cable support system with covered conductor in the existing rights-of-way on one circuit of Fairfield Electric Cooperative's Chester Substation. This project will serve the critical load of the Chester Sewer District's Sandy River Waste Water Treatment Plant and the surrounding residential load center in northwestern Chester County, South Carolina. Several recent storms have caused large trees outside of the existing right-of-way to be blown onto the three-phase line, which runs through miles of heavily forested and over rough terrain, causing outage times to be excessive to these consumers. This line is the only backfeed source for the 1,049 consumers served from the radially fed Lockhart substation. The replacement of this conductor with covered conductor will allow for continued reliable service to the waste water treatment plant and existing homes, as well as increase the reliability of this existing tie-line.

The grant of \$900,000 supports 33,193 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bacon
CEO, Fairfield Electric Cooperative
701 Blythewood Road, Blythewood, SC 29016

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Flathead Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Flathead Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Community Affordability, Resilience, and Energy Decarbonization (CARED)

FEC was awarded \$4,283,979 in late 2024 in Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) funding from the DOE for a Community Affordability, Resilience, and Energy Decarbonization (CARED) project. FEC is one seven electric cooperatives collectively selected to receive funding for the CARED project. Funding will allow FEC to upgrade the aging electric distribution system in the Cooke City, MT area by installing new meters, supporting a SCADA system, conducting vegetation management using satellite imagery, and deploying a battery energy storage system for backup power during frequent outages. These improvements will enhance energy affordability and grid resilience in the remote, heavily treed area, which is located over 400 miles from FEC's headquarters. Collectively, these projects are vital in helping FEC meet our mission to provide affordable, reliable electricity to our members. Work is underway for these projects, and grant dollars will directly protect our rural communities from wildfire risks, improve system resilience, and enhance energy reliability and affordability in some of the most remote and at-risk areas of our distribution grid.

The grant of \$4,283,979 supports 58,000 members (businesses and households).

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Mark Johnson
CEO, Flathead Electric Cooperative
2510 US Highway 2E, Kalispell MT 59901

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Flathead Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Flathead Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience Network (WARN)

FEC received a \$2,611,779 award in summer 2024 from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) program for the Wildfire Assessment and Resilience Network (WARN) project. FEC is one of 38 electric co-ops and other rural utilities selected to receive funding through this consortium project. FEC will use these funds to enhance wildfire protection and resilience in the Essex, MT area. The project includes critical upgrades to improve the reliability of its radial electric distribution system in a heavily forested area that is frequently challenged by tree-caused power outages, which also have the potential to ignite a wildfire. The funds will support a complete system trim of trees immediately adjacent to that area's power lines, aided by satellite imagery that can identify trees likely to contact power lines. The grant will also allow FEC to install a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to provide backup power to Essex during power outages.

The grant of \$2,611,779 supports 58,000 members (businesses and households).

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Mark Johnson
CEO, Flathead Electric Cooperative
2510 US Highway 2E, Kalispell MT 59901

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Four County Electric Membership Corporation, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Four County Electric Membership Corporation is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Strengthening Transmission Efficiency and Enhancing Lifespan (STEEL)

Four County Electric Membership Corporation (Four County EMC) is committed to strengthening America's energy independence and resilience through strategic infrastructure investment. Our region faces increasing reliability challenges due to aging transmission lines—some exceeding 55 years old—constructed with outdated standards. Project STEEL directly addresses these concerns by replacing deteriorating wooden poles and undersized conductors with modern steel structures designed to withstand 120 mph winds, improving reliability for our members. This investment aligns with conservative principles of responsible infrastructure development, economic growth, and reduced dependence on federal emergency aid. Additionally, the project enhances workforce development through a partnership with James Sprunt Community College, providing hands-on training for the next generation of skilled lineworkers. By advancing grid resilience while fostering local job creation, Project STEEL is a critical step in ensuring a strong, self-sustaining energy future for our rural communities.

The grant of \$2,900,850 supports 1,018 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Kristen Hole
CEO, Four County Electric Membership Corporation
1822 N.C. Highway 53 West, Burgaw, NC 28425

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Fox Islands Electric Cooperative (FIEC), I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Fox Islands Electric Cooperative (FIEC) is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

FIEC's Submarine Distribution Cable Project

Fox Islands Electric Cooperative (FIEC) serves North Haven and Vinalhaven Islands, rural lobster fishing communities in Penobscot Bay, Maine. FIEC interconnects to the ISO-NE grid via an 11-mile submarine transmission line that was replaced in 2004, and provides service to the islands with submarine transmission and distribution cables between the islands. The submarine distribution cable between the islands needs to be replaced; the IIJA funding makes the project financially feasible and secures reliable energy delivery to North Haven. The project also relocates the cable to Brown's Cove where it will be accessible to linemen and protected from Maine's extreme weather conditions. The project increases grid resilience, decreases the frequency and duration of outages, and modernizes the grid. The existing 12.47 kV submarine cable FIEC uses to deliver energy to North Haven is a critical asset – without the cable, North Haven's residents, government offices, the school, emergency services, business, or communications infrastructure will not have electric service. The distribution line is a lifeline to the North Haven community, and the aging infrastructure needs to be replaced. As a small rural utility, FIEC prioritizes cost-effective projects to ensure reliable, affordable, and responsible energy for its island communities.

The grant of \$1,080,626 supports 1,600 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Amy M. W. Turner
CEO, Fox Islands Electric Cooperative (FIEC)
66 Main Street, PO Box 527, Vinalhaven, ME 04863

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Garkane Energy Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Garkane Energy Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

**North Rim of the Grand Canyon Wildland Fire Risk Mitigation &
Reliability Improvement Project**

The proposed funding will be used to reconstruct a portion of the overhead power line that serves the North Rim of the Grand Canyon using underground methods. This powerline is the sole grid source for the North Rim portion of the national park, powering all the facilities and amenities there for its 600,000 annual visitors. The powerline is also the source of electricity for the culinary water pumps that supply water for both the North and South Rim Park facilities. The existing overhead power line was built in the 1960s, and while it has been well maintained over the intervening 60 years, it is in need of an upgrade to improve the reliability of service and reduce the risk of wildland fire to private, national park, and national forest service lands.

The grant of \$1,497,220 Federal Funds supports 16,000 consumer-members and all visitors to North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Daniel McClendon
CEO, Garkane Energy Cooperative
1802 S HWY 89A, Kanab, Utah 84741

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Georgia Transmission Corporation, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

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Georgia Transmission Corporation is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)-Regional Grid Improvements to Address Reliability in Georgia with a Focus on Remote or Hard-to-Reach Communities (GRIP I)

The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, in collaboration with Georgia Transmission Corporation, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, and Georgia System Operations Corporation aims to leverage \$249 million in DOE funding to deploy a \$500 million project platform that will increase reliability and resiliency in remote or hard to reach communities. This project has three elements; battery storage, new transmission lines to connect radial circuits, and advanced grid control systems for resiliency and reliability. Collectively, these three elements will reduce service interruptions and enhance resource adequacy systemwide.

