

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO
NORTH STAR ELECTRIC CO-OP, PO BOX 719, BAUDETTE, MN 56623**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NORTH STAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
AND APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

The undersigned, _____, hereinafter called the "Applicant" and whose mailing address is _____, in consideration of his/her being accepted as a member of the North Star Cooperative Inc., hereinafter called the "Cooperative" and in consideration of similar promises on the part of other Applicants and Members of the Cooperative, agrees that:

1. Applicant will pay to the Cooperative a membership fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to be returned to Applicant if either party elects to cancel this application by giving 30 days written notice.
2. Applicant will, at his expense, timely clear the right-of-way for said line and obtain permits and approval of the clearing from governing authorities. Rights-of-way will be subsequently maintained by the Cooperative or its Contractor, either or both reclearing and/or chemical treatment. Line construction will require a contribution-in-aid-to-construction in accordance with Cooperative Policy.
3. Applicant will wire his premises in accordance with wiring statutes and regulations in force in the State of Minnesota and will request that this be verified by the State Electrical inspector when wiring requiring inspection is installed or reconfigured.
4. Applicant will purchase, when available, all electrical energy purchased for the premises and will pay in accordance with the Bylaws and regulations now or hereafter pertaining thereto and agrees to pay a monthly or annual bill for such electricity in accordance with the rate applicable to the class of service as amended from time to time. A deposit to guarantee payment of electric bill may be required. It is agreed that the Cooperative reserves the right to limit the amount of energy to be furnished for any use.
5. Applicant will comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Cooperative and its rules and regulations and any future amendments of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, present and future, but it is agreed that Applicant, as a member, assumes no personal liability or responsibility for any debts or liabilities of the cooperative, and it is expressly understood, that under the law, his private property cannot be attached for any such debts of the Cooperative.
6. This application may be accepted by the Cooperative commencing the building of the proposed extension, evidenced by the setting of the poles, installation, or delivery of material and equipment or by formal acceptance by the Cooperative Board of Directors, whichever may be the earlier. This contract shall be in force from acceptance until one (1) year for the date service is made available and from that time forward until cancelled. Applicant will provide the Cooperative with any easements that the Cooperative deems necessary or convenient to construct the service and extend service to prospective members.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Applicant's Signature _____ and Social Security # _____

Co-applicant's Signature _____ and Social Security # _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____ Opt out of emailed bill notification

Is Applicant owner of this property? Yes No, owner is _____

In presence of: _____ (Witness Required)

DATA COLLECTION INFORMATION

The Cooperative is required by the Federal government to identify and document as accurately as possible the racial/ethnic data on the population in our service area. We would appreciate your checking the appropriate group listed below. Please note, your response is optional. The information you provide will be used only for Federal Government reporting purposes.

RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUP

___ White (not of Hispanic origin) ___ American Indian or Alaskan Native ___ Hispanic
___ Black (not of Hispanic origin) ___ Asian or Pacific Islander

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