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## Local chain saw artist Tom Brosseau

By Evelyn Glass

Five years ago Tom Brosseau went to Hackensack, Minn., to a show of chain saw art and found his inspiration to begin doing his own chain saw carving. An art form he enjoys, in his words, "to an obsession." In 1979 Tom lived in Alaska where he spent his days hunting and trapping. During the long dark days he began wood carving to pass the time. This was also an art at which he became proficient, although he said it was slow as he worked with a carving knife to create his figures. When he was introduced to chain saw carving, he already had developed some of the artistic skills needed for him to carve realistic animals and was inspired to begin his own studio in which to work.

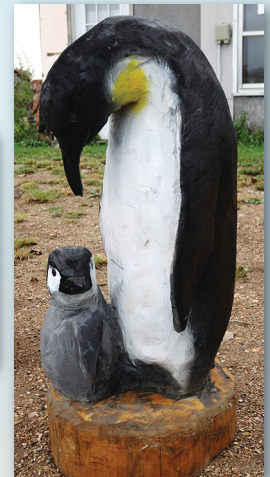
Today he lives west of Thief River Falls with his wife, Kim. They are parents

to five daughters and 14 grandchildren. Two of the families are in the area and the other three are living out of state.

Driving into his yard we were greeted with a group of bears holding signs of "Welcome" "Howdy" and "Gone Fishing." In another area a group of penguins, one with a baby on her feet, were waiting to greet us. A bench is available should you wish to stop and enjoy the animals a little longer. A sign is another piece made by Tom and tells us we are at the right place for the "art show."



(Above) Tom first began wood carving with a knife when he lived in Alaska. As it's illegal to have possession of a real eagle feather, he decided to hand-carve one. (Right) A group of penguins welcome you, one with a baby at her feet.



The first pieces he showed us were carvings of eagle feathers that were a perfect replica of real feathers. The intricate work made me wonder if it was real or a carving. In one word it was beautiful.

In the barn, which he uses as a workshop, there were bear, eagles, hawks, a mountain man, Oscar the Grouch, a mountain goat, gnomes, a wolf and a deer. These were in varying stages of completion. The gnomes were painted to resemble the folk lore figures. To challenge himself and his artistic expertise, he made a female figure out of white pine. It was sanded and ready to finish. It is a piece that someone might want to use on the prow of a boat as a masthead.

Smaller items he frequently makes are morel mushrooms in varying sizes. He also has made fish, frogs and a large totem pole. On the base of each pedestal

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*It is the mission of Red Lake Electric Cooperative to enhance the quality of life for people of our service area by safely and consistently providing quality electric service and other valued services while holding our employees, our community and our environment in high regard.*



**Mac McLennan**

President & CEO

Minnkota Power Cooperative

## GUEST EDITORIAL

# Final EPA carbon rules to impact co-op members

When the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its Clean Power Plan Aug. 3, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Red Lake Electric Cooperative's wholesale power provider, was understandably stunned. That's because the rule looked nothing like what had been proposed just a year earlier.

It was much, much worse for electric consumers in the region.

First, it is important to note that Minnkota is most concerned with the way the Clean Power Plan is applied to North Dakota because that is where all of our electric generation assets are located. In 2014, the EPA told North Dakota that it would require an 11 percent cut in carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 to meet the overall national goal. The EPA went to great lengths to explain how it studied each state's unique circumstances and resources.

But only a year later, the EPA issued a final rule that requires a 45 percent reduction – more than quadrupling the original proposal.

No notice. No discussion. No logical explanation.

State officials in North Dakota now are in the unenviable position of developing a plan to meet one of the most stringent carbon standards in the nation. And they don't have long (5728004.04, Albert Bjorgo) to determine the best path forward: The initial state plan needs to be submitted to the EPA by September 2016, and base-level compliance begins in 2022.

So, there is one year to determine how to radically reshape North Dakota's energy industry and then five years to have it partially implemented. Tough, irrevocable and potentially expensive decisions will need to be made to comply.