The grant of GRIP I and GRIP II combined are about \$350 million and supports 27 census tracts across Georgia.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hampton
CEO, Georgia Transmission Corporation
1979 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 900, Tucker, Georgia 30084

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Georgia Transmission Corporation, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Georgia Transmission Corporation is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Smart Technologies for Advanced Resilient Transmission (START) (GRIP II)

The START consortium projects will execute 13 transmission upgrades and new build projects incorporating advanced overhead conductors (AOHC) to increase transmission system resilience and transfer capacity for interconnections. By installing and familiarizing utilities across the nation with AOHC, the START consortium will develop an on ramp for widespread adoption of the technology throughout the industry.

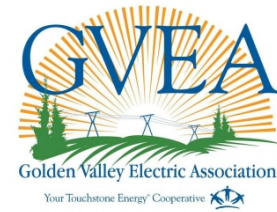
The grant of GRIP I and GRIP II combined are about \$350 million and supports 13 electric utilities across the nation that are participating.

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Sincerely,

Barbara Hampton
CEO, Georgia Transmission Corporation
1979 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 900, Tucker, Georgia 30084

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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Golden Valley Electric Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Golden Valley Electric Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Interior Alaska Transmission Resiliency

Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc. (GVEA), is a subrecipient of DOE grants awarded to our state's energy office, the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), totaling \$20.9 million. These grants were made possible through the Grid Resilience Grant Program, funded through Section 40101(d) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Consisting of three separate but interrelated components, these projects are designed to enhance Interior Alaska's transmission infrastructure and improve its ability to withstand disruptive events. The Alaska Intertie Snow Load Resiliency project will mitigate trip events along the Alaska Intertie, a 170-mile transmission line between Willow and Healy, Alaska. The initiative involves reconfiguring conductor insulators to prevent ground contact caused by sagging due to unbalanced snow loads. The Interior Alaska Power Line Resiliency project award will help GVEA relocate sinking transmission poles affected by permafrost within its service area and modify existing transmission line insulators to address unbalanced snow loading, reducing power disruptions. Lastly, the Alaska Railbelt Synchrophasor and Disturbance Reporting System project will enhance real-time data sharing between Railbelt substations. The installation of a synchrophasor data collection network aims to reduce system-wide disruptive oscillation events.

The grant of \$21,000,000 supports over 100,000 consumer members.

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Sincerely,

Travis Million
CEO, Golden Valley Electric Association
758 Illinois St., Fairbanks, AK 99701

March 20, 2025
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Great River Energy, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Great River Energy is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Smart Technology for Advanced Resilient Transmission (START) Consortium Project

Great River Energy and eleven other cooperative electric utilities have been awarded over \$97 million in federal infrastructure funding from the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovative Partnerships (GRIP) program. For years, Great River Energy and its member-owner cooperatives have worked to modernize Minnesota's electric grid, implementing leading-edge technology and processes. This funding will allow Great River Energy to expedite resilience-enhancing projects using innovative technologies that have long been on the cooperative's radar but not yet attainable without additional financial support. By integrating tailored transmission solutions across its broad service territory, Great River Energy can better meet evolving energy demands while keeping costs affordable for member-owner communities. The first project, located in rural west-central Minnesota, will rebuild a 115-kilovolt transmission line with advanced conductors to expand capacity, enhance grid resilience, and reduce congestion in the state's vital lake country. The second project will deploy battery storage in Minnesota's remote Northwoods to enhance reliability, reduce reliance on a sole-source 30-mile line, and minimize environmental impact while preserving the region's natural landscapes.

The grant of \$15,375,294 supports 23,950 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

David Saggau
CEO, Great River Energy
12300 Elm Creek Blvd N, Maple Grove, MN 55369

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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Gunnison County Electric Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Gunnison County Electric Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Lake City Area Power and Resiliency Augmentation Enterprise

Lake City, in Hinsdale County, is one of the most remote communities in the lower 48 states. It is located 61 miles from Gunnison, Colorado, the closest town with additional services. Lake City is served by a radial transmission line that terminates in Lake City. This single path of transmission puts the community at risk. At 8,672 feet in elevation the community experiences extreme winter weather. The existing distribution line between Lake City and Gunnison was built in the 1960s and is incapable of serving the load in Lake City during a transmission or substation outage. This project will rebuild, upgrade and harden the first 30 miles of the existing distribution line. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$8 million. This grant will help GCEA improve reliability and resiliency for Lake City and reduce the energy burden for rate payers. The line will be constructed to higher standards, which will help reduce fire risk as well.

The grant of \$5,000,000 supports 1,900 consumer members (4,700 estimated individuals).

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Mike McBride
CEO, Gunnison County Electric Association
37250 US Hwy 50, Gunnison CO 81230

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Project RESTORE

Heartland's Project RESTORE involves the installation of 10 SCADA-controlled, triple-single reclosers to allow for speedy rerouting of power along existing lines in order to bring our Linn County, Kansas members back on-line within minutes rather than hours when transmission outages occur. Few electric distribution cooperatives serving rural areas would consider this type of project because of the cost and the technical knowledge required to make it work. It is more often adopted in densely populated, urban areas. As a result, already underserved areas miss out on technology that could substantially reduce outages. Project RESTORE can serve as a model for other rural providers to follow as they work toward improving grid resilience.

The grant of \$414,627 supports 4,522 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Mark Scheibe
CEO, Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
110 N Enterprise Dr., Girard, KS 66743

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The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Highline Electric Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Highline Electric Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

WARN Recloser Project

Installation of smart distribution equipment that facilitates the implementation of Highline Electric Association's wildfire mitigation plan.

The grant of \$1,023,719 supports 4,500 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Dennis Herman
CEO, Highline Electric Association
1300 South Interocean Avenue, Holyoke, CO 80734

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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Holy Cross Energy, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Holy Cross Energy is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN)

The funding from the Department of Energy will help our cooperative accelerate the process of converting overhead electric lines to underground in areas of high wildfire risk. This will help avoid the need for de-energizing these lines during times of high fire risk (dry, windy) and preserve energy resilience for the communities connected to those lines.

The grant of \$5.35 million supports approximately 1,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hannegan
CEO, Holy Cross Energy
Holy Cross Energy, 3799 Highway 82, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

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The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Transmission Resilience for Rural Disadvantaged Communities in Indiana and Illinois

Hoosier Energy's Transmission Resilience for Rural Disadvantaged Communities project through the DOE Grid Resilience Innovation Partnerships program aims to provide redundant 69 kV or 138 kV transmission feeds (looped) to substations currently served radially from the existing transmission system. The 6 subprojects envisioned will provide a looped transmission configuration to 10 substations in 7 counties in Illinois and Indiana. All substations are in, or directly serve, rural communities. This awarded and obligated project is critical to improving resiliency in areas most at risk to service disruptions during storms, restoration and required maintenance. As an electric cooperative, all cost benefits from this award flow directly to our members in the form of wholesale transmission savings.

The grant of \$10,2700,000 supports 700,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Donna Walker
CEO, Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2501 S Cooperative Way, Bloomington, Indiana 47403

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Horry Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Horry Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Horry Electric Cooperative Self-Healing Feeder Automation Project

The purpose of this project is to increase resiliency during extreme weather events and day to day outages by creating a more reliable system through redundant feeds that would automatically isolate and restore power to the area. This project would significantly decrease outage times to our members, the Conway High School (emergency shelter), a Walmart Supercenter, water and sewer facilities, SCDOT facilities, critical telecommunication facilities, banks, gas stations and many other small businesses.

The grant of \$779,823 supports thousands of consumer members.

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Sincerely,

J. Reed Cooper, P.E.
CEO, Horry Electric Cooperative
PO Box 119 2774 Cultra Road, Conway, SC 29527

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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Empowering Grid Resilience: JOEMC Transmission System Hardening for Unparalleled Reliability

Jones-Onslow EMC was awarded a \$42,317,886 grant through the U.S. Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program for the Empowering Grid Resilience: JOEMC Transmission System Hardening for Unparalleled Reliability project. The project will improve efficiency, reliability, and resilience by adding a new step-down station, new transmission lines for multiple feeds, structure hardening of existing facilities, sectionalizing devices with remote capabilities, fault sensing capabilities, and efficiency improvements through reconductoring with advanced conductors. This project will impact rural areas where these upgrades will reduce outage durations during major weather events. These improvements will provide critical redundancy to the grid, expedite restoration times, and support future economic development in the area. These improvements will enhance transmission system reliability, benefiting military service members and their families by ensuring a more dependable power supply for quality of life and operational training.

The grant of \$42,317,886 supports 25,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,


Gary Ray
CEO, Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation
259 Western Blvd, Jacksonville, NC 28546

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Secretary
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Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

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Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc._Hardening of power lines_Sawyer County

Our project will enhance power reliability and resiliency by replacing 4.5 miles of overhead lines with underground facilities, as well as creating a 3-phase tie line. This will improve service to tribal members and stimulate economic growth by providing easier access to electricity as it will be placed along the road removing inaccessible right-of-way. The project will also reduce future maintenance costs and improve SAIDI outage numbers. It's a model for grid hardening, benefitting rural communities.

The grant of \$548,946 supports 1,135 consumer members.

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Sincerely,

Kurt Harris
CEO, Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
1102 W 9th Street North Ladysmith, WI 54848

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

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Kit Carson Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Building a Modern Distributed Battery Energy Storage System for Resiliency in Northern NM

This project will build micro grids for Wildfire Mitigation Efforts, increase resiliency and reliability in mountain communities for protection of life, property both private and public, and address power shut off events that impact our critical infrastructure (electric, communications, water and wastewater supply and members on medical devices).

The grant of \$25,000,000 supports 7,000 consumer members.

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Sincerely,

Luis A. Reyes Jr.
CEO, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative
118 Cruz Alta Rd, Taos, NM 87571

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Kotzebue Electric Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

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Kotzebue Electric Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

DE-CD0000070 DOE OCED 4-Megawatt Community Battery Energy Storage System

This 4MW BESS will reduce outages and diesel consumption. The result will be greater resiliency and a reduction in costs for our members.

The grant of \$9,000,000 supports 3,200 consumer members in Kotzebue, but it impacts a region of 8,000 as Kotzebue is the hub for the region.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Tom Atkinson
CEO, Kotzebue Electric Association
245 4th & Lagoon St, PO Box 44, Kotzebue, AK 99752

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The Honorable Chris Wright
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As the CEO of Kotzebue Electric Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

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Kotzebue Electric Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

DE-GD0001000 DOE GDO NETL Grid Resilience Grant

Kotzebue Electric Association's (KEA's) project will improve the current power plant to protect against blizzards and extreme weather by improving the thermal envelope, replacing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment, upgrading diesel generator systems for use during blizzards, and installing a community-scale Uninterruptible Power Supply with Inertia (UPS/I) at the power plant to prevent power outages due to fluctuation from wind or solar sources. The project will also design a medium-voltage direct current (MVDC) power transmission line to connect Kotzebue to Cape Blossom Port to unlock diverse energy supply resources.

The grant of \$11,264,933 supports 3,200 consumer members in Kotzebue, but it impacts a region of 8,000 as Kotzebue is the hub for the region.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Tom Atkinson
CEO, Kotzebue Electric Association
245 4th & Lagoon St, PO Box 44, Kotzebue, AK 99752

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The Honorable Chris Wright
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

GRIP Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN) Project

Through the GRIP Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN) Project, our co-op will initiate several projects to increase grid reliability and minimize wildfire risk. These projects include pole inspection and replacement programs, upgrading breaker and recloser systems, installing raptor protection on our distribution network, conducting infrared inspections of substations, and upgrading critical transmission lines with non-wood poles and we have advanced our standards for pole sizing and classing on wood poles, implement robust cybersecurity measures to protect our substation Real Time Automation Controls, and deploying Advanced Metering Infrastructure, enhancing our Bronco substation with System Control and Data Acquisition and electronic relaying, alongside improving communications between substations and our system's control center. The project aims to significantly reduce the risk of wildfires caused by system failures while also fortifying the infrastructure against extreme weather conditions. These enhancements in resiliency will safeguard and enhance the overall integrity of the system. The electrical infrastructure of Lea County Electric Cooperative spans across six counties, encompassing Lea, Eddy, and Chaves in New Mexico, as well as Cochran, Yoakum and Gaines, Texas.

The grant of \$6,859,663 supports 12,965 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Robert Ferris
CEO, Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
1300 W Ave D, PO Box 1447, Lovington, NM 88260

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Lincoln Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Lincoln Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN)

The funding allocated to LEC through the WARN Grant is critical to our ability to safeguard our communities from the growing threat of wildfire and ensure the reliability of our electric system. LEC has been awarded \$2,125,000 through WARN to enhance wildfire mitigation efforts by converting a high-risk overhead power line to an underground infrastructure. This corridor is highly susceptible to wildfires caused by electrical infrastructure, particularly during Montana's dry summer months. Without this funding, our ability to execute this critical project is in jeopardy. The total estimated cost of this effort is \$4.09 million, and while LEC is committed to investing in system resilience, the WARN grant is essential to making this project feasible. Losing this funding would not only hinder our ability to mitigate wildfire risks but would also leave our members vulnerable to continued power disruptions due to extreme weather events. The WARN project represents a nationwide effort to enhance wildfire preparedness and grid resilience, particularly in rural and high-risk areas like the one we serve. By securing this grant, LEC can not only protect Montana's forests and communities but also contribute valuable real-world data to the broader effort of improving wildfire mitigation strategies across the country.

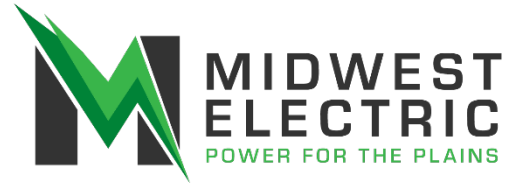
The grant of \$2,125,000 supports 6,600 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Matt Quinn
CEO, Lincoln Electric Cooperative
PO Box 628, Eureka, MT 59917

March 20, 2025
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of The Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

The Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Rebuilding 69 kV Transmission Line - Grant to Red Willow

Midwest's transmission system is over 50 years old and is beginning to show its age. The conductor is beginning to deteriorate and the poles are also in need of replacing. This transmission line is the backbone of our system, connecting many substations and providing reliability and resiliency. We need to begin replacing the transmission line to ensure reliable power for our members for years to come. This funding helps keep our rates as low as possible while providing for these upgrades. We would not be able to replace this line as quickly without this funding.

