

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CENTURIA, WI  
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**and  
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CENTURIA, WISCONSIN**

**CONTENTS**

	<u>Page</u>
Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants	1
Financial Statements:	
Consolidated Balance Sheets	2
Consolidated Statements of Operations	3
Consolidated Statements of Members' Equity	4
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows	5 - 6
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements	7 - 27

## Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

Board of Directors  
Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative and Subsidiaries  
Centuria, Wisconsin

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative and Subsidiaries which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related consolidated statements of operations, members' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all materials respects, the financial position of Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 and the results of their operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Bauman Associates, Ltd.*

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Eau Claire, Wisconsin  
February 21, 2020

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT:</b>		
Plant	\$ 100,363,427	\$ 97,430,389
Construction work in progress	922,688	428,901
Total	<u>101,286,115</u>	<u>97,859,290</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>28,294,445</u>	<u>26,419,845</u>
Net plant, property, and equipment	<u>72,991,670</u>	<u>71,439,445</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>		
Investments in associated cooperatives	15,477,016	14,945,462
Notes receivable	757,799	180,000
Other investments	30,747	27,348
Total investments	<u>16,265,562</u>	<u>15,152,810</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,016,717	3,358,033
Temporary cash investments	7,335	552,290
Accounts receivable (less accumulated provision for uncollectible accounts of \$45,056 in 2019 and \$34,163 in 2018)	3,580,306	2,398,641
Notes receivable - current portion	105,500	36,000
Materials and supplies	468,018	477,379
Prepayments	578,145	874,462
Total current assets	<u>7,756,021</u>	<u>7,696,805</u>
<b>DEFERRED DEBITS</b>	<u>863,513</u>	<u>1,108,761</u>
 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	 <u>\$ 97,876,766</u>	 <u>\$ 95,397,821</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

<u>EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
EQUITIES:		
Patronage capital	\$ 48,910,738	\$ 46,803,187
Other equities	<u>5,633,951</u>	<u>4,528,168</u>
Total equities	<u>54,544,689</u>	<u>51,331,355</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT	<u>31,927,163</u>	<u>32,397,844</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of long-term debt	1,911,511	1,691,163
Accounts payable	695,934	706,585
Accounts payable - billed power costs	1,859,988	1,825,589
Propane customer deposits	1,809,734	1,735,788
Other current liabilities	<u>1,400,251</u>	<u>1,362,591</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>7,677,418</u>	<u>7,321,716</u>
DEFERRED CREDITS	<u>3,727,496</u>	<u>4,346,906</u>
TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 97,876,766</u>	<u>\$ 95,397,821</u>

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 38,403,014	\$ 37,519,790
LESS COST OF GOODS SOLD	<u>22,195,438</u>	<u>21,796,057</u>
GROSS MARGINS	<u>16,207,576</u>	<u>15,723,733</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Operations	1,682,366	1,606,938
Maintenance	2,598,376	2,244,060
Customer accounts	843,751	773,771
Customer service and information	514,240	507,968
Sales	42,382	43,392
Administrative and general	2,725,241	2,684,864
Depreciation	2,961,812	3,129,225
Rent	1,800	1,800
Other	<u>465,858</u>	<u>1,442,441</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>11,835,826</u>	<u>12,434,459</u>
OPERATING MARGINS BEFORE CAPITAL CREDITS	4,371,750	3,289,274
CAPITAL CREDITS FROM OTHER COOPERATIVES	<u>868,178</u>	<u>555,128</u>
OPERATING MARGINS	<u>5,239,928</u>	<u>3,844,402</u>
NON-OPERATING MARGINS:		
Interest income	135,281	84,936
Finance charges	9,257	10,351
Gain on sale of property and equipment	2,262	74,422
Other non-operating income (expense)	<u>436,852</u>	<u>415,630</u>
Total non-operating margins	<u>583,652</u>	<u>585,339</u>
MARGINS BEFORE INTEREST AND INCOME TAX	5,823,580	4,429,741
INTEREST EXPENSE	1,267,593	1,394,973
INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	<u>176,689</u>	<u>157,272</u>
NET MARGINS	<u>\$ 4,379,298</u>	<u>\$ 2,877,496</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF MEMBERS' EQUITY**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018**