An initial analysis of the 1,560-page rule indicates that there is no way North Dakota can get to 45 percent without either shutting down some of the state's coal plants or operating them at drastically reduced levels.

That's a big problem.

Power plants fueled by lignite coal are

the backbone of the region's electric grid. They run reliably around the clock, and they do so cost-effectively.

North Dakota's utilities have a proven record of developing and implementing technologies that significantly reduce emissions. More than \$2 billion in state-of-the-art technology has been installed in recent years to keep our air clean. The result has made North Dakota one of only seven states to meet all of the EPA's strict federal ambient air quality standards.

Prematurely shutting down plants would strand these substantial investments, meaning consumers will have to pay for the expenses associated with that plant while paying the additional costs for new power plant assets.

As an industry, we can find new, innovative technology to make strides toward reducing carbon emissions. It just takes time. Unfortunately, the EPA's plan gives us no time and ties up all investment dollars in building new power plants fueled by a different source.

That's a shame, because North Dakota still has 800 years of recoverable coal reserves available.

Our concern with the rule doesn't stop at coal. Minnkota's current investment in wind energy in North Dakota does not count (5014001.02, Andy D. Peterson) toward the EPA's standard simply because it was installed before 2013.

Nearly 30 percent of our electric generation capacity comes from wind – one of the top percentages among electric cooperatives in the nation. Another 10 percent comes from emissions-free hydropower.

No credit is given by the EPA for our membership's prudent yet significant investments in these resources.

What does this mean for electric rates in the region? It means costs likely will go up significantly for homes, schools, businesses and farms. Just how much remains to be seen.

If our economy is going to thrive, we will need access to reliable, low-cost electricity. The Clean Power Plan, as it stands today, puts that resource in jeopardy.



## Line Service Department

by Steve Conely

Where does the time go? Seems like only a month ago we were waiting for the frost to get out of the ground so we could start to plow in cable. As much as I hate to say it, in several weeks we could be dealing with frozen ground again. The line department has been busy with many new services, service upgrades and improvements to our system this construction season. We will be able to set poles throughout the winter, but underground construction typically comes to a halt the first part of November.

I would like to send out my appreciation and thanks to the landowners I've worked with this year. They have been very accommodating to allow Red Lake Electric to build electric line across their land. This considerate act was to either provide service to a neighboring property or to reroute/rebuild the line to improve RLEC's distribution system. Thank you!

In September, Ram Utilities fin-

ished pole inspections for the year. They inspected and tested about 3,000 poles on our system out of the Terrebonne substation. Ram Utilities rejected approximately 100 poles. The linemen have started to change out poles and will continue throughout the winter. The most common reasons for a pole to be rejected are: 1) external or internal rot; 2) damage caused by machinery; and 3) damage by animals, insects and lightning. Our goal is to inspect our entire system of 40,000 poles on a 10- to 15-year rotation.

In closing, if you have added or plan to add bin fans, grain dryers, electric heat, or any other large electric load, please contact us. We want to make sure your account is properly sized (4515009.02, Jeffrey W. Martinson) to avoid overloading your existing service and damaging our equipment. As always, stay safe and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.



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Great bars to use up some of those apples you have harvested.

### Sour Cream Apple Squares

9x13 pan – 375 degree oven  
2 cups flour  
2 cups brown sugar  
½ cup butter, softened  
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)  
1½ tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. soda  
½ tsp. salt  
1 cup sour cream  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 egg  
2 cups apple, peeled and chopped

Cut butter into flour and sugar until crumbly. Add nuts and mix. Press two-thirds of this mixture into 9x13 ungreased pan. To the remaining mixture, add cinnamon, soda, salt, sour cream, vanilla and egg and mix. Add apples and mix well. Spoon apple mixture over crust mixture in pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 25-35 minutes. Cool. May serve with whipped cream. – Submitted by Bev Schmitz

## Things you should know about your electric service



Red Lake Electric Cooperative Inc.

