

**ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
AND SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

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**ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARY  
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Address</u>
<b>Illinois Electric Cooperative:</b>		
Thomas Meehan III	President	Roodhouse, Illinois
Julia Eberlin	Vice-President	Brussels, Illinois
Ronald Myers	Treasurer	Griggsville, Illinois
Kevin Brannan	Secretary	Eldred, Illinois
Jim Freeman	Assistant Treasurer	Bluffs, Illinois
Julie Rhoads	Assistant Secretary	Carrollton, Illinois
Jenna Morrow	Director	Pittsfield, Illinois
Luke Fraley	Director	Kampsville, Illinois
Bryan Hubbert	Director	Winchester, Illinois
Pat Stendback	Director	Pleasant Hill, Illinois
Kevin Klein	Director	Murrayville, Illinois
Bruce Giffin	Expert Director	Winchester, Illinois
<b>Illinois Rural Telecommunication Company:</b>		
Julia Eberlin	Chairman	Brussels, Illinois
Julie Rhoads	Vice Chairman	Carrollton, Illinois
Kevin Brannan	Secretary	Eldred, Illinois
Ronald Myers	Treasurer	Griggsville, Illinois
Jim Freeman	Director	Bluffs, Illinois
Thomas Meehan III	Ex-Officio	Roodhouse, Illinois
Bruce Giffin	President	Winchester, Illinois



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
Illinois Electric Cooperative and Subsidiary  
Winchester, Illinois

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Illinois Electric Cooperative and Subsidiary (the Cooperative), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related consolidated statements of operations, patronage capital and other equities, 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.

### ***Auditors' 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from 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 auditors' 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Cooperative as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in their patronage capital and other equities and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 5, 2019, on our consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Rochester, Minnesota  
March 5, 2019

**ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARY  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

<b>ASSETS</b>	2018	2017
<b>UTILITY PLANT</b>		
Electric Plant in Service	\$ 107,708,788	\$ 103,307,496
Construction Work in Progress	2,983,258	2,032,887
Total	110,692,046	105,340,383
Less: Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	(20,920,976)	(20,005,354)
Net Utility Plant	89,771,070	85,335,029
<b>OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS</b>		
Investments in Associated Organizations	9,012,402	8,053,684
Notes Receivable	2,046,307	1,893,067
Other Investments	3,631,629	4,341,329
Other Special Funds	73,793	75,617
Nonutility Property, Net	4,177,035	4,780,969
Total Other Assets and Investments	18,941,166	19,144,666
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,486,800	2,790,990
Accounts Receivable, Net	1,852,190	1,913,590
Current Portion of Notes Receivable	349,200	285,978
Materials and Supplies Inventory	836,397	783,989
Other Current and Accrued Assets	2,718,259	2,843,138
Total Current Assets	9,242,846	8,617,685
<b>DEFERRED DEBITS</b>		
	755,707	962,892
Total Assets	\$ 118,710,789	\$ 114,060,272
<b>EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>EQUITIES</b>		
Patronage Capital	\$ 23,113,610	\$ 21,738,024
Other Equities	17,786,151	17,348,398
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(779,640)	(756,900)
Total Equities	40,120,121	38,329,522
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT, NET OF CURRENT MATURITIES</b>		
	64,873,574	64,390,805
<b>ACCUMULATED PROVISION FOR PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS</b>		
	2,762,513	2,630,317
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	3,520,000	3,555,000
Notes Payable	4,391,884	2,016,629
Accounts Payable	1,870,437	1,931,570
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	1,034,521	1,012,476
Total Current Liabilities	10,816,842	8,515,675
<b>DEFERRED CREDITS</b>		
	137,739	193,953
Total Equities and Liabilities	\$ 118,710,789	\$ 114,060,272

