

Electric Loan Program

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State	Sen.	Rep.	Recipient	Loans	Project Description
AR	James Inhofe (OK) James Lankford (OK) John Boozman (AR) Tom Cotton (AR)	Bruce Westerman (AR-4) Markwayne Mullin (OK-2)	Rich Mountain Electric Cooperative	\$20,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to build or improve 89 miles of line to enhance system operations that will directly benefit 440 rural consumers. Operational since 1946, Rich Mountain Electric Cooperative serves more than 8,800 customers on more than 1,734 miles of line across four counties in Arkansas and Oklahoma. More than 50 percent of its service territory is forest land.
FL	Marco Rubio, Rick Scott	Ted Yoho (03)	Central Florida Electric Cooperative	\$17,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to build or improve 248 miles of distribution line and improve system operations benefitting 1,328 rural customers. This funding also includes more than \$1 million for smart grid technologies. Central Florida serves approximately 33,000 customers with 4,273 miles of line in Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy counties. More than 2,320 of these are commercial and 500 are irrigation consumers. The co-op, which has been operational since 1940, is expected to add more than 2,100 customers during the next decade.
IN	Todd Young, Mike Braun	Larry Bucshon (08) Trey Hollingsworth (09)	Southern Indiana Rural Electric Cooperative Inc.	\$10,500,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to build or improve 92 miles of line to enhance system operations for 600 rural consumers. This funding also includes more than \$1.5 million in smart grid technologies. Southern Indiana Power serves 9,300 consumers over 1,643 miles of line across five counties. Its service territory includes both agricultural and industrial consumers, including woodworking, furniture manufacturing, logging, rock quarrying, coal mining, crude oil production and manufacturing of steel products.
OK	James Inhofe, James Lankford	Kevin Hern (01) Markwayne Mullin (02) Frank Lucas (03)	Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative	\$20,100,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to build or improve 35 miles of line to provide reliable electric service to 1,103 consumers. These improvements will benefit nearly 36,500 residential and commercial consumers served over approximately 4,478 miles of line in Nowata, Osage, Rogers, Tulsa and Washington counties. These investments are expected to improve electric resilience while continuing to provide affordable power for rural Oklahoma communities.
SD	John Thune, Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Black Hills Electric Cooperative	\$14,842,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to build or improve 101 miles of line, provide reliable electric service to 500 new customers and will finance more than \$1.6 million in smart grid technologies. The loan will increase operational efficiencies and resilience to continue to provide reliable and affordable electric service to 9,800 residential, seasonal and commercial consumers across 2,600 miles of line in six counties. Agriculture is the cornerstone of the region's economy. Ellsworth Air Force base and the scenic Black Hills contribute to the area's increasing economic diversity.

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SD	John Thune, Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	West River Electric Association	\$30,338,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to build or improve 163 miles of line, serve 1,049 new customers and finance \$2.4 million in smart grid technologies to increase system operational efficiencies and resilience, while delivering affordable power to 16,920 residential and commercial consumers. West River's service territory is dependent on agriculture, tourism and business activity. The eastern portion of the area is sparsely populated with farms and ranches producing wheat and cattle. It has experienced steady growth due to the growth near Ellsworth Air Force Base, the Black Hills and the Badlands.
SD	John Thune, Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association	\$9,016,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to build or improve 118 miles of line, serve 228 new, rural consumers and finance \$434,356 in smart grid technologies. Bon Homme provides electricity to more than 3,800 consumers over 1,300 miles of line in four counties in southeastern South Dakota. Its service territory is primarily agricultural, including cattle producers and farms growing corn and soybeans.
TOTAL				\$121,796,000	