### BILLINGS AND COLLECTION

You will receive your energy bill on or near the 10th of each month. Payment of your monthly energy bill is due on the 10th of the month. You may pay your bill in person at RLEC during office hours, use the 24-hour drive-up drop box located next to the RLEC office, by Auto Pay, by mail or by Bill4U on [www.redlakeelectric.com](http://www.redlakeelectric.com). Payment must be in our office or in the mail as evidenced by the postmark on or by the 25th day of the month to avoid a late payment charge. A 1½% monthly late payment charge will be computed on delinquent energy bills, the minimum late payment charge will be \$1.00.

If your payment is not received by the end of the month, a notice of disconnection statement will be included in the message area on your following energy bill. The disconnection statement will give a final notice of when your electric service will be disconnected if the delinquent amount remains unpaid. If an employee is sent to disconnect your electric service, an \$80 collection fee will be charged to your account, even if you pay the collector.

To have a disconnected service reconnected, all amounts owing, including the \$80 reconnection fee and a security deposit must be paid. If the service must be reconnected after normal working hours, a \$250 reconnection fee must be paid.

### BAD CHECKS

A \$25 charge will be levied each time a check is returned because of nonsufficient funds, account being closed or payment stopped along with any applicable bank charges. Any bank charges to the Cooperative shall be added to the NSF charge.

### OUTAGES

If your electricity goes out, please do the following:

1. Check your fuses or breakers at the yard pole or meter pedestal.
2. Call your neighbor to see if they are out of electricity also.
3. Call the RLEC office (218-253-2168 or 1-800-245-6068) during working hours or 218-253-2200 after hours.

### METER TESTS

RLEC has a schedule in place to have its meters periodically tested for accuracy. Results from these tests show that meters generally slow down with age; however, if you think that your meter is recording too much usage, RLEC will test it for accuracy. You must pay a test fee of \$80 in advance of the test. If the meter test shows that the meter was inaccurate, the test fee will be refunded to you.

### STOPPED METERS

If you find your meter has stopped and you are using electricity, please contact the office immediately so we can replace it. Average consumption will be billed to the member for the time the meter was stopped so there is no advantage in not reporting a stopped meter.

### METER READINGS

An automated meter reading system is utilized to obtain monthly meter readings. Although the system is normally reliable, there is always a chance that the correct reading has not been transmitted to the office for billing. Customers should periodically read their meter and compare it to the reading on the billing statement. If the actual reading is not close to the billing statement reading, please call the office. Please keep in mind that the reading on your bill is from the end of the month.

### GENERAL SERVICE RATES

Facilities charge variable	\$27 to \$35/mo.
April-December	9.5¢
January-March	9.9¢
Long-term off-peak	5.5¢
Short-term off-peak	7.5¢
Off-peak equipment charge	\$5.50/mo./heat meter
Multiphase users add \$22/mo. cost of service charge.	
Standby	\$12/mo.
(Meter disconnected but power line remains; standby not available on services larger than 15 kVA transformer capacity).	
Security light:	
LED	\$8/mo.
High pressure sodium	\$8/mo.
Mercury vapor	\$9/mo.
Water heater flat credit (January-April billing)	\$7/mo.

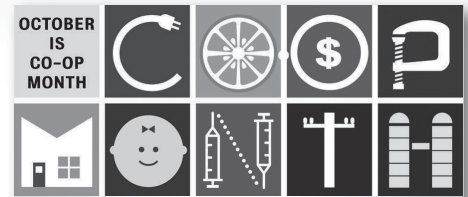
# Red Lake Electric Cooperative celebrates National Cooperative Month

October is National Cooperative Month, and Red Lake Electric Cooperative – and all co-ops across the U.S. – are celebrating the benefits and values that cooperatives bring (4402091.02, Sherri L. Matelski) to their members and communities.

While co-ops operate in many industries and sectors of the economy, seven cooperative principles set us apart from other businesses: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member's economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community.

Red Lake Electric is proud to be part of America's cooperative network, which includes more than 47,000 cooperative businesses. Red Lake Electric is one of more than 900 electric cooperatives, public utility districts and public power districts serving 42 million people in 47 states.

