



**OPERATION ROUND UP®**

**Just a few cents a month is making a difference in your community!**

“Concern for Community” is one of the seven principles that guide cooperatives. In keeping with this principle, the members of Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services are part of an important initiative called Operation Round Up®.

**As a new member to our cooperative, you will automatically be enrolled in the Operation Round Up® program UNLESS YOU DECLINE PARTICIPATION on the attached form.**

**What is Operation Round Up®?**

Operation Round Up® is a charitable initiative. Through Operation Round Up®, your monthly electric bill will be “rounded up” to the next whole dollar amount. The additional small amount that is collected each month is pooled to provide assistance and/or support to community projects and charitable organizations.

- On average, Operation Round Up® participants will donate a total of about six dollars annually.
- All funds collected are administered by the Operation Round Up® Board of Trustees and are held separately from Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services’ operating funds.
- Operation Round Up® funds are tax-deductible charitable donations. The year-to-date Round Up amount will appear each month on the electric bill of participating members.

**How are Operation Round Up® funds used?**

When established in 2003, Operation Round Up® funds were designated for use in Alzheimer’s disease outreach and education initiatives in our local area. Because of growing needs within our service territory however, your FMCS board of directors in 2006 voted to establish a five member board of trustees to administer the funds. The FMCS board of directors also authorized a change to the allocation of Operation Round Up® contributions. 100% of monies collected will be donated back to our community (Freeborn & Mower Counties) to nonprofit organizations in need.

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**I wish to decline participation in the Operation Round Up® program administered by Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services. DO NOT round up the bill for the account number(s) listed below.**

**Member’s Billing Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

**Member’s Account Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Members having more than one electric service with FMCS must furnish an account number for each service under which they decline participation in Operation Round Up®

Please return to:  
FMCS  
Attn: ORU  
PO Box 611  
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