



LOWER YELLOWSTONE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Application for Membership and Electric Service

APPLICANT (Please print)

Possession / Lease Date

First Name/Business/Organization MI Last

Mailing Address Unit/Apt./Suite Birthdate

City State Zip

Service Address Former Address

City State Zip

Social Security/Federal Tax ID # Driver's License # / State

Mobile Phone Home Phone

Work Phone Email

Best number to reach you in case of outages?

Business/Organizations - Local Contact Name and Phone

Applicant (member) providing mobile phone number(s) represents that: 1) the phone number(s) belong to member only; 2) he or she agrees to accept calls and/or text messages from Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative, its agents and contractors concerning Cooperative business matters to a mobile (cellular) number through use of an automatic telephone dialer; 3) he or she authorizes Cooperative to leave a prerecorded and/or text messages in connection with any business communication the Cooperative initiates with member.

PURSUANT TO LYREC BOARD POLICY, APPLICANT MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY A SECURITY DEPOSIT.

JOINT APPLICANT

Full Name Former Address (If different from above)

Social Security # Driver's License # / State Phone

Email Mobile Phone Work Phone Birthdate

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Not living with you) Name

Phone Address

City State Zip

Do you own this property? Yes No If no, please complete:

Property owner name

Phone Address

City State Zip

Are you interested in Electronic Billing options? Yes No

See information on the right.

Are you interested in Automatic Withdrawal? Yes No

See reverse side for more information.

Are you interested in participating in Operation Round

Up? Yes No See reverse side for more information.

Credit Report Authorization

I authorize Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative to acquire a soft credit check for the purpose of waiving the required security deposit. Previous address and social security number is required.

Initials

Electronic Billing Information

The electronic billing (SmartHub) option is available at Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative. SmartHub is a secure online tool which allows you to view and/or pay your bill through the internet. If you are interested in using the SmartHub option, please go to www.lyrec.com and click on the Pay Bill option. If you have questions call 406-488-1602 or 1-844-441-5627, or you may also contact us through e-mail at lyrec@lyrec.com.

Things to know about SmartHub

- You will receive an e-mail and/or text message, each month letting you know your bill is ready to view.
You can print a copy of your bill from your home computer.
Options available to pay your bill:
Online payment from your checking account.
Credit card - Visa, Master Card and American Express.
You can review past usage and payments.
You can access your account information at any time.

The undersigned (hereinafter called the "applicant") hereby applies for membership in, and agrees to purchase electric energy from, Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative, Sidney, Montana (hereinafter called "LYREC") upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The applicant shall pay LYREC for electric service at all served premises in accordance with rate schedules established and approved by LYREC. Bills rendered for electric service shall be due and payable on receipt. LYREC reserves the right to require the applicant to make a deposit in advance of delivery of any electric service. In the event LYREC retains an attorney for compliance or enforcement of any provision of this agreement, the applicant agrees to be responsible for all costs and attorney fees incurred by LYREC.
2. LYREC reserves the right to discontinue its electrical service to the applicant and to remove its equipment from the applicant's premises if the applicant fails to make payments as required, fails to pay any account for service at a location in applicant's name or fails to comply with any condition or obligations of this agreement.
3. The applicant will comply with and be bound by the provisions of the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the cooperative, and such rules, regulations and policies as may from time to time be adopted by the cooperative.
4. The applicant will grant LYREC all necessary easements to serve and supply electric power to the applicant. The applicant grants LYREC the right of access to the applicant's property for purposes of service, installation, repair or removal of electrical facilities, including the right to trim any trees and branches deemed by LYREC to be a hazard. The applicant further agrees to not deny requests from the cooperative for any easements deemed necessary for the construction, operation, and/or maintenance of an electric transmission or distribution line. This agreement shall be binding on the heirs, assigns and successors. It is acknowledged that electric service provided is a necessity such that applicant and spouse, family, heirs, assigns and successors are liable for payment.
5. The applicant assumes no personal liability or responsibility for any debts or liabilities of LYREC. The acceptance of this application by LYREC shall constitute an agreement between the applicant and LYREC, and shall continue in force from the date when LYREC begins to supply service until terminated by either party.
6. Allocation of capital credits shall be based upon the patronage of the member. Refer to Policy 102 and 103. The policies are on LYREC's website or you may request a copy.
7. Applicant(s) has read and understand the conditions and promises contained in this agreement.

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Applicant Signature

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Co-Applicant Signature

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Date

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### Automatic Payment Plan

We are pleased to offer you the Automatic Payment Plan. You can have your payment made automatically from your checking or savings account.

The Automatic Payment Plan will help you in several ways:

- It saves time – fewer checks to write.
- Helps meet your commitment in a convenient and timely manner – even if you're out of town.
- It saves postage.
- It's easy to sign up and easy to cancel.

To sign up for the Automatic Payment Plan go to [www.lyrec.com](http://www.lyrec.com) or contact the office for a form.

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### Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup>

#### A different, but convenient, way to give

LYREC is offering its members a great way to help worthwhile non-profit organizations in its area. The program is called Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup>, and everyone can participate!

#### We make it easy

The way it works is simple. LYREC "rounds up" your electric bill to the next whole dollar amount, and the extra change will be placed in a fund. For example, if your monthly bill is \$62.70, it will be rounded up to \$63.00 and a \$.30 will go into the fund.

The average amount a member will pay is \$.50 a month or \$6.00 a year. It may seem hard to believe that donating just pennies a month would be enough to help anyone, but if each co-op member becomes a participant, these pennies will add up to thousands of dollars.

#### Help those in your community

The funds will stay in LYREC's service area, so you know exactly where your donation will be going. The donations are used solely for charitable, educational, scientific, health or safety purposes.

The Operation Round Up board of directors meet quarterly to decide how the funds are distributed. The committee is a diverse group of members from communities throughout the area that LYREC serves. The recipients of your Operation Round Up donations are published in the Rural Montana and North Dakota Living Magazines.

***A copy of LYREC bylaws and articles of incorporation are available upon request or at [www.lyrec.com](http://www.lyrec.com).***