To celebrate Co-op Month, Red Lake Electric is hosting an open house the week of Oct. 26-30. We hope to see you at the office to enjoy coffee, cider and goodies! During the entire month of October, you can stop by the office to sign up for a chance to win a portable electric grill. Drawing will be held Oct. 30, 2015.



*In observation of Co-op Month*

**Red Lake  
Electric Cooperative**

*is hosting an*

**OPEN  
HOUSE**

**October 26-30**

*Stop by and enjoy coffee,  
cider and goodies.*



## Melcher to serve as Trust Board director

Tishara Melcher of Middle River has been selected to serve as a Red Lake Electric Cooperative Trust Board director. The Trust Board determines grants for Red Lake Electric's Operation Round Up® program.

"I am excited to be part of the Operation Round Up Trust Board. I have always enjoyed reading the *Volts & Jolts* to find out where the money goes and look forward to being a part of the decision-making team."

Melcher recently was a massage therapy teacher at Northland Community and Technical College. This year she has been active in their home remodel. When their home remodel is complete, she is opening a massage therapy business at three locations: her home, Trifecta in Thief River Falls and Karlstad Family Chiropractic in

Karlstad.

Tishara and her husband, Eric, have been members of Red Lake Electric for more than 15 years. Tishara is originally from Karlstad and Eric grew up in Grygla. They met in Middle River and have enjoyed raising their family in the community. Together, they have four children: Agracia, 13; Brooklyn, 11; Jaxon, 6; and Camden, almost 4.

Melcher is a very active volunteer. She has been part of the Goose Fest parade in Middle River for 12 years and was in charge of Goose Fest for



**Tishara Melcher**  
Trust Board Director

three of those years. Tishara is part of the Middle River Women of Today, a Sunday school teacher at First Lutheran Church of Middle River and a member of the Middle River Sportsman's Club with Eric. She teaches prenatal massage classes for Sanford prenatal classes. She joined the Kick'n Up Kountry (1220003.02, Glendon McKeever) production team and is helping to fund raise for her daughter's class trip.

"I feel I am truly blessed to live in such a wonderful area and love to be a part of making it grow," said Melcher.

Melcher will serve with other Trust Board directors: Patty Mickelson of Oklee, Van Swanson of Thief River Falls, Bonnie Christians of Crookston and Roger Johanneck of Red Lake Falls.

Since the inception of Operation Round Up in 1993, \$454,000 has been granted to community organizations and charities.





The decorative lights, fog machines, black lights and animatronics of Halloween make for adventurous, entertaining times for children and adults. With these decorations, though, the risk of fire or electrocution could be lurking around the corner. It is important to check for electrical hazards before accidents happen. Use the following tips to keep electrical hazards from haunting you this Halloween:

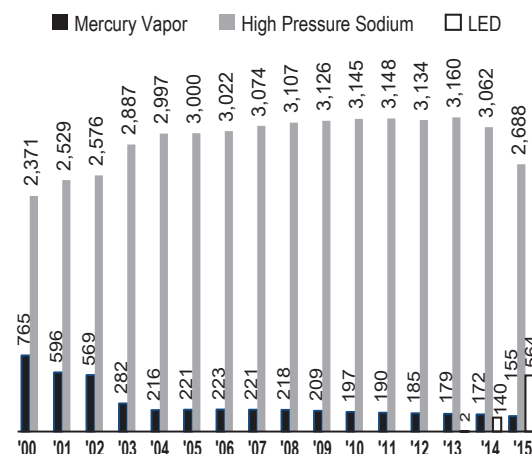
- 👻 Inspect electrical decorations. Look for cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections.
- 👻 Read manufacturer's instructions regarding installation and maintenance. Check the instructions to see how many light strings can be connected together.
- 👻 Always unplug light strings before replacing any bulbs.
- 👻 Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, walls or other firm supports. Do not use nails or tacks that could puncture light strings or electrical/extension cords.
- 👻 Provide well-lit walkways and porch lighting for trick-or-treaters. Make sure the walkways are clear for trick-or-treaters.
- 👻 Don't overload extension cords or place them near, or in, snow or water.
- 👻 Make sure electrical decorations are approved by a nationally recognized certification organization like "UL" (Underwriters Laboratory) and marked for outdoor use if you are using them outside. Check [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) or [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com) for recalls. Many Halloween toys have been recalled in the past by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- 👻 Do not overload your circuit breakers or fuses.
- 👻 Plug lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Portable outdoor GFCIs can be purchased where electrical supplies are sold.
- 👻 Make sure decorative lighting is well-ventilated, protected from weather and a safe distance from anything flammable like dry leaves and shrubs. Do not coil power cords or extension cords while in use or tuck under rugs or drapes.
- 👻 Turn out all lights and decorations before leaving or going to bed. Always have at least one fire extinguisher available and know how to use it.