The grant of \$2,856,223 supports 3,407 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Jayson Bishop
CEO, The Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation
104 Washington Avenue, Grant, Nebraska 69140

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Midwest Energy, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Midwest Energy, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Transmission Line Rebuild/Replacement for Wildfire Mitigation & Renewable Resources Access

Midwest Energy's grant-funded projects address transmission congestion, wildfire mitigation, and improved access to transmission for current and future renewable resources in western Kansas. The project includes upgrading 150 miles of 115 kV transmission lines, modernizing four substations with advanced protection systems, and constructing a new substation to support growing urban demand. Work is set to begin this fall on the first 25-mile transmission segment and substation upgrades. However, timing is critical, as outages can only occur during the low-demand fall and winter months. The opportunity to start construction in 2025 is at risk due to Build America/Buy America (BABA) provisions under the IIJA, which apply to non-profit utilities like rural cooperatives but not investor-owned utilities. A resolution by May 1st is essential to procure long-lead materials and keep the project on schedule. Additionally, the project is subject to Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) wage requirements for Midwest Energy employees and subcontractors due to the DoE's interpretation of IIJA regulations—despite other agencies, like the Department of Transportation, not enforcing similar requirements for IIJA grants.

The grant of \$96,922,280 supports 50,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Patrick Parke
CEO, Midwest Energy, Inc.
1330 Canterbury Dr., Hays, KS 67601

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

The Microgrids for Community Affordability, Resilience, and Energy Decarbonization (CARED)

MVEC will be partnering with our local Tribal Community and surrounding membership by implementing a solar and storage system. MVEC plans to deploy a microgrid using rooftop solar and a battery storage system to produce/store ~2-4 MW. Normal operation is to have the rooftop solar tied to the rest of the grid to reduce stress on the substation. This will also be used to offset load during times to reduce power demand. When the microgrid is islanded and disconnected from the main system, the Community will be able to maintain critical loads served by the microgrid without experiencing a momentary outage. This microgrid will add reliability to the overall system, sustain rates for the entire membership, while also implementing new and upcoming technologies (that may also be able to be implemented throughout MVEC's territory).

The grant of \$9,300,000 supports 6,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Marvin H. Denzer
CEO, Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative
125 Minnesota Valley Electric Drive, Jordan, MN, 55353

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Minnkota Power Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Minnkota Power Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Project Tundra

Project Tundra is a world-leading carbon capture and storage initiative that strengthens coal's role in America's energy future and unleashes U.S. energy dominance. With up to \$350 million in essential funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), this project will deploy cutting-edge technology to capture and permanently store 4 million tons of CO₂ annually – ensuring America's vast coal resources remain a powerful force in the energy sector. Without this funding, a critical opportunity to enhance domestic energy production and safeguard grid reliability could be lost. By using Project Tundra as a blueprint, America can continue to maximize the use of its coal reserves while using advanced technology to keep its power supply strong, stable and secure. Beyond power generation, the project delivers significant economic and strategic advantages. Captured CO₂ can be repurposed for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), increasing domestic oil production and reducing dependence on foreign energy. This strengthens U.S. energy security, creates jobs and fuels economic growth in energy-producing regions. Project Tundra's success will reinforce U.S. leadership in energy production, demonstrating to the world that coal remains a cornerstone of American strength and prosperity.

The grant of \$350,000,000 supports 400,000+ consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Mac McLennan
CEO, Minnkota Power Cooperative
5301 32nd Ave. South, Grand Forks, ND, 58201

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Missoula Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Missoula Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Strategic Distribution System Modernization for Resilience and Wildfire Safety

This project aims to enhance wildfire resilience by building an intelligent network of overcurrent protection devices. It involves replacing traditional hydraulic reclosers with 85 single-phase and 42 three-phase electronic reclosers, integrating them with a new operational technology (OT) network for remote operation. Additionally, strategically placed smart weather monitoring stations will provide real-time data to a daily situational awareness tool (DSAT) to support our operational decision-making. The expected outcomes include faster deployment and removal of fire configuration settings, improved responsiveness to changing fire conditions, increased system reliability, more precise weather data, and reduced labor and operational costs associated with manual configuration adjustments.

The grant of \$2,749,071 supports 14,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Hayden
CEO, Missoula Electric Cooperative
1700 West Broadway, Missoula, MT 59808

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Mora San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Mora San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project

Project funds will expand and accelerate modernization of MSMEC's grid, prepare the grid to be more resilient to climate change, reduce the likelihood of future interruptions and mitigate damage from wildfires.

The grant of \$11,500,000 supports 11,500 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Les W.J. Montoya
CEO, Mora San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc.
501, Highway 518 , Mora, New Mexico, 87732

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Mountain Parks Electric, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Colorado Energy Office Grid Resilience for Small and Rural Communities (Grid Hardening & Grid Monitoring)

Two IIJA grants have been awarded to MPE through the Department of Energy and the State of Colorado that will strengthen our grid's reliability and resilience. In 2020, the East Troublesome Fire became the second largest wildfire in our state's history as it ripped through our forests and consumed more than 555 structures. The funding will identify threats and incorporate fire mitigation measures. This mitigation will directly impact the critical rural infrastructure of power lines, emergency communications towers, clinics, schools, libraries, and hospitals, as well as residents. Rural areas can be hit hardest during economic downturns, and they rarely see opportunities like the IIJA funding. Our residents stand behind these projects, lending their support to help Mountain Parks Electric improve the community's energy infrastructure. As our community continues to grow, we need to be able to keep up with the energy demands associated with that growth. We appreciate the opportunity to outline our projects, which strongly align with this administration's energy initiatives.

The grant of \$101,409,239 supports 18,373 consumer-members consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Virginia Harman
CEO, Mountain Parks Electric, Inc.
321 W. Agate Ave., P.O. Box 170, Granby, CO 80446

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Mountain View Electric Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Mountain View Electric Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

MVEA Cyber-Informed SCADA Infrastructure Project

This funding will help us build our Advanced Distribution Management System with cybersecurity at the forefront and secure the equipment and networks from potential cyber attacks. As a critical infrastructure utility provider serving a Space Force Base, it is absolutely essential that we protect these systems to the fullest extent possible.

The grant of \$2,200,000 supports 65,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Ruth Marks
CEO, Mountain View Electric Association
11140 E Woodman Road, Falcon CO 80831

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Mountain View Electric Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Mountain View Electric Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN)

The funding for this project will promote wildfire mitigation tactics in the densely forested areas of which our residents reside in. This project is essential for protecting the wellbeing and safety of our consumer members while also protecting the cooperative infrastructure, promoting reliability at a price that we can maintain for consumers.

The grant of \$800,000 supports 5,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Ruth Marks
CEO, Mountain View Electric Association
11140 E. Woodmen Road, Falcon, CO 80831

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Northern Lights, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Northern Lights, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Laclede Submersible Cable Replacement Project

Northern Lights will replace an aged submersible cable crossing Pend Oreille River as well as upgrade the aged approach lines to the crossing. The undergrounding will eliminate wildfire ignition from these circuit segments. The overall resilience and capacity improvements will provide redundancy options for vulnerable communities on either side of the river.

The grant of \$1,127,427 supports 24,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Leighan Terracciano
CEO, Northern Lights, Inc.
421 Chevy Street, Sagle, ID 8386

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Northern Rio Arriba Electric, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Northern Rio Arriba Electric is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Grip II transmission distribution

A 69 kVA transmission line rebuild is necessary due to aging infrastructure, which has exceeded 75 years in service. The transmission line is located in a remote canyon, making access nearly impossible. This line serves as the sole loop feed and the only transmission power source for surrounding communities, making its reconstruction critical.

The grant of \$8,004,292 supports over 3,300 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Anthony Mercure
CEO, Northern Rio Arriba Electric
P.O. Box 217 1135 Camino Escondido chama, New Mexico 87520

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Northfork Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Northfork Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks

Replacing these power lines with improved building standards will increase resilience against wildfires and help mitigate wildfires caused by power lines. The improved standards include increased wire insulation, more pole density, as well as additional spacing between the conductor and neutral. The upgrades will reduce whipping in high threat weather conditions. This improved resilience will help us keep critical loads like municipality water pumping and natural gas movement energized.

The grant of \$1,500,000 supports 2,500 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Brent Meador
CEO, Northfork Electric Cooperative
PO BOX 400 Sayre, OK 73662

March 20, 2025

The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Oglethorpe Power Corporation, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Oglethorpe Power Corporation is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)-Regional Grid Improvements to Address Reliability in Georgia with a Focus on Remote or Hard-to-Reach Communities

The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), in collaboration with three sub recipients, including Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Georgia Transmission Corporation and Georgia System Operations Corporation, will leverage \$249 million in DOE funding with an equal match of company financing to build energy infrastructure projects across Georgia that will increase grid reliability and resiliency in remote, rural communities. The funding will lower the costs of battery storage, new transmission lines, and advanced grid control systems, resulting in lower electricity bills for consumers across the state. Approximately \$81 million of the consortium award will be used by Oglethorpe Power to build three 25 MW utility scale battery storage systems to store dispatchable energy from our system-wide generation portfolio of natural gas, nuclear, coal, hydro and solar energy. The new battery storage systems will bring resiliency to the grid and help meet Georgia's rapidly increasing demand for energy.

The grant of Total Consortium: \$249,000,000; Oglethorpe Power Portion: \$81,000,000 supports Approximately 4.7 million Georgia citizens.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Annalisa Bloodworth
CEO, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, GA 30084

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

RESIST Grid Disruptions (Award: GD0994)

\$36.9 million investment in infrastructure will fortify nearly 6,500 miles of distribution lines, which serve over 43,000 consumers, to withstand disruptions and damage caused by invasive species. This approach will improve grid reliability and resiliency as electric loads continue to grow, directly supporting the President's "Unleashing American Energy" Executive Order. This project also directly supports Secretary Wright's "Unleashing the Golden Era of American Energy Dominance" Secretarial Order, which seeks to strengthen grid reliability and security. This project will invest in critical flexible grid infrastructure that will integrate grid hardening with advanced data systems for improved monitoring and predictive capabilities, providing a comprehensive approach to mitigating persistent outage issues and adapting to emergent climate and ecological challenges. The funding from DOE will enable the project team to deploy technology to mitigate and prevent grid disruptions from intense storms and the impact of invasive species, while enhancing the ability to add new electric loads and energy resources that otherwise would not be supported by existing technology.

The grant of \$27,681,725 supports 43,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Bell
CEO, Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc.
6630 State Route 20 Bouckville, NY 13310

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Otsego Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Otsego Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

RESIST

Delaware County Electric Cooperative (DCEC) is leading the RESIST Grid Disruption project in partnership with Otsego Electric Cooperative and four other cooperatives in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania to enhance grid resilience against climate-induced weather disruptions and the threat of invasive species like the Emerald Ash Borer and Lanternfly. The project aims to develop a flexible grid infrastructure to facilitate the adoption of electrification by integrating grid hardening with advanced data systems for improved monitoring and predictive capabilities. Despite proactive measures such as annual clearance of right-of-way, more robust solutions are needed to address persistent power outages.

The grant of \$1,907,181 supports 10,000 people consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Timothy R Johnson
CEO, Otsego Electric Cooperative
3192 Co. Hwy. 11, PO Box 128, Hartwick, NY 13348

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Ozarks Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Ozarks Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Smart Technology for Advanced Resilient Transmission (START)

Ozarks Electric plans to improve transmission infrastructure by rebuilding 19.4 miles of line to enhance resilience and increase electric capacity. The project will involve replacing existing transmission lines in rural Washington and Madison counties with steel poles and 161kV framing. This upgrade will increase system resiliency against events such as heavy ice accumulation, windstorms, and tornadoes, as the current lines are over 50 years old. One segment connects to a 60 MW natural gas generation station owned by Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation. Additionally, Ozarks has installed Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) on these lines, providing telecommunications services through its subsidiary, OzarksGo, to substations, downline distribution devices and over 7,500 members. The new poles and conductors will be engineered to withstand severe weather, minimizing outage duration with the capability to back feed power due to the upgraded infrastructure.

The grant of \$11,200,000 supports 17,500 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Johnson
CEO, Ozarks Electric Cooperative
3641 W. Wedington Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72704

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

SC Grid Resilience Grant Program (GRIP)

This project addresses Program Objective #1: Increased Monitoring & Control Capabilities. Palmetto Electric will replace 39 old pole-mounted hydraulic reclosers with new electronically controlled reclosers with remote monitoring and operating capabilities through an existing Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. These newer devices will provide visualization and enhance situational awareness leading up to, during, and after extreme weather events and other power outage situations. The Palmetto Electric Power Control Technician will be able to monitor each device around the clock. Having remote operating capabilities will lead to faster trouble-shooting and reduced outage time. These devices will protect and monitor lines in mostly rural areas of Jasper and Hampton Counties.

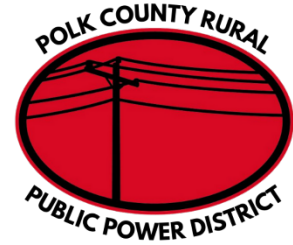
The grant of \$1,946,000 supports 80,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

A Berl Davis Jr
CEO, Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc.
One Cooperative Way, Hardeeville, SC 29927

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Polk County Rural Public Power District, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Polk County Rural Public Power District is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Eastern Loop Transmission

This project completes our transmission ring and provides redundancy and resiliency to all our customers in rural Nebraska. This type of transmission loop enables power restoration in a matter of hours instead of days, which is critical to human life, livestock, and crops.

