

# OPERATION ROUND-UP<sup>®</sup>



If you wish to participate in Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup>, do nothing! Your contribution will automatically be included on your future bills.

**WHAT IS OPERATION ROUND-UP<sup>®</sup>?** It is a volunteer community support program designed to provide financial assistance to worthwhile projects and charities in our area. **In essence, it's people helping people.**

**HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?** Each month, we "round-up" the electric bills of participating members to the next dollar. For example, if your bill is \$52.73, we round it up to \$53. The additional 27 cents goes to the Operation Round-Up<sup>®</sup> fund. The average yearly contribution from each participating account is about \$6. The most that could be contributed in a year is \$11.88. **Contributions are tax deductible.**

**WHO ADMINISTERS THE FUND?** Money is administered by a nonprofit corporation called the Mille Lacs Energy Community Trust. This trust is operated by a board of directors completely independent of the cooperative. The board evaluates all of the requests for funds and determines how the funds are distributed.

**WHAT WILL THE MONEY BE USED FOR?** Bylaws allow the trust board to make donations to any worthwhile charitable cause. Possibilities include help with the purchase of fire fighting equipment for volunteer fire departments; lifesaving equipment for ambulance or rescue squads; hospice, education and youth programs; environmental projects; food shelves; programs for seniors; crisis centers; and disaster services. Projects are limited only by the needs of our communities.

**WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?** Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> is a unique opportunity for you to provide financial assistance to worthwhile projects and charities in our communities. Pennies donated by you each month become significant when added to pennies donated by your fellow cooperative member-owners. Together, we can make Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> a great success!

**HOW DO I SIGN UP?** Participation is voluntary. **If you want to participate, do nothing.** Your contribution will automatically begin with your first bill.

*If you do not wish to participate, simply return the response form below.*

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**I do not** want to be a part of OPERATION ROUND-UP<sup>®</sup>

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Return this form **only** if you do not wish to participate. Return to Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, PO Box 230, Aitkin MN 56431 or call us at 218-927-2191 or 800-450-2191.