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Please complete the attached forms and mail, fax or email back to the following:

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**Please make sure to include the 8- or 9-digit meter number and photo identification. We must have these before we can process the application.**

**Option 1:**

Please contact the office to determine how much the deposit will be. For your convenience, Tri-State EMC accepts payments over the phone for the deposit by e-check, visa, master card, or discover. Payment is necessary when you apply for service. The service will not be initiated until all paperwork and any deposit payment is received.

**Option 2:**

**Advance Pay**

Advance Pay is a pay-as-you-go plan that offers the opportunity to pay for your electricity when you want, in the amounts you want. Instead of receiving a traditional paper bill each month, usage is calculated daily and because kilowatt hours are paid for in advance, the need for a security deposit is eliminated. For more information on the Advance Pay, please contact our office at 706-492-3251.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**TRI-STATE ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL DATA SERVICE APPLICATION**

**FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FIRST MIDDLE LAST**

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FIRST MIDDLE LAST**

**BILLING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY STATE ZIP**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DRIVER'S LICENSE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPOUSE'S DLN** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL SECURITY #** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPOUSE'S SSN** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE: HOME** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL** \_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**EFFECTIVE DATE TO TAKE OVER ELECTRICAL SERVICE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**8 OR 9 DIGIT METER NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE YOU HAD PREVIOUS SERVICE WITH TRI STATE?** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEN?** \_\_\_\_\_ **WHERE?** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS ELECTRIC COMPANY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND  
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE WITH SPECIAL MINIMUM**

The undersigned (hereinafter called the “Applicant”) hereby applies for membership in and agrees to purchase electric energy from the Tri-State Electric Membership Corporation, (hereinafter called the “Cooperative”), upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The Applicant will pay to the Cooperative the sum of \$5.00 which, if this application is accepted by the Cooperative, will constitute the Applicant’s membership fee.
2. The Applicant will, when electric energy becomes available, purchase from the Cooperative all electric energy used on the premises at address given below and will pay therefore monthly at rates to be determined from time to time in accordance with the bylaws of the Cooperative; provided, however, that the Cooperative may limit the amount of electric energy to be furnished for industrial uses.
3. The Applicant will cause his premise to be wired in accordance with wiring specifications as approved by the Cooperative.
4. The Applicant will comply with and be bound by the provisions of the charter and bylaws of the Cooperative, and such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Cooperative.
5. The Applicant, by paying a membership fee and becoming a member, assumes no personal liability or responsibility for any debts or liabilities of the Cooperative, and it is expressly understood that under the law his private property is exempt from execution for any such debts or liabilities.
6. The Applicant hereby grants to the Cooperative the necessary rights, privileges and easements, a minimum of 20 feet on either side of Cooperative’s electric lines to construct, operate, replace, repair, maintain in perpetuity on, over and under the property owned or occupied by the undersigned, including the right to cut and trim trees to the extent necessary to keep them clear of said electric line or system and in or upon all roads, streets or highways abutting said property, its lines or lines for the transmission or distribution of electric energy, and other telephone and telecommunication utilities, and will execute and deliver to the Cooperative any conveyance, grant or instrument which the Cooperative shall deem necessary or convenient for said purposes or any of them. The Cooperative may permit third parties to use the easement for the purpose of making attachments to the Cooperative’s poles. All service lines supplying the undersigned with electric energy shall at all times be the sole property of the Cooperative, and the Cooperative shall have the right to access said property and utilize said easement to read its meter, repair and service, and upon the discontinuance of service for any reason, to remove the same.
7. The Applicant, by becoming a member, acknowledges responsibility for all bills for electrical energy, or service, supplied at all meter locations, and the failure of such member to pay any account when due shall constitute authorization for the Cooperative to discontinue service under the rules and policies of said Cooperative at all such meter locations, notwithstanding that all such locations may not then be in default.

**The acceptance of this Application by the Cooperative and the use, receipt or purchase of any service provided by the Cooperative shall constitute a binding contract between the Applicant and the Cooperative. Applicant acknowledges receipt of a copy of this application.**

**\* Husband and wife should both sign if application is made for a joint membership**

Dated-----  
Applicant

Witness-----  
Print Name

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Applicant

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Print Name



# Operation Round Up®

As a Tri-State EMC member, you have a unique opportunity to support Operation Round UP, a program that provides financial support to organizations within the 3 counties served by Tri-State EMC, and all that is required is the “round up” of your power bill.

## How does Operation RoundUP work?

Unless you choose not to participate, Tri-State EMC will automatically round each participating member’s electric bill up to the next dollar. For example, a bill of \$73.46 would become \$74.00. On average, you will contribute \$6 a year – a small amount to help worthy causes in our community. It works out to be less than the cost of one soft drink, candy bar or cup of coffee a month. This small, monthly contribution can make a huge impact.