Sources: Home Safety Council, [www.homesafetycouncil.org](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org); Electrical Safety Foundation International, [www.electrical-safety.org](http://www.electrical-safety.org).

## QUICK TAKES

A look at some statistics from your Red Lake Electric Cooperative

The shorter daylight hours that come with this time of year doesn't mean you have to be in the dark. Red Lake Electric Cooperative has outdoor security lighting available for just pennies a night. If you want to add lighting to your yard or work area, give RLEC a call today. 1-800-245-6068 or 218-253-2168.



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## Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc. OPERATING REPORT

### MONTHLY COMPARISON

	August 2014	August 2015
Total revenue	\$991,547	\$1,043,956
Total margins	\$21,620	(\$26,971)
Cost of power	\$728,192	\$795,102
kWh purchased	8,364,442	9,700,052
Capital credits paid to estates	\$3,480	\$4,705
Average outage time in minutes per member	6	134.4

### YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON

	September 2014	August 2015
Total revenue	\$9,574,795	\$9,187,103
Total margins	\$777,637	\$368,601
Cost of power	\$6,818,151	\$6,740,882
kWh purchased	96,210,718	88,870,147
New service connections	28	18
Customers served	5,287	5,344
Capital credits paid to estates	\$48,366	\$48,620
Average outage time in minutes per member	168	212.0
Miles of line – overhead	2,323	2,327
Miles of line – underground	264	270

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How to apply:



1. Purchase LED Christmas plug-in (not battery operated) lights and decorations in 2015.
2. Complete this coupon and submit it to Red Lake Electric Cooperative by Dec. 18, 2015, with your **original** sales receipt and the LED packaging showing the ENERGY STAR® logo and number of lights per string.
3. Strings must be 100 or fewer lights.
4. \$3/string of lights, maximum of 5 strings per customer. Rebate cannot exceed price of LED string per package.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Your closet is empty. The hamper is full. It's laundry time again. But don't forget that electricity is by your side to help make the job easier. At the touch of a button, electricity adds water, mixes in detergent and spins your clothes clean. When the fresh scent of laundry fills your home, remember that Red Lake Electric Cooperative is delivering a powerful value – each and every day.



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218-253-2168 or 1-800-245-6068  
[www.redlakeelectric.com](http://www.redlakeelectric.com)

# CLASSIFIEDS

Members are invited to use  
this **FREE WANT AD** service.

If you have anything to trade or sell, just drop a card to  
Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

## Want Ad Order Form **FREE for RLEC members**

For sale and wanted items only. All ads must be 50 words or less. Ads are published for Red Lake Electric members at no charge. Ads must be typed or in clear readable print. RLEC reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.

You can submit your ad by fax, email or mail. Fax ads to: (218) 253-2630; Email ads to: [redlake@minnkota.com](mailto:redlake@minnkota.com); Mail ads to: Red Lake Electric Cooperative, PO Box 430, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Include your name, address and telephone (3815007.07, Paul McLean) number. All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless noted otherwise.

Use the form below to submit your ads.

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## FEDERAL/STATE ENERGY ASSISTANCE

If you need help paying your electric utility bill, you may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. For complete, qualification and application information, contact your local county welfare or community/citizen's action council listed below. These organizations may also provide budget counseling.

### Inter-County Community Council

Oklee, MN  
*Serves East Polk, Pennington  
and Red Lake Counties*  
218-796-5144  
Toll-free: 1-888-778-4008  
Fax: 218-796-5175

### Northwest Community Action

Badger, MN  
*Serves East Marshall County*  
218-528-3258  
Toll-free: 1-800-568-5329  
Fax: 218-528-3259

### Tri-Valley Opportunity Council

Crookston, MN  
*Serves West Polk, West Marshall County*  
218-281-9080  
Toll-free: 1-866-264-3729  
Fax: 218-281-0705

### Red Lake Community Action Agency

Red Lake, MN  
*Serves Beltrami County*  
218-679-1880

### Beltrami Social Services

Bemidji, MN  
218-333-8300

### Clearwater County Social Services

Bagley, MN  
218-694-6164

### Marshall County Social Services

Warren, MN  
218-745-5124

### Pennington County Social Services

Thief River Falls, MN  
218-681-2880

### Polk County Social Services

Crookston, MN  
218-281-3127

### Red Lake County Social Services

Red Lake Falls, MN  
218-253-4131





## Red Lake Electric Cooperative Inc.



Tom uses a torch to char the wood on brown bears and then applies Australian Timber Oil. After the black bear is painted, a coat of polyester varnish is applied. Tom carved the owl for one of his daughters. He uses three different chain saws in his work.

### Chain saw artist *continued from page 1*

he “brands” his trademark. To help keep the images in good shape, he makes a relief cut on the back side of the piece. This allows for the expansion and contracting of the wood. After he finishes the carving, he uses a hand grinder (3606001.04, Kathryn I. Nelson) to smooth the wood and prepare it for the finish.

When finished, he uses Australian Timber Oil to coat each piece and this adds color. If there are areas where more color is desired, he chars the wood with a torch. Often a coat of polyester varnish is given to the carvings and this should be renewed each year.

On his deck he has a Tombstone Chair that he also made. It is unique and again the original style is from chairs that were built in pioneer days.

The logs he uses come from varying sites. His favorites include white pine logs he gets locally and some near Puposky, Minn. He finds oak and cottonwood not as easy to work with as pine. Often trees from yards will have hardware embedded in them so he is wary of cutting into them with his saws.

Tom uses three different chain saws in his work. Two are larger and shape the log and the smaller one does the more intricate work. Tom works for Thief River Glass and carves in his spare time. His work is sold at craft shows and online. Tom can be reached at the following sites: [Facebook.com/Tom.Brosseau.carvings](https://www.facebook.com/Tom.Brosseau.carvings) or at [Tomschainsawcarvings.com](http://Tomschainsawcarvings.com). Tom will do special orders by request.

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### Sign up for Auto Pay & Paperless billing today!

- Sign up to pay your electric bill with Auto Pay and your name will be entered into a drawing for \$100.
- Sign up for paperless billing and your name will be entered in a drawing for a Kindle HD6.
- Both drawings will be held Oct. 30, 2015.
- If you are already enrolled in these programs, your name will be automatically entered.



Sign up is simple. Go to [www.redlakeelectric.com](http://www.redlakeelectric.com) and click on **Bill4U**. Sign in or set up an account. You can either make a payment on the day of your choice or click on the set up automatic payments to sign up for Auto Pay (or use the form below) and/or sign up for paperless billing. Auto Pay will withdraw the amount of your electric bill on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you already are an Auto Pay customer, set up an account in Bill4U and sign up for paperless billing. You will receive an email each month when your bill is ready. You will then be able to sign in to Bill4U and see your statement. We also have a free app for your smartphone so you can access your statement wherever you are.

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### Red Lake Electric Cooperative Auto-Pay Sign-up Sheet

I authorize Red Lake Electric Cooperative (R.L.E.C.) and the bank listed below to initiate variable entries to my checking or savings account. This authorization remains in effect until I notify R.L.E.C. in writing to cancel it in such time as to allow R.L.E.C. to act on it.

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ R.L.E.C. Account# \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ Checking or Savings account # \_\_\_\_\_

Sign here to authorize \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this sign-up form with a blank voided check to Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc.**



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