	Patronage Capital	Accumulated Unallocated Non-operating Margins	Other Equities	Accumulated Margins of Subsidiaries	Total
Balance December 31, 2017	\$ 46,612,777	\$ 252,764	\$ 711,746	\$ 2,028,654	\$ 49,605,941
Unallocated 2017 margins	(1,038,033)	1,038,033	-	-	-
Net margins (losses)	2,452,987	-	-	424,509	2,877,496
Retirement of capital credits	<u>(1,224,544)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,152,082)</u>
Balance December 31, 2018	46,803,187	1,290,797	784,208	2,453,163	51,331,355
Unallocated 2018 margins	(585,471)	585,471	-	-	-
Net margins (losses)	3,913,491	-	-	465,807	4,379,298
Retirement of capital credits	<u>(1,220,469)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,165,964)</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	<u>\$ 48,910,738</u>	<u>\$ 1,876,268</u>	<u>\$ 838,713</u>	<u>\$ 2,918,970</u>	<u>\$ 54,544,689</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018**

	2019	2018
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net margins	\$ 4,379,298	\$ 2,877,496
Adjustments to reconcile net margins to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	3,233,046	3,429,915
Non-cash portion of patronage capital received	(868,178)	(555,128)
Loss (Gain) on asset disposal	(2,262)	(74,422)
Regulatory liability deferrals	-	988,484
Regulatory liability deferral recognition	(749,621)	(500,000)
Asset impairment loss	-	1,030,959
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(1,181,665)	(62,264)
Decrease (increase) in materials and supplies	9,361	37,409
Decrease (increase) in other current assets	296,317	(255,338)
Increase (decrease) in deferred debits	245,248	245,249
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	248,283	(339,092)
Increase (decrease) in propane customer deposits	73,946	264,032
Increase (decrease) in other current liabilities	37,660	(83,691)
Increase (decrease) in other deferred credits	130,211	(60,552)
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,851,644	6,943,057
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	8,541	79,100
Extension and replacement of plant	(5,754,387)	(6,137,990)
Contributions in aid of construction	738,302	866,417
Purchase of investments and cash lent on notes	(698,279)	(13,108)
Proceeds from investments and notes receivable	384,205	377,660
Net cash used in investing activities	(5,321,618)	(4,827,921)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Principal payments on long-term debt	(1,745,213)	(1,614,935)
Proceeds from long-term debt	694,880	-
Net borrowings (payments) on line of credit	800,000	-
Retirements of patronage capital, net of gain	(1,165,964)	(1,152,082)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,416,297)	(2,767,017)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(886,271)	(651,881)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning	3,910,323	4,562,204
Cash and cash equivalents at end	\$ 3,024,052	\$ 3,910,323

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018**

	2019	2018
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash payments during the year for:		
Interest paid	\$ <u>1,297,775</u>	\$ <u>1,407,612</u>
Income tax paid (received)	\$ <u>163,000</u>	\$ <u>70,945</u>
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
The Cooperative and its subsidiaries record patronage capital allocations from associated organizations as revenue and as investments in associated organizations as follows:		
Patronage capital allocations	\$ <u>868,178</u>	\$ <u>555,128</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 1 NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Organization and Business**

Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative and Subsidiaries' (the Cooperative) principal line of business is providing electric service to residential and business customers residing in six rural counties in west central Wisconsin. The Cooperative, through the Subsidiary, sells propane at rates which are determined by management. Electric rates charged to customers are established by the Board of Directors.

**Financial Statement Presentation**

As a member-elected Board of Director regulated entity, the Cooperative accounts for the financial effects of regulation in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 980 Regulated Operations (FASB ASC 980). This statement allows for the recording of a regulatory asset or liability for amounts that will be collected or refunded through the rate-making process in the future. The accounting policies followed by the Cooperative are subject to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts prescribed for Class A and B Electric Utilities. The accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied in the case of regulated electric utilities. The Cooperative uses the accrual method of accounting. The Cooperative believes, based on current regulatory circumstances, that its use of regulatory accounting is appropriate and in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC 980.

**Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Polk-Burnett Diversified Services, Inc. and its subsidiary Polk-Burnett Propane Services, Inc. as well as its affiliate Polk-Burnett Economic Development Corporation. All material intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

**Concentrations of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Cooperative to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash equivalents, accounts receivable and notes receivable. The Cooperative places its cash deposits and cash investment with high credit quality financial institutions and, by policy, generally limits the amount of credit exposure to any one financial institution. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable are limited due to the Cooperative's large number of customers. The Cooperative believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risks.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 1 NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Use of Estimates**

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates in the financial statements are plant useful lives and the self-funded medical insurance reserve. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Investments in Associated Cooperatives**

Investments in associated cooperatives are recorded at cost plus undistributed allocated equities from other cooperatives. Patronage allocations are recognized in the year the allocation pertains to and are redeemable only at the option of the issuing cooperative.

**Other Investments**

Other investments are recorded at cost, which approximates fair market value.

**General**

The Cooperative maintains its books in conformance with the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed by the Rural Development Utilities Program (RDUP).

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Cooperative considers all highly liquid cash instruments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates fair market value.

