

Electric Co-ops

WHEREAS, Electric cooperatives serve 83% of Minnesota's geography and are making decisions with very little state oversight, unlike investor-owned utilities.

WHEREAS, A lack of transparency with member-owners has been an ongoing problem. Some cooperatives don't even allow their member-owners to attend board meetings.

WHEREAS, Decisions are being made that greatly impact the carbon footprint of electricity generation for decades to come. Member-owners should be consulted before these decisions are made to evaluate the true costs and benefits of decisions including the continued use of coal and other fossil fuel sources of energy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the _____ Party supports legislative oversight of Minnesota's member-owned electric cooperatives to improve transparency and ensure there is an opportunity for input from members before key decisions are made that affect asset management, member payments, or climate impacts.