The grant of \$1,523,772 supports 5,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Barb Fowler
CEO, Polk County Rural Public Power District
PO Box 465, Stromsburg, NE 68666

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Undergrounding of Dowe Flats 232

The strategic "Undergrounding of Dowe Flats 232" aligns with the administration's commitment to strengthening America's energy infrastructure and ensuring affordable, reliable electricity for rural communities. With DOE grant funding, we will underground approximately five miles of overhead distribution line in a high-risk wildfire area, reducing the likelihood of ignition in a region where a wildfire could cause significant property damage. This funding will enable us to complete the project efficiently, protecting rural homes, businesses, and vital resources while upholding the affordability our members depend on. Additionally, we will install a smart switch to provide greater operational flexibility, allowing us to de-energize the undergrounded line and its remaining overhead sections during periods of high wildfire danger. This technology-driven approach aligns with the administration's priority of leveraging innovation to strengthen energy reliability and security. Strengthening rural electric infrastructure is essential for economic stability, and these projects ensure our system remains resilient in the face of wildfire threats. DOE's continued support for cooperative-led infrastructure improvements will allow us to deliver on the administration's vision of American energy dominance while safeguarding the communities we serve.

The grant of \$4,500,000 supports 56,000+ consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wadsworth
CEO, Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association
7649 Rea Pkwy, Fort Collins, CO 80528

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Protecting Rural North Carolina with Advanced Distribution Hardening

This Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) funding will allow Randolph EMC to develop and deploy a suite of grid system upgrades that will expand our current automated self-healing system. This project will exponentially increase the resiliency of this vital– yet deeply rural – grid system. Through GRIP funding, REMC will create 24 new circuit ties and add 100 recloser units. REMC will also install advanced predictive maintenance (partial discharge sensors) and fault location devices in the targeted areas of its system. The project will increase grid resiliency and reduce outages in the project's rural service area, which encompasses 4,100 miles of distribution line serving over 34,000 members. Under existing conditions, REMC's rural customers are served by aging, long lines lacking circuit ties and sectionalization. For example, 33 of REMC's 69 existing circuits on the system do not have a strong circuit tie. As a result, REMC's rural customers have elevated susceptibility to long-duration outages. This grant funding enables us to implement improvements that benefit our members in the coming years while also reducing the duration and impact of distribution outages to achieve significant cost savings.

The grant of \$11,481,931 supports 34,257 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Dennis Mabe
CEO, Randolph Electric Membership Corporation
879 McDowell Rd, Asheboro, North Carolina 27205

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

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These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

REMC Transmission Line Rebuild

This Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas Fixed Grant (ERA) funding will replace deteriorating wooden transmission poles with galvanized steel poles, hardening a combined 21 miles of transmission lines in central North Carolina. Wildlife and other natural hazards have damaged the existing poles. These upgrades aim to reduce outages, improve infrastructure durability and longevity, and maximize maintenance efficiency and safety. We constantly strive to balance affordability and reliability. This grant funding allows us to implement improvements that our members can benefit from in the coming years rather than delaying them for two decades. By avoiding large transmission outages, this grant can achieve significant cost savings for our members.

The grant of \$4,927,000 supports 8,608 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Dennis Mabe
CEO, Randolph Electric Membership Corporation
879 McDowell Rd, Asheboro, North Carolina 27205

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

**Cooperative Harmonization and Resilience through Greater Cybersecurity Enhancements
(CHARGE)**

REC, in collaboration with its wholly owned subsidiary BrilliT, is spearheading CHARGE, a project aimed at bolstering cyber and information security for small to mid-sized electric cooperatives with limited cybersecurity resources. This project is critical for cooperatives to enhance their protection of the electric grid, especially those that may not have the resources for continuous in-house cybersecurity staffing.

The grant of \$1,999,984 supports 6 electric cooperatives and their membership.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

John Hewa
CEO, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
247 Industrial Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Rappahannock Electric Communications, a wholly owned subsidiary of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Rappahannock Electric Communications, a wholly owned subsidiary of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Electric Vehicle Outreach and Level 2 Vehicle Energizing (EVOLVE) Project

Rappahannock Electric Communications d/b/a Vividly Brighter proposed the EVOLVE project to deploy and operate public electric vehicle charging stations within Caroline and Essex counties, Virginia. This project is critical for expanding public charging infrastructure in communities where it is not currently available, making EV ownership challenging at this time for commuters and travelers of these areas.

The grant of \$121,974 supports 181,458 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

John Hewa
CEO, Rappahannock Electric Communications, a wholly owned subsidiary of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
247 Industrial Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Enabling EV and DER Adoption Through DERMS, AMI, and Fiber Integration

REC's project will modernize its distribution system to benefit its customers and the environment more broadly through better energy decisions. REC will deploy a distributed energy resources management system (DERMS) that will be enabled through an advanced metering upgrade. The fiber optic network will be designed and constructed to serve as the cooperative's communication backbone. The results of the project will help to promote the adoption of distributed energy resources and electric vehicles and will help REC manage these resources to help the utility reduce peak power consumption, avoid costly system upgrades, drive resiliency, reliability, and improve the flexibility of the grid.

The grant of \$38,162,015 supports 181,458 consumer members.

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Sincerely,

John Hewa
CEO, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
247 Industrial Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

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Secretary
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Rappahannock Rural Reliability and Resiliency Microgrids (R4M)

Through Virginia Energy, REC proposed the R4M project to install microgrids controlled by the utility at key facilities with distribution automation (DA) on substation tie lines on some of the sites. These include emergency centers, critical service providers, and a national park to help mitigate wildfire impacts. R4M will include grid-tied battery energy storage systems (BESS) of various sizes, to assist REC with load control during peaks, while also having the capability to serve these facilities during outages that may occur. DA will make use of digital technology and intelligent devices to improve reliability, efficiency, and safety and will monitor, manage, and optimize the performance of the electrical grid in real-time, thus increasing resiliency and reliability. At the substation level, DA will allow quicker reaction to power outages and better electricity flow throughout the system. Additionally, level 2 EV chargers will be installed to support essential electric-powered transportation, making these combined assets have the capability to function as virtual power plants.

The grant of \$2,153,250 supports 181,458 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

John Hewa
CEO, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
247 Industrial Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

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The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Wright,

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These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Utility Program for Cybersecurity for Operational Technologies (UPCOT)

The UPCOT project will deploy and monitor a dedicated operational technology (OT) platform that integrates REC's existing security fabric that encompasses a wide range of security tools, products, and solutions, designed to work together seamlessly across an entire utility. UPCOT will enable REC's specialized OT security team to rapidly continue the deployment and maintenance of a distinct, purpose-built suite of software and dedicated hardware. This suite is meticulously designed to bolster the cybersecurity and operational dependability of power grid assets, encompassing over 140 substations within REC's service territory.