## How will the money be used?

The Tri-State Electrical Membership Corporation Foundation, Incorporated was created to disperse the money collected by Operation Round UP.

Requests for assistance will be evaluated and grants awarded by a separate board of directors, made of volunteer members from Tri-State EMC counties. The primary purpose of Operation Round Up is to address charitable needs and provide financial assistance anywhere in the 3 counties served by Tri-State EMC.

**One hundred percent** of your contributions go toward improving the lives of others.

Operation Round Up® uses the power of many, the members of Tri-State EMC, to help others – charitable organizations.

The funds collected through Operation Round UP go to the Tri-State Electric Membership Corporation Foundation Incorporated and are administered by a volunteer board of directors. The board reviews grant applications and makes grant awards in the name of the members of Tri-State EMC. Grant awards will be publicized in the cooperative’s member newsletter, here on the cooperative’s website, and in the media so that members can see their donations at work.

I have read and understood what Operation Round Up® is and based on that I elect to:

Yes, I do want to participate in Operation Round Up®

No, I do not want to participate in Operation Round Up®

I further understand that this choice is not permanent and that I can cancel or elect to participate in Operation Round Up® at any time.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Witness, Tri-State EMC Personnel

\_\_\_\_\_ Account Number



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To be in compliance with TVA guidelines, we need to determine the correct classification for each account. The classification of your meter is based on two types:

- 1) Residential: Can be used only if location will be used primarily as the owner's residence or second home. See TVA Description below:

#### **TVA RESIDENTIAL RATE--SCHEDULE RS**

This rate shall apply only to electric service to a single-family dwelling (including its appurtenances if served through the same meter), where the major use of electricity is for domestic purposes such as lighting, household appliances, and the personal comfort and convenience of those residing therein.

- 2) Commercial:
  - a) Homes or Cabins as Rental Income
  - b) Apartments\* (when the account stays in the Business Name)
  - c) Hotels
  - d) Garages
  - e) Well Pumps
  - f) Storage Buildings
  - g) Churches or Civic centers
  - h) Businesses

In other words, anything that you don't primarily live in is considered commercial. See TVA description below:

#### **GENERAL POWER RATE--SCHEDULE GSA**

This rate shall apply to the firm power requirements (where a customer's contract demand is 5,000 kW or less) for electric service to commercial, industrial, and governmental customers, and to institutional customers including, without limitation, churches, clubs, fraternities, orphanages, nursing homes, rooming or boarding houses, and like customers. This rate shall also apply to customers to whom service is not available under any other resale rate schedule.

I have read and understood the above criteria and acknowledge service for this location is:

\_\_\_\_\_ Residential                      \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tri-State EMC Representative

**TRI-STATE EMC**  
**CONSIDERATION FOR WAIVER OF RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER DEPOSIT**

All residential members shall pay a standard deposit equal to the consumer's estimated power bill for twice the average monthly bill, either previously metered or estimated based on heated square footage. Deposits may be maintained for the duration of the service.

Residential applicants or members may agree to the cooperative's credit scoring process and consideration of other Cooperative criteria to determine if a portion or all of the required deposit may be waived.

Credit scoring is based upon the use of a technology-based screening tool to assess credit risk at the point of application or reconnection and provides the cooperative the ability to charge deposits only to those potential members and existing members who pose credit risk. This tool is a soft credit check and does not affect the applicant's credit score.

The credit screening tool is designed to screen service applicants to determine their credit risk based upon three criteria: 1) Social Security Number (SSN) verification; 2) Deposit decisions based upon credit risk; and 3) Payment experience with other utility providers. Each of these criteria reflects upon the credit risk associated with Tri-State EMC providing service to the applicant.

The deposit required prior to the establishment of residential electric service is based on the credit screening tool rating and other cooperative guidelines. While the credit screening tool does not provide actual FICO scores it provides a somewhat comparable risk level result.

| <b><u>Standard Deposit Amount</u></b>   | <b><u>Risk Level</u></b> | <b><u>Rating</u></b> |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| No Deposit                              | Low                      | Green                |
| One Times Average Bill for the Location | Medium                   | Yellow               |
| Two Times Average Bill for the Location | High                     | Red                  |

The following criterion may affect a customer's qualification for waiver of deposit include unpaid utility bills, disconnects for non-payment, no credit history, bankruptcy, theft of service or unmetered current, and a previously returned check for non-sufficient funds.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS FOR WAIVER OF RESIDENTIAL DEPOSITS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness - Tri-State EMC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ I AGREE TO CREDIT SCREENING FOR CONSIDERATION OF REDUCED OR  
(Initials) WAIVED RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT.

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT AGREE TO CREDIT SCREENING FOR CONSIDERATION OF REDUCED OR  
(Initials) WAIVED RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT.