



Giving back to our **MEMBERS**

Prairie Land Electric is an electric cooperative owned by the members we serve. As a not-for-profit entity, any revenues in excess of operating costs and expenses are considered as margins, also known as capital credits. One of the benefits of being a member of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative is you share in the margins the cooperative earns through the allocation and retirement of capital credits. The decision to retire capital credits is made by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the bylaws of the cooperative, as they strive towards keeping rates as low as possible while managing the cost of operations, materials and wholesale power.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- You must have a minimum of \$10 in retired capital credits to receive a bill credit or check. If your amount is less than \$10, it will be carried over to a future retirement until it reaches the minimum amount.
- No action is needed. Your bill credit has already been applied to your bill, if applicable. If you have more than one account, it is possible that your credit will be distributed among two or more of the account's charges.
- The total amount of the retirement is \$2,472,754. See details below.
- Capital credits are being retired from Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. for 100% of distribution allocations from 1999 and 2000, totaling \$1,174,230.
- We are also retiring capital credits retired to Prairie Land Electric from our generation and transmission (G&T) providers. 1.98% of all years from Sunflower Electric Power Corporation totals \$657,080 and 6.04% of all years from Mid-Kansas Electric totals \$641,445.
- Your share of the retirement shows as a credit on your bill as pictured in the example below.

Service Details

| Loc: YOUR ADDRESS (example) | | | Desc: YOUR SERVICE (example) | | Rate: M110 Residential/Farm-Rural | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Meter Reading Details | | | Detail of Charges | | | |
| | Meter 00000 | | | | | |
| Current Reading | 01/31/24 | 52580 | Service Access Charge | | | 40.00 |
| Previous Reading | 12/31/23 | 51952 | Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) @ .0127800 PER KWH | | | -4.03 |
| Total Usage | | 628 | Property Tax Surcharge @ .0012800 PER KWH | | | .80 |
| KW Demand Reading | 01/31/24 | 5.422 | Capital Credit General Retirement | | | -12.20 |
| Total KW Usage | | 5.422 | Energy Charge (kWh) | | | 64.16 |
| | | | 628 KWH @ .10216 | | 64.16 | |
| | | | Total This Service | | | 84.73 |



Prairie Land Board Authorizes Almost \$2.5 Million Capital Credit Retirement

This year, Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. is retiring capital credits to its members through check payments or bill credits. The 2024 general retirement retires all distribution capital credits from 1999 and 2000. The retirement also includes 1.98% of Sunflower G&T allocations for all years and 6.04% of Mid-Kansas G&T allocations for all years.

What are capital credits?

As a member-owned cooperative, Prairie Land does not earn profits. Instead, if revenues exceed the cost of doing business (i.e. expenses), the co-op has earned "margins." These margins are allocated to active members in a ratio proportionate to the amount of electricity the member purchased during the year that margins were earned. These allocated portions are called capital credits.

Who will receive a capital credit retirement?

If you were a Prairie Land member at any time from 1999 through 2022, you may be eligible for a capital credit retirement.

How will I receive my capital credit retirement?

- *Active members of Prairie Land will receive a bill credit on their electric bill if the retirement is greater than \$10.*
- *Former members of Prairie Land will receive a check if the retirement is greater than \$10.*

What is the difference between allocated and retired capital credits?

Allocated capital credits are the amounts assigned to each member who was billed for service during a year in which margins were earned. While the credits are assigned to members, they are retained by the co-op for a period of time - approximately 20 to 25 years - and are used as capital, which reduces Prairie Land's need to borrow money. Allocated capital credits reflect your ownership in Prairie Land. When capital credits are eventually retired, Prairie Land will issue the retirement via check or bill credit.

Are capital credit retirements taxable?

Members receiving capital credit retirements in excess of \$600 may receive a Form 1099 from Prairie Land. We suggest seeking the advice of a tax professional for specific questions.