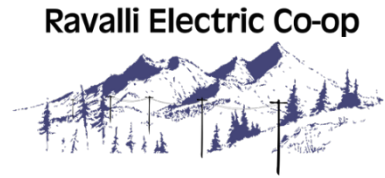
The grant of \$1,999,943 supports 181,458 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

John Hewa
CEO, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
247 Industrial Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Ravalli County Electric Cooperative Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Ravalli County Electric Cooperative Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

DOE WARN GRIP 1 - REC Wildfire 001

Ravalli Electric Cooperative has proposed to replace overhead power lines in the West Fork of the Bitterroot River in the southern end of Ravalli County. The project area falls within a high wildfire risk area. There are residential homes, U.S. Forest Service buildings, critical communication towers, hiking trails and other outdoor activities in the area. REC has also proposed replacing antiquated oil filled reclosers with electronic reclosers and controls with advanced modeling, communications, and adaptive protection technologies. This will allow the system to be more resilient, creating less outages and shorter duration of outages. The use of these methods and devices will allow SCADA control which will significantly help with fire mitigation measures. The replacement of expulsion fuses with new vacuum technologies will also be implemented.

The grant of \$5,570,324 supports 1,691 consumer members.


America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Mark Grotbo
CEO, Ravalli County Electric Cooperative Inc.
143 Bell Xing W. Victor, MT 59875

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative
12198 US Highway 87
PO Box 1947
Dalhart, TX 79022-5947
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Rita Blanca Electric, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Rita Blanca Electric is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wheeler

Project Wheeler includes the construction of approximately 55 miles of 115kv line from Three-Corners Substation to Boise City, OK. The Texas portion would include an interchange between the new 115kv line and the existing 69kv line, enabling emergency support to SWEC regardless of RBEC demand. RBEC is committed to safeguarding the environment through the implementation of best practices. Therefore, through Project Wheeler, the Applicant's intent to construct the new 115kV facilities would remedy many of these issues: Eliminate the N-1 criteria to New Mexico by being able to supply must-run capacity; provide greater access to generation sources and distribution capacity to non-members who have been denied service previously; convert those fossil fuel agricultural assets to electric thus lowering the overall carbon footprint of the area; and allowing for additional local generation capacity through wind and solar opportunities (which support the rate base and allow for future additional investment). Input from the public will be critical, including the routing, siting, and design of the new 115kV electric transmission system.

The grant of \$84,000,000 supports 7,100 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Grace Subealdea
CEO, Rita Blanca Electric
12198 Hwy 87, PO Box 1947, Dalhart, TX 79022

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN) Project

This project will harden critical areas of South Dakota's rural electric grid against wildfires. It will also bolster grid resiliency, helping us keep the lights on.

The grant of \$12,174,995 supports 35,036 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Kory Hammerbeck
CEO, Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative
1715 Cambell St. Rapid City, SD 57701-3949

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of San Isabel Electric Association, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

San Isabel Electric Association, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

WARN - Wildfire Resilience

Our project will underground nearly 6 miles of line that runs in a remote forested area to mitigate known events that have ignited wildfires in the recent past. The terrain does not allow for any redundant supply lines, and the improved resilience will ensure service to communications infrastructure and protect the water supply of the remote community.

The grant of \$404,000 supports 247 direct accounts and tens-of-thousands of forested acres consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Ryan Elarton
CEO, San Isabel Electric Association, Inc.
781 E. Industrial Blvd. Pueblo West, CO 81007

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of SECO Energy, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

SECO Energy is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

GRIP – Improving Reliability through Grid Hardening; USDA New ERA; SE Rural: Solar for All

Currently, SECO has under management about \$270M in federally funded projects across DOE's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships, USDA's New ERA and EPA's Solar for All Program. These include \$127M in grants, \$42M in direct pay credits and \$104M provided as cost share. These projects will help improve grid reliability through grid hardening projects such as conversion of 30 miles of overhead lines to underground, hardening of 30 miles of overhead lines and building a new substation. Over the past several years, electric cooperatives like SECO Energy have faced rising energy costs driven by inflation, supply chain disruptions, aging infrastructure, and other regulatory challenges. These federally funded projects are critical to ensuring that we are able to continue providing safe, reliable and affordable power to our communities. They will also help create local jobs in the communities we serve.

The grant of \$273,000,000 supports 240,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Curtis Wynn
CEO, SECO Energy
330 S US HW 301 Sumterville, FL 33585

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

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Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

SMECO Transmission, Distribution, and Communications Resiliency Initiative

This project located in Southern Maryland will replace and harden four 69-kV electric transmission lines that span an existing corridor from Chalk Point to Hughesville; extend and upgrade the backbone communications infrastructure supporting the electric transmission and distribution systems; and replace and harden targeted electric distribution feeders based upon historic performance, including selective undergrounding of approximately 25 miles of existing overhead lines. The 69-kV line is some of the oldest infrastructure still operational in our system, with some of it dating back to the 1960s. We have already had to take steps to reinforce it in the short term until we can complete the replacement and hardening. The distribution work includes the most strategic, targeted investments to optimize reliability and resilience performance for the most members at the lowest cost. The communications component ties it all together with fiber optics and related infrastructure to several substations for sensor data and controls to improve performance. The package of work is all essential infrastructure investments, and the funding will help us to do it without further upward pressure on our rates.

The grant of \$32,485,154 supports 177,187 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Sonja M Cox
CEO, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc.
15035 Burnt Store Rd., P.O. Box 1937, Hughesville, MD 20637

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

RESIST Grid Disruptions (Award: GD0994)

RESIST Grid Disruptions focuses on the deployment of critical electric infrastructure upgrades in rural America, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. The \$36.9 million investment in infrastructure will fortify nearly 6,500 miles of distribution lines, which serve over 43,000 consumers, to withstand disruptions and damage caused by invasive species. This approach will improve grid reliability and resiliency as electric loads continue to grow, directly supporting the President's "Unleashing American Energy" Executive Order, which seeks to ensure reliable energy access nationwide, and the "Declaring a National Energy Emergency" Executive Order, which seeks to expedite the delivery of energy infrastructure. This project also directly supports Secretary Wright's "Unleashing the Golden Era of American Energy Dominance" Secretarial Order, which seeks to strengthen grid reliability and security. This project will invest in critical flexible grid infrastructure that will integrate grid hardening with advanced data systems for improved monitoring and predictive capabilities, providing a comprehensive approach to mitigating persistent outage issues and adapting to emergent climate and ecological challenges. The funding from DOE will enable the project team to deploy technology to mitigate and prevent grid disruptions from intense storms and the impact of invasive species, while enhancing the ability to add new electric loads and distributed energy resources that otherwise would not be supported by existing technology.

The grant of \$27,681,725 supports 43,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Reese
CEO, Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative
64 County Route 639, Sussex, New Jersey 07461

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Thumb Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Thumb Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

GRID RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM

This funding will help develop grid resilience in at-risk areas in our cooperative territory. This project ensures that we can keep the power on in rural communities and reduces longer outage times.