**Accounts Receivable**

Receivables are stated at the amount the Cooperative expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Cooperative provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after the Cooperative has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to the receivable accounts. Changes in the valuation allowance have not been material to the financial statements.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 1 NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Inventories**

Electric materials and supplies are recorded at average unit cost and propane inventory is recorded at the lower of average unit cost or market. Balances as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 are:

	2019	2018
Electric materials and supplies	\$ 331,362	\$ 298,571
Propane inventory	136,656	178,808
Total	\$ 468,018	\$ 477,379

**Plant, Maintenance and Depreciation**

Plant, property, and equipment are recorded at cost. The cost of additions includes contracted work, direct labor, materials and allocable overheads. When units of property are retired, sold or otherwise disposed of in the ordinary course of business, their average book cost, less net salvage, is charged to accumulated depreciation. Included in accumulated depreciation are non-legal costs of removing plant. Repairs and the replacement and renewal of items determined to be less than units of property are charged to maintenance. Any gains or losses on utility and non-utility plant and equipment using individual unit depreciation are reflected in operations. Depreciation for electric distribution plant is computed on the straight-line composite rate method which expenses the cost of plant over their estimated useful lives. General plant depreciation rates have been applied on a straight-line unit basis which expenses the cost of plant over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation rates are adopted by the Board of Directors.

**Asset Retirement Obligation**

The FASB ASC requires entities to record the fair value of a liability for legal obligations associated with an asset retirement in the period in which the obligations are incurred. When the liability is initially recorded, the entity capitalizes the cost of the asset retirement obligation by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Over time, the liability is accrued to its present value each period, and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. The Cooperative has determined it does not have a material legal obligation to remove long-lived assets as described by the FASB ASC, and accordingly has not recognized any asset retirement obligation costs in its financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 1**    **NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Long-Lived Assets**

Long-lived assets to be held and used are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amount may not be recoverable. When required, impairment losses on assets to be held and used are recognized based on the fair value of the asset. Long-lived assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of carrying amount or their fair value less cost to sell.

**Patronage Capital**

Amounts received from the furnishing of electric energy in excess of operating costs and expenses are assigned to patrons on a patronage basis. Certain amounts received by the Cooperative from its other operations in excess of costs and expenses are allocated to its patrons on a patronage basis to the extent they are not needed to offset current or prior deficits. Dividends paid from the Cooperative's subsidiaries may be allocated to electric patrons on a patronage basis.

**Revenue From Contracts With Customers**

Performance obligations related to the sale of energy are satisfied as energy or propane is delivered to members. The Cooperative recognizes revenue that corresponds to the price of the energy or propane delivered to the member. The measurement of energy sales to members is generally based on a meter reading. The measurement of propane sales to members is based on the current market rate set by the Cooperative or the rate specified in a customer pre-buy contract in which they have the opportunity to purchase. The Cooperative cycle bills for energy sales and meters are read at different times for different cycles but are consistent on a monthly basis. The Cooperative does not provide an estimate for unbilled revenues at month end for electric service as the financial statement impact is minimal and accounting treatment is consistent. Payments for energy and propane delivered are due from members the following month. Following is a summary of revenues by source for the years presented:

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 1 NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Revenue From Contracts With Customers (Continued)**

	2019	2018
Electric:		
Sales to customers	\$ 32,950,391	\$ 33,311,726
Other	673,496	(542,048)
	33,623,887	32,769,678
Propane:		
Sales to customers	4,681,450	4,650,567
Other	113,348	112,836
Less intercompany sales	(15,671)	(13,291)
	4,779,127	4,750,112
Total operating revenues	\$ 38,403,014	\$ 37,519,790

The Cooperative does not recognize a separate financing component of its collections from customers as contract terms are short-term in nature. The Cooperative presents its revenue net of any excise or sales taxes or fees.

**Self-funded Health Insurance**

The Cooperative has a self-funded health insurance plan which provides medical payments to employees and their dependents that are not covered by the high deductible insurance plan. The health care expense is based on actual claims paid, reinsurance premiums, administrative fees and unpaid claims at year end. All health care costs are expensed as incurred.

**Advertising Costs**

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expenses were \$42,382 and \$43,392 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

**Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Cooperative's policy is to not use freestanding derivatives and to not enter into contracts with terms that cannot be designated as normal purchases or sales. Management has determined that the Cooperative has no freestanding or embedded derivatives.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 1 NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Income Taxes**

The Cooperative has been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Wisconsin.

Polk-Burnett Diversified Services, Inc. and its subsidiary Polk-Burnett Propane Services, Inc. and Polk-Burnett Economic Development Corporation are taxable at the federal and state level, and a provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements. A deferred tax liability for Polk-Burnett Propane Services, Inc. is recorded for future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Principally these differences relate to depreciation of property and equipment and operating loss carryforwards.

