



**Owned by 12 Minnesota electric cooperatives:**

BENCO Electric Cooperative  
Brown County Rural Electrical Association  
Federated Rural Electric Association  
Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services  
Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative  
Nobles Cooperative Electric  
People's Energy Cooperative  
Redwood Electric Cooperative  
Sioux Valley Energy  
South Central Electric Association  
Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric  
Tri-County Electric Cooperative

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Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative (SMEC) received state regulatory approval to acquire Alliant Energy's Minnesota electric service territory in a verbal decision on Thursday, April 30, 2015, by the Minnesota Public Utility Commission (MPUC). SMEC is the single point of contact for the purchase of the territory in southern Minnesota by 12 electric cooperatives.

BENCO Electric Cooperative, Brown County Rural Electrical Association, Federated Rural Electric, Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services, Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative, Nobles Cooperative Electric, People's Energy Cooperative, Redwood Electric Cooperative, Sioux Valley Energy, South Central Electric Association, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric and Tri-County Electric Cooperative are the 12 participating SMEC cooperatives that will be welcoming new members in the Alliant Energy transaction.

The MPUC-approved acquisition will add approximately 43,000 electric accounts to the systems of all of the 12 SMEC member cooperatives combined.

While the MPUC approved the transaction, several steps remain and it could be months before the acquisition closes and cooperatives welcome new members from Alliant Energy.