The grant of \$372,000 supports 2,456 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Bradley D. Essenmacher
CEO, Thumb Electric Cooperative
2231 E Main Street, Ubly, MI 48475

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Tombigbee Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Tombigbee Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Tombigbee Grid Modernization Program

With these transformative funds, Tombigbee will be able to replace old and outdated infrastructure. It will allow us to harden our system by reconductoring 3-phase copper weld lines and installing new lines to enhance system connectivity and reducing line losses. These improvements will extend the lifespan of Tombigbee's grid infrastructure by approximately 4%, helping reduce operational costs and allowing us to keep our rates low. The implementation of an automated fault detection system will reduce outage minutes by nearly 20%, enhancing reliability for members. By integrating Tombigbee's fiber network with an advanced metering system, outage management, and SCADA controls, we will create a smart grid that improves efficiency and decision-making. This five-year investment will strengthen our infrastructure, benefiting the communities we serve. This investment will improve our technology on our system and truly be transformative for Tombigbee Electric Cooperative. Without President Trump and Secretary Wright's support it will take Tombigbee over 26 years to accomplish this task. Tombigbee asks you to support this critical infrastructure funding.

The grant of Total Funding: \$22,352,300 serving 6,642 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Britton Lightsey
CEO, Tombigbee Electric Cooperative
3196 County Highway 55, Hamilton, AL 35570

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

DOE Program - MG Cared Arivaca Microgrid

These projects are critical to ensuring adequate power supply at a time when capacity is tight. In addition, the projects are designed as microgrids that will help to improve reliability. One of the PACE projects is a microgrid near the small rural town of Arivaca and this will provide reliability even if the radial feed to Arivaca is damaged.

The grant of \$83,507,900 supports 3,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Brian Heithoff
CEO, Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.
8600 W. Tangerine Road, Marana, AZ 85658

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

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Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

DOE Program - WARN

We need funds to support clearing of rights-of-way in high risk areas. Mt. Lemmon has experienced 3 major fires in that last 25 years and managing the right-of-way is vital to protecting the community of Summerhaven and Trico's facilities in the area.

The grant of \$83,507,900 supports 1,000 people on Mt. Lemmon and all 50k members from the perspective of reduced risk of a wildfire.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Brian Heithoff
CEO, Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.
8600 W. Tangerine Road, Marana, AZ 85658

March 20, 2025
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Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Building the Smart Grid of the future through the Cooperative Energy Ecosystem

It aims to increase the efficiency, capacity, flexibility, reliability, and resilience of Tri-State's bulk power grid, which serves four states and 40 distribution member cooperatives. The program will provide a multi-tenanted Energy Services Platform (ESP) that enables individual utilities to build and expand collaborative programs that meet their system congestion and energy objectives, while allowing them to serve the unique needs of rural communities. The Distributed Energy Resource Management System (DERMS) shall integrate energy resources on both large and small scales and deploy more grid-edge connected devices to support electrification of loads and to lower energy burdens to rural communities. Tri-State plans to integrate controllable load with the DERMS platform via a front-of-the-meter ("FTM") battery energy storage solution and associated load management programs over the next five years. The implementation of this program will help Tri-State manage the energy transition without putting undue upward rate pressure on the electric bills of rural communities. This funding will allow for a rapid expansion of programs, reduction of implementation costs, and the acceleration in deployment of controllable load.

The grant of \$26,798,344 supports more than 1,000,000 consumers in 200,000 square miles.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Duane Highly
CEO, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
1100 West 116th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80234

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Volunteer Energy Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

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Volunteer Energy Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Microgrids for Community Affordability, Resilience and Energy Decarbonization

This funding will provide resiliency to a portion of our electric grid that serves two schools as well as some of our most economically challenged service areas. Some of these members are twenty to thirty miles from the substation and this battery project will give us an opportunity to greatly reduce outage hours in these communities.

The grant of \$9,000,000 supports 6,980 consumer members.

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Sincerely,

Dion Cooper
CEO, Volunteer Energy Cooperative
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March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
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1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Wasco Electric Cooperative, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Wasco Electric Cooperative is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN) Grant

The funding associated with this grant would support our efforts to convert 4.5 miles of electric distribution lines from overhead to underground. This line is located in the Mt. Hood National Forest and runs adjacent to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation. Burying this line would significantly reduce outages for our members, as it is currently prone to frequent disruptions due to its remote location and the large trees outside our rights-of-way that often cause damage. Additionally, relocating the line underground would greatly decrease the risk of wildfire ignition caused by falling trees in the national forest.

The grant of \$1,403,820 supports 7 consumer members.

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Sincerely,

Lindsay Forepaugh
CEO, Wasco Electric Cooperative
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March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks (WARN)

This project will harden critical areas of South Dakota's rural electric grid against wildfires. It will also bolster grid resiliency, helping us keep the lights on.

The grant of \$1,320,000 supports 1,333 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Jeff Birkeland
CEO, West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.
204 Main Street, Murdo, SD 57559

March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of Yampa Valley Electric Association, I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Yampa Valley Electric Association is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Grid Hardening & Vegetation Mitigation

YVEA's funding was outlined to implement wildfire mitigation using fire-resistant technologies and fire prevention systems, vegetation and fuel-load management, and replacement of old overhead conductors in an identified high-risk wildfire area located in the Northwest rural area of Moffat County, Colorado, the cautionary hold on our previously awarded IJJA DOE grant, through the State of Colorado, could hold significant consequences for this part of our service territory. The rural communities are often overlooked by traditional funding sources, making federal investments like the IJJA DOE grant one of the few avenues available to address these urgent needs. Any delay can jeopardize the timely implementation of these wildfire mitigation measures. Wildfire risks are not hypothetical for us because recent years have seen an alarming increase in the frequency and intensity of wildfires across our region. Without these funds, we will not be able to make critical upgrades to our electrical grid. Rural communities in our territory often struggle to compete with larger, more urban areas for federal and state funding, resulting in delays and setbacks when addressing vital infrastructure needs.

The grant of \$998,937 supports 9,000 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

Scott Blecke
CEO, Yampa Valley Electric Association
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March 20, 2025
The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585



Dear Secretary Wright,

As the CEO of York Electric Cooperative, Inc., I urge you to support the U.S. Department of Energy's infrastructure programs and the timely completion of projects already underway. These vital projects are in alignment with the Trump administration's priority of unleashing American energy and will help electric co-ops keep the lights on in homes and businesses across America.

These essential grid improvements will enhance grid resilience, reduce outages, meet increasing electricity demand, and keep costs low for our rural consumer members. In short, they will help to realize the Trump administration's goal of American energy dominance.

York Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with the DOE on the following project to keep electricity costs low and strengthen the rural American economy:

Bonner Horton, Catawba Nation DA, Legion Rd, Kings Mountain National & State Park

These projects will allow us to improve the reliability in these areas by helping to fund the burial of some lines, the installation of "self-healing" infrastructure, and the installation of alternative feeds. The construction of these projects will not happen in the near future or possibly ever without these funds. York Electric already has several of these projects ready for construction.

The grant of \$1,261,955 supports 2,150 consumer members.

America's electric cooperatives are critical partners in the Trump administration's commitment to jumpstart the American economy. Thank you for your support of DOE's infrastructure programs.

Sincerely,

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