**Date of Management Review**

In preparing these financial statements, the Cooperative has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through February 21, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**New Accounting Pronouncement**

In 2014, the FASB issued *Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Topic 606 (ASU No. 2014-09)*, which provides a new framework for the recognition of revenue. The Cooperative implemented the guidance on a modified retrospective basis on January 1, 2019. Results for reporting periods beginning after December 31, 2018 are presented in accordance with Topic 606, while prior period results have not been adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with prior accounting guidance. The implementation did not have a material impact on the Cooperative's consolidated financial statements, other than increased disclosures regarding revenues related to contracts with customers.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 2 PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT**

The cost and composite depreciation rates for plant, property, and equipment are as follows:

	Composite Depreciation Rates %	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Electric Utility Plant			
Intangible		\$ 348	\$ 348
Distribution	3.09%	79,782,668	77,333,135
General	3.98%	14,152,197	13,837,469
Total in service		<u>93,935,213</u>	<u>91,170,952</u>
Under construction		922,688	428,901
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(24,852,387)</u>	<u>(23,215,539)</u>
Subtotal Electric Plant		<u>70,005,514</u>	<u>68,384,314</u>
Non-Utility Plant			
Non-Utility Plant	2.15%	1,039,247	1,039,247
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(469,010)</u>	<u>(446,632)</u>
Total Non-Utility Plant		<u>570,237</u>	<u>592,615</u>
Total Electric Cooperative Plant		<u>70,575,751</u>	<u>68,976,929</u>
Propane Subsidiary Plant			
In service	4.27%	5,388,966	5,220,189
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(2,973,047)</u>	<u>(2,757,673)</u>
Subtotal		<u>2,415,919</u>	<u>2,462,516</u>
Net plant, property, and equipment		<u>\$ 72,991,670</u>	<u>\$ 71,439,445</u>

The non-utility plant is held in the electric utility and is leased to the subsidiaries or held directly by the subsidiary.



**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 3 INVESTMENTS**

**Investments in Associated Cooperatives**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Patronage Capital Credits		
Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC)	\$ 12,180,837	\$ 11,707,719
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC)	1,486,150	1,438,483
Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange	256,941	241,980
Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO)	<u>194,288</u>	<u>198,397</u>
Subtotal	<u>14,118,216</u>	<u>13,586,579</u>
CFC member capital securities (matures 1/9/44, 5.00%)	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Capital Term Certificates of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation		
Capital term certificates - maturities		
10/1/2070-2080; interest rate, 5.0%	532,131	532,131
Loan term certificates - maturities		
10/1/2020 - 2025; interest rate, 3.0%	47,900	47,900
Loan capital certificates - maturities		
7/1/2023 to 11/1/2039 non-interest bearing	<u>525,455</u>	<u>535,393</u>
Subtotal	<u>1,105,486</u>	<u>1,115,424</u>
Other	<u>153,314</u>	<u>143,459</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,477,016</u>	<u>\$ 14,945,462</u>

The investment in DPC consists primarily of capital credits for the Cooperative's share of DPC's operating margins that have been allocated but not received and its share of unallocated operating losses. Operating margins and losses are recognized based on the Cooperative's percentage of DPC's power output sold to its members each year, which approximates the Cooperative's ownership in DPC. The Cooperative's investment in DPC is recorded on the equity method. During 2019 and 2018, the Cooperative recognized income of \$676,274 and \$340,226, respectively, related to its portion of DPC's margin.

Investments in CFC represent undistributed capital credits allocated to the Cooperative as well as loan and capital term certificates. The certificates represent investments made pursuant to CFC borrowing requirements. During 2019 and 2018 the Cooperative recognized income of \$117,152 and \$130,134, respectively, related to its portion of CFC's margins.

All CFC securities are classified as held-to-maturity.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 3 INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**Investments in Associated Cooperatives (Continued)**

The investments in Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange and Rural Electric Supply Cooperative represent undistributed capital credits allocated to the Cooperative. The Cooperative purchases insurance and material and supplies from these two Cooperatives. During 2019 and 2018 Polk-Burnett recognized income of \$27,168 and \$41,186, respectively, from Federated and \$32,451 and \$25,984 respectively, from RESCO related to its portion of these Cooperative's margins.

**Economic Development Note Receivable**

In 2014, the Cooperative executed an interest-free loan in the amount of \$360,000 to the Grantsburg Fire Association which will be repaid with ten annual payments of \$36,000 beginning in December of 2015. \$300,000 was funded with an interest free loan from the USDA and \$60,000 was provided by the Cooperative. The Cooperative has \$180,000 and \$144,000 available as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, exclusively for this purpose. This note has a balance of \$180,000 and \$216,000 as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

**Rural Development Note Receivable**

In 2019, the Cooperative executed an interest-free loan in the amount of \$694,880 to Allied Emergency Services, Inc which will be repaid with monthly payments of \$5,791 beginning in October of 2019, until the full amount is paid off or the tenth anniversary, whichever first occurs. The full amount was funded with an interest free loan from the USDA. This note has a balance of \$683,299 as of December 31, 2019.

**Note 4 DEFERRED DEBITS**

The balance of deferred debits consists of the following:

	2019	2018
NRECA RS Plan prepayment	\$ 757,574	\$ 996,145
Unamortized debt expense	105,939	112,616
	\$ 863,513	\$ 1,108,761

At the December 2012 meeting of the I&FS Committee of the NRECA Board of Directors, the Committee approved an option to allow participating cooperatives in the Retirement Security (RS) Plan (a defined benefit multiemployer pension plan) to make a prepayment and reduce future required contributions. The prepayment amount is a cooperative's share, as of January 1, 2013, of future contributions required to fund the RS Plan's unfunded value of benefits earned to date using Plan actuarial valuation assumptions. The prepayment amount will typically equal approximately 2.5 times a cooperative's annual RS Plan required contribution as of January 1, 2013. After

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 4 DEFERRED DEBITS (continued)**

making the prepayment, for most cooperatives the billing rate is reduced by approximately 25%, retroactive to January 1, 2013. The 25% differential in billing rates is expected to continue for approximately 15 years. However, changes in interest rates, asset returns and other plan experience different from that expected, plan assumption changes, and other factors may have an impact on the differential in billing rates and the 15 year period. On April 30, 2013 a prepayment of \$2,385,677 (\$2,129,726 Electric Cooperative and \$255,951 Propane) was made to the NRECA RS Plan. The Cooperative is amortizing this amount over ten years.

**Note 5 EQUITIES**

**Patronage Capital**

	2019	2018
Assignable	\$ 3,913,491	\$ 2,452,987
Assigned to date	68,984,755	67,117,245
Subtotal	72,898,246	69,570,232
Retired to date	23,987,508	22,767,045
 Total	 \$ 48,910,738	 \$ 46,803,187

The mortgage provisions restrict the retirement of patronage capital unless, after retirement, the total equity of the Cooperative equals at least 20% of the assets of the Cooperative. However, retirements (exclusive of any distributions to the estates of deceased patrons) can be made if such distributions do not exceed 30% of the preceding year's net consolidated margin. No distribution can be made if there is unpaid, when due, any installments of principal or interest on the notes.

Distributions to estates are made at the request of the estates. The retirement paid out is discounted, and the excess is retained by the Cooperative as a gain on retirement of capital credits. Patronage capital credits, arising from prior years' margins, are retired chronologically.

No interest shall be paid or payable to the patrons on any capital furnished by the patrons.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 5 EQUITIES (Continued)**

**Other Equities**

	2019	2018
Accumulated unallocated non-operating margins	\$ 1,876,268	\$ 1,290,797
Gain on early retirement of capital credits	838,713	784,208
Accumulated margins of subsidiaries	2,918,970	2,453,163
 Total	 \$ 5,633,951	 \$ 4,528,168

**Accumulated Unallocated Non-Operating Margins**

Accumulated unallocated non-operating margins consist of non-operating margins less deficits from operating divisions.

**Gain on Early Retirements of Capital Credits**

Gain on early retirement of capital credits consists of the discounted portion of capital credits paid to estates, due to early retirement.

**Accumulated Margins of Subsidiaries**

The accumulated margins of subsidiaries consist of the income, net of losses, from the wholly owned subsidiaries from their date of incorporation to December 31, 2019 and 2018.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 6 LONG-TERM DEBT AND LINE OF CREDIT**

Long term debt is as follows:

	2019	2018
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) Mortgage notes - interest rates of 3.20% to 7.60%, notes payable in quarterly installments with maturities at various dates from 2027 to 2049.	\$ 30,127,474	\$ 31,761,013
Farmer Mac notes serviced through CFC - interest rates of 3.98% payable in semi-annual installments with maturities at various dates from 2036 to 2037.	1,826,068	1,894,187
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) note, non-bearing interest, with monthly installments. Polk-Burnett is the intermediary. See Note 3 for detail.	677,508	-
Rural Economic Development note payable, interest rate of zero percent unless used for unapproved purposes at which time interest at a rate established in 31 CFR 901.9 would begin to accumulate until repaid. No maturity as long as used for economic development, as stated.	300,000	300,000
CoBank Line of Credit, interest rate 3.09%. Matures July 2020.	800,000	-
National Cooperative Services Corporation (NCSC) note, interest rate of 3.85%, payable in quarterly installments and matures in 2023.	107,624	133,807
	33,838,674	34,089,007
Less amount due within one year	1,911,511	1,691,163
Total long-term debt	\$ 31,927,163	\$ 32,397,844

Substantially all assets are pledged to CFC and NCSC as a security on the mortgage notes. The notes mature from 18 to 40 years from the date of issuance. The notes payable to CFC contain provisions for changing the rate of interest at specified future dates.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 6 LONG-TERM DEBT AND LINE OF CREDIT (Continued)**

Approximate annual principal payments on the existing long-term debt for the next five years are:

2020	\$	1,911,511
2021	\$	1,937,187
2022	\$	2,037,830
2023	\$	1,793,590
2024	\$	1,499,269

Un-advanced loan funds of \$6,078,000 are available to the Cooperative from CFC. The mortgage agreement with CFC requires, among other provisions, that the Cooperative maintain certain annual debt service coverage levels. The Cooperative was in compliance with the annual debt service coverage covenant at December 31, 2019.

**Line of Credit**

The Cooperative has a perpetual line of credit agreement with the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation providing the Cooperative with loans up to \$5.0 million on a revolving basis. Interest is payable quarterly at rates established by CFC, which are not to exceed the lowest prime rate as published in the "Money Rates" column of *The Wall Street Journal* plus 1% or lesser rate as fixed by CFC. The rate was 3.25% at December 31, 2019. The agreement provides that combined borrowing on this and any other line of credit shall not exceed \$5.0 million. Outstanding advances in any single calendar year may not exceed the prior calendar year's plant additions plus one-twelfth of annual operations and maintenance expenses. Any advances must be paid in full within 360 days of the advance or remain as long-term debt as the Cooperative can convert its line of credit to long-term at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Cooperative did not have any outstanding balance on the line of credit as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

The Cooperative has a revolving line of credit with CoBank providing the Cooperative with loans up to \$1.0 million on a revolving basis. Interest is payable monthly at rates established by CoBank. The rate was 3.09% at December 31, 2019. The term of the commitment is up to and including July 31, 2020. The commitment will be renewed for an additional year if the lender provides the borrower a renewal notice. The unpaid principal is due on the last day of the term of the commitment. The Cooperative has an outstanding balance of \$800,000 and \$- as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 6 LONG-TERM DEBT AND LINE OF CREDIT (Continued)**

**Line of Credit (Continued)**

The Cooperative guarantees, through its propane subsidiary, a perpetual line of credit agreement with the NCSC providing the Cooperative with loans up to \$3.0 million on a revolving basis. Interest is payable quarterly at rates established by NCSC, which are not to exceed the lowest prime rate as published in the "Money Rates" column of *The Wall Street Journal* plus 1% or lesser rate as fixed by NCSC. The rate was 4.4% at December 31, 2019. The agreement provides that combined borrowing on this and any other line of credit shall not exceed the prior calendar year's plant additions plus one-twelfth of annual operations and maintenance expenses. Any advances must be paid in full within 360 days of the advance and remain at a zero balance for at least five consecutive business days. The Cooperative did not have any outstanding balance on the line of credit as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

All outstanding lines of credit are classified as long-term on the balances sheet due to the long-term financing that the Cooperative has available.

**Note 7 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Other current liabilities consist of the following:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Electric customer deposits	\$ 167,929	\$ 177,935
Taxes other than income	50,325	50,185
Accrued interest	228,944	245,186
Accrued payroll	268,828	249,565
Self-funded health insurance	51,539	12,148
Accrued employee vacations	554,189	570,899
Income tax payable	47,499	18,819
State tax collections payable	<u>30,998</u>	<u>37,854</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,400,251</u>	<u>\$ 1,362,591</u>

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 8 DEFERRED CREDITS**

The balance of deferred credits consists of the following:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Unclaimed patronage capital retirement refunds, and general fund checks	\$ 525,713	\$ 368,282
Deferred gain on RDUP buy out, net of amortization	97,115	117,734
Regulatory liabilities	2,465,161	3,214,782
Deferred tax liability (See note 9)	623,000	633,000
Other deferred credit	<u>16,507</u>	<u>13,108.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,727,496</u>	<u>\$ 4,346,906</u>

In 1995 and 1996, the Cooperative refinanced its RDUP debt of \$9.3 million with funds from CFC and RDUP resulting in a gain of \$1,396,538. The gain is deferred and is being amortized over the remaining lives of the original notes using the effective interest rate amortization method. The amortization amounted to \$20,619 for 2019 and \$23,952 for 2018 and was credited to interest expense and the accumulated amortization is \$1,299,423 and \$1,278,804 at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The deferred gain on refinancing has been deferred in accordance with the FASB ASC.

In January 2013, Dairyland Power Cooperative received settlement proceeds from a lawsuit it filed against the United States Government and decided to refund 50% of the total settlement back to its member cooperatives. The portion of the settlement proceeds received in 2013 by the Cooperative totaled \$1,069,031 and was recorded as a regulatory liability. The Cooperative intends to use the regulatory liability to offset costs as part of the future process of setting rates. In 2016, Dairyland Power Cooperative received \$73.5 million of settlement proceeds from a lawsuit it filed against the United States Government and decided to refund approximately \$47.6 million of the total settlement back to its member cooperatives. The portion of the settlement proceeds received in 2017 by the Cooperative totaled \$2,657,267 and \$1,657,267 was recorded as a regulatory liability. The remaining \$1 million was recorded as non-operating margins in 2017. The Cooperative intends to use the regulatory liability to offset costs as part of the future process of setting rates. The Cooperative recognized \$500,000 of these deferrals during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

In 2018, the board resolved to defer \$988,484 of the Cooperative's revenue to offset anticipated service costs in future periods. The deferral will be recognized over a four-year period starting in 2019 and going through 2022. The Cooperative recognized \$249,621 of this deferral during the year ended December 31, 2019.



**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 9 INCOME TAXES**

The provision for income tax expense (benefit) includes the following components:

	2019	2018
Current expense (benefit)		
Federal	\$ 134,974	\$ 85,358
State	51,262	35,914
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)		
Federal	(7,000)	26,000
State	(3,000)	10,000
Total	\$ 176,236	\$ 157,272

Deferred income taxes based upon timing differences resulting primarily from depreciation are summarized as follows:

	2019	2018	2017
Deferred income tax assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred income tax liabilities	623,000	633,000	597,000
	623,000	633,000	597,000
Less - valuation allowance	-	-	-
Net deferred income tax liability	\$ 623,000	\$ 633,000	\$ 597,000

**Note 10 SELF-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE**

The Cooperative has a self-funded program for employee health insurance. Stop-loss insurance coverage limits the Cooperative's risk to a maximum of \$45,000 per insured individual and approximately \$731,258 for all insured in the aggregate. The plan is administered and claims are validated by a benefits management company. All claims are expensed on the accrual basis when the benefits management company becomes aware of their validity. A liability of \$51,539 and \$12,148 as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, has been recorded to cover potential claims that may have occurred but which the benefits management company has not yet become aware of at December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Actual medical claims paid by the Cooperative for medical and prescription benefits was \$526,192 and \$317,266 in 2019 and 2018, respectively. The Cooperative offers a high deductible plan with deductibles of \$2,000 and \$3,000 for single plans and \$4,000 and \$6,000 for family plans.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 11 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

**Multi-employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

The Cooperative participates in two pension plans covering union and nonunion employees through participation in the National Rural Electric Company Association (NRECA) Retirement and Security Program, a defined benefit pension plan qualified under Section 401 and tax exempt under 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is a multiemployer plan under the accounting standards. The plan sponsor's Employer Identification Number is 53-0116145 and the Plan Number is 333.

A unique characteristic of a multiemployer plan compared to a single employer plan is that all plan assets are available to pay benefits of any plan participant. Separate asset accounts are not maintained for participating employers. This means that assets contributed by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.

The Cooperative made contributions to the plan of \$838,783 and \$803,455 in 2019 and 2018, respectively, and represent less than 5 percent of the total contributions made to the plan by all participating employers. There have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of 2019 and 2018 contributions. The Cooperative is required to make contributions for those employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement through April 30, 2020.

In the RS Plan a "zone-status" determination is not required, and therefore not determined, under the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006. In addition, the accumulated benefit obligations and plan assets are not determined or allocated separately by individual employer. In total, the Retirement Security Plan was over 80 percent funded on January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2018, based on the PPA funding target and PPA actuarial value of assets on those dates.

Because the provisions of the PPA do not apply to the RS Plan, funding improvement plans and surcharges are not applicable. Future contribution requirements are determined each year as part of the actuarial valuation of the plan and may change as a result of plan experience.

**Defined Contributions Plan**

The Cooperative has a NRECA 401(k) defined contribution savings plan for employees who meet certain age and service requirements. The Cooperative matches employee contributions up to 1.0% for union employees and 6.0% for non-union employees' compensation into the plan. Non-union employees have to contribute 6% to get the employer's 6% contribution. Savings plan expense was \$163,170 in 2019 and \$154,419 in 2018.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 11 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Continued)**

**Other Plans**

The Cooperative also provides employees with medical and dental insurance coverage, short-term and long-term disability, and life insurance, which are funded by employer and employee contributions. Along with these benefits, they also fund contributions to a health savings account for each employee. The Cooperative's cost related to these benefits was \$785,592 and \$568,228 in 2019 and 2018, respectively.

**Compensated Absences**

The cost of compensated absences (vacation, sick leave taken, and holidays) was \$589,918 and \$510,126 in 2019 and 2018, respectively.

**Note 12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS**

**Purchased Power Agreement**

Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative is a member of Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) which is an electric generation and transmission cooperative. The Cooperative obtained most of its purchased power from DPC for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018. The Cooperative also purchases solar output from SoCore Energy. In 2019 and 2018, the Cooperative's total purchased power was \$19,267,005 and \$18,755,516 respectively.

Under its wholesale power agreement, the Cooperative is committed to purchase its electric power and energy requirements from DPC until December 31, 2060. The rates paid to DPC are subject to periodic review.

**Management Consulting, Accounting and Other Services to Propane Subsidiary**

Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative has an agreement with the Propane subsidiary, whereby the Cooperative furnishes management consulting, accounting, building and office space, and bulk facility maintenance and other related products and services as may be required by them. Compensation for such services is at cost. The agreement is to continue in force for one year and is automatically renewable for successive one year terms unless, either party, sixty days prior to the expiration of any contract term notifies the other of its desire to renegotiate the substantial provisions of the agreement or terminate the contract. The total costs charged to the subsidiary under the agreements amounted to \$35,835 and \$43,007 per year in 2019 and 2018, respectively. This activity has been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS (Continued)**

**Lease of Office and Bulk Plant Facilities to Propane Subsidiary**

The Cooperative leases office space and bulk plant facilities to the Propane subsidiary. The annual base rent is \$16,586 and \$15,993 in 2019 and 2018, respectively, plus taxes, other than real estate assessments, insurance premiums and utility services. The base rent shall increase each year by an amount equal to the amount of the increase in real estate tax due and payable during the succeeding year. The lease is effective January 1, 2014 and the office space and bulk plant facilities have a five year term. The office space and bulk plant facilities shall automatically renew for successive five year periods upon like terms unless either party, no later than ninety days prior to the first or any subsequent termination date, notifies the other party in writing of its intention of non-renewal. The total costs charged to the subsidiary under the agreements amounted to \$16,586 and \$15,993 in 2019 and 2018, respectively. This activity has been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

**Other Related Party Transactions**

The Cooperative purchased \$15,671 and \$13,291 in propane from the Propane subsidiary and had a balance of \$0 in propane deposits at year end in 2019 and 2018.

The Cooperative also charges interest to subsidiaries for the use of funds. No interest was charged in 2019 or 2018.

**Substation Operating Lease Commitment**

In August 2002 the Cooperative entered into an agreement to lease a substation from another rural electric cooperative under a non-cancelable operating lease agreement. The lease agreement currently requires a monthly base lease payment of \$1,439 and expires August 10, 2032.

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS (Continued)**

**Substation Operating Lease Commitment (Continued)**

The annual rent expense under this agreement was \$17,268 for 2019 and 2018.  
 Scheduled future minimum lease payments under the lease agreement are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>		
2020	\$	17,268
2021		17,268
2022		17,268
2023		17,268
2024		17,268
Thereafter		<u>130,949</u>
	\$	<u><u>217,289</u></u>

**Propane Contract Commitments**

At December 31, 2019, Polk-Burnett Propane Services, Inc., has contracted for approximately 999,572 gallons of propane gas purchases with suppliers and had 1,256,633 gallons deliverable to prepaid contract members. No gains or losses on these contracts are included in the financial statements.

**Note 13 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, cash and cash equivalents as defined in Note 1 consists of:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cash - general	\$ 3,016,717	\$ 3,358,033
Temporary cash investments	<u>7,335</u>	<u>552,290</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 3,024,052</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,910,323</u></u>

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

**Note 14    METER IMPAIRMENT**

In 2018 the Cooperative recorded a \$1,030,959 impairment loss on installed solid state meters and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) that will be replaced with a current technology. Due to unexpected changes in meter technology, the Cooperative's meter reading system became obsolete much sooner than expected. The impairment loss was calculated by determining the meter cost that could reasonably be recovered through depreciation rates during the life of the meter replacement project. The remaining carrying value of the meters was recognized as an impairment loss. The impairment loss is reflected in other operating expenses on the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

**Note 15    FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)  
REIMBURSEMENTS**

As of the report date the Cooperative is in the process of submitting information for a claim for FEMA funds related to emergency weather related construction and maintenance costs that were incurred during 2019. The Cooperative has considered the likelihood that they will receive funds as well as considering past results and have recorded a receivable of \$1,248,650 in 2019 which represents approximately 75% of the total claim. This amount is recorded in accounts receivable in the 2019 consolidated balance sheet.