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

	2018	2017
<b>OPERATING REVENUES - ELECTRIC</b>		
Electric Revenues	\$ 30,861,136	\$ 29,375,886
Other Operating Revenue	208,372	212,598
Total Operating Revenues - Electric	31,069,508	29,588,484
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES - ELECTRIC</b>		
Cost of Power	16,612,516	15,670,413
Distribution Expense – Operations	634,637	658,673
Distribution Expense – Maintenance	3,353,245	3,175,425
Consumer Account Expense	527,677	559,897
Sales Expense	647,042	775,445
Administrative and General Expense	2,163,598	1,990,153
Depreciation - Electric	2,973,615	2,881,962
Other Interest Expense	97,032	85,680
Other Deductions	-	(2,346)
Total Operating Expenses - Electric	27,009,362	25,795,302
<b>OPERATING REVENUES - TELECOMMUNICATION</b>		
Telecommunication Revenue	2,511,563	2,298,581
Total Operating Revenues - Telecommunication	2,511,563	2,298,581
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES - TELECOMMUNICATION</b>		
Administrative and General Expense	2,278,737	2,145,407
Depreciation	1,089,736	1,168,467
Total Operating Expenses - Telecommunication	3,368,473	3,313,874
<b>OPERATING MARGINS BEFORE FIXED CHARGES</b>	3,203,236	2,777,889
<b>INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	1,790,159	1,687,575
<b>OPERATING MARGINS AFTER FIXED CHARGES</b>	1,413,077	1,090,314
<b>G &amp; T AND OTHER CAPITAL CREDITS</b>	1,163,933	1,141,749
<b>NET OPERATING MARGINS</b>	2,577,010	2,232,063
<b>NONOPERATING MARGINS</b>		
Interest Income	98,892	84,083
Gain on Sale of Assets	76,868	11,027
Other Nonoperating Loss	(1,650)	(3,853)
Total Nonoperating Margins	174,110	91,257
<b>NET MARGINS</b>	2,751,120	2,323,320
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE MARGINS</b>		
Postretirement Benefit Plan:		
Net Actuarial Gain (Loss)	(60,747)	232,800
Amortization of Actuarial Loss	38,007	65,100
Other Comprehensive Margins	(22,740)	297,900
<b>COMPREHENSIVE MARGINS</b>	\$ 2,728,380	\$ 2,621,220

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL AND OTHER EQUITIES**  
**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

	Patronage Capital	Other Equities	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Margins (Loss)	Total
<b>BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2016</b>	\$ 20,191,184	\$ 17,612,872	\$ (1,054,800)	\$ 36,749,256
Comprehensive Margins	1,883,497	439,823	297,900	2,621,220
Retirement of Capital Credits	(1,040,954)	-	-	(1,040,954)
Additional 2016 Allocations	<u>704,297</u>	<u>(704,297)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>	21,738,024	17,348,398	(756,900)	38,329,522
Comprehensive Margins	2,313,367	437,753	(22,740)	2,728,380
Retirement of Capital Credits	<u>(937,781)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(937,781)</u>
<b>BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2018</b>	<u>\$ 23,113,610</u>	<u>\$ 17,786,151</u>	<u>\$ (779,640)</u>	<u>\$ 40,120,121</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.



**ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

	2018	2017
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Margins	\$ 2,751,120	\$ 2,323,320
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Margins to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	3,042,202	3,207,208
Gain on Sale of Assets	(76,868)	(155,027)
G & T and Other Capital Credits	(1,163,933)	(1,141,749)
Accrued Pension and Postretirement Benefit Obligations	109,456	114,216
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in:		
Accounts Receivable	61,400	(181,866)
Materials and Supply Inventory	(52,408)	(171,384)
Other Current and Accrued Assets	120,839	(51,526)
Deferred Debits	207,185	139,153
Increase (Decrease) in:		
Accounts Payable	(61,133)	128,910
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	22,045	(56,922)
Deferred Credits	(56,214)	(40,379)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	4,903,691	4,113,954
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Construction and Acquisition of Plant	(6,639,183)	(5,082,453)
(Increase) Decrease in Other Assets and Investments	1,252,729	1,576,994
Cash Received from Retirement of Patronage	205,720	206,026
Issuance of Notes Receivable	(521,410)	(144,099)
Payments on Notes Receivable	298,585	296,566
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	135,957	14,800
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	(5,267,602)	(3,132,166)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from Long-Term Debt	3,446,846	6,284,220
Principal Payments on Long-Term Debt	(3,824,599)	(3,364,272)
Change in Notes Payable	2,375,255	(2,069,002)
Capital Credits Retired	(937,781)	(1,040,954)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	1,059,721	(190,008)
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	695,810	791,780
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	2,790,990	1,999,210
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 3,486,800	\$ 2,790,990
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
Cash Paid for Interest	\$ 1,882,300	\$ 1,765,000
<b>NONCASH FINANCING ACTIVITY</b>		
Property and Equipment Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 829,562	\$ 121,536

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARY  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Organization**

Illinois Electric Cooperative is organized to provide electric energy to consumers located in 10 counties in west central Illinois. The Cooperative's wholly owned subsidiary, Illinois Rural Telecommunication Co., provided Internet access to the general public within the same general geographic area as served by the Cooperative. As of January 1, 2011, all Internet services are provided by Illinois Electric Cooperative. Illinois Rural Telecommunication Co. itself has two wholly owned subsidiaries, Prather Oil Company and MidState Propane, LLC, which provided retail sales of propane to the general public, in the same geographical areas served by the Cooperative. On June 1, 2009, the Cooperative and its subsidiaries sold substantially all of the assets of the propane operations.

**Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Illinois Electric Cooperative (the Cooperative) and its wholly owned subsidiary Illinois Rural Telecommunication Co. (IRTC). All significant intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements.

**Basis of Accounting**

The Cooperative is subject to the accounting and reporting rules and regulations of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The Cooperative follows the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts prescribed for Class A and B Electric Utilities as modified by RUS. The accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied in the case of regulated electric utilities.

Rates charged to consumers are established by the board of directors.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation 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. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Electric Plant and Depreciation Procedures**

Electric plant is stated at cost. Cost of labor, materials, supervision, and other costs incurred in making improvements, replacements, and additions to the system, are charged to the plant accounts while such costs incurred in making normal repairs, minor replacements, and maintaining assets in efficient operating condition are charged to expense.

Provisions for depreciation of production (wind turbine and solar) and distribution plant and structures are computed on a straight-line basis employing a group method. The original costs of assets retired together with the costs of removal less salvage are charged to the related accumulated depreciation accounts.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Electric Plant and Depreciation Procedures (Continued)**

Provisions for depreciation of general plant items are computed on a straight-line basis employing a group method, except for transportation equipment, power operated equipment, certain office equipment, and communication equipment, which are computed on a unit method. When assets are sold or retired, proceeds received upon disposition are compared with original cost less depreciation charged to date, and gains or losses are recognized in the income statement, as appropriate.

**Other Assets and Investments**

**Investments in Associated Organizations**

Investments in associated organizations include patronage capital, term certificates, and other investments. Patronage capital investments are stated at cost plus undistributed allocated equities from other cooperatives. Term certificates and other investments are carried at cost, which approximates market.

**Notes Receivable and the Allowance for Loan Losses**

The allowance for loan losses (allowance) is an estimate of loan losses inherent in the Cooperative's loan portfolio. The allowance is established through a provision for loan losses which is charged to expense. Additions to the allowance are expected to maintain the adequacy of the total allowance after loan losses and loan growth. Loan losses are charged off against the allowance when the Cooperative determines the loan balance to be uncollectible. Cash received on previously charged off amounts is recorded as a recovery to the allowance.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Cooperative will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Loans determined to be impaired are individually evaluated for impairment. When a loan is impaired, the Cooperative measures impairment based on the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the original contractual interest rate, except that as a practical expedient, it may measure impairment based on an observable market price, or the fair value of the collateral if collateral dependent. A loan is collateral dependent if the repayment is expected to be provided solely by the underlying collateral.

The Cooperative considers an allowance for each portfolio segment. These portfolio segments included economic development, energy resource conservation, and other notes receivable with risk characteristics described as follows:

*Economic Development.* Economic Development Loans Receivable generally possess a low amount of inherent risk as the loans are generally underwritten for construction and expansion of businesses within the Cooperative's geographical footprint. Borrowers are evaluated for credit quality and loans are generally collateralized with a first or second mortgage on real property.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Other Assets and Investments (Continued)**

**Notes Receivable and the Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

*Energy Resource Conservation:* Energy Resource Conservation loans possess a low amount of inherent risk as these are amounts loaned to consumers for energy saving devices installed on their premises. Borrowers are evaluated for credit quality and loans are collateralized with a first or second mortgage on real property.

*Other Notes Receivable:* Other Notes Receivable possess a low amount of inherent risk as these amounts are secured with a first mortgage on real property. These notes are related to sales of property executed in prior years.

Although management believes the allowance to be adequate, ultimate losses may vary from its estimates. At least annually, management reviews the adequacy of the allowance, including consideration of the relevant risks of the portfolio, current economic conditions, and other factors. If management determines that changes are warranted based on those reviews, the allowance is adjusted.

**Other Investments:**

Marketable debt securities are classified as held-to-maturity investments and reported at amortized cost. The fair values of the marketable debt securities are estimated based on quoted market prices for those securities.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Cooperative considers short-term investments with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The following is a summary of these items at December 31:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Cash - General	\$ 1,162,539	\$ 954,412
Short-Term Investments	2,324,261	1,836,578
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 3,486,800</u>	<u>\$ 2,790,990</u>

Deposits are maintained in financial institutions insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance and approved by the board of directors. These deposits may, at times, exceed federally insured amounts.

**Accounts Receivable, Net**

The Cooperative provides an allowance for bad debts using the allowance method based on management's judgment. Sales are made on an unsecured basis. Payment is generally required within 30 days of the date of bill. Accounts more than 90 days past due are individually analyzed for collectibility. In addition, an allowance is provided for other accounts when a significant pattern of uncollectibility has occurred. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Cooperative has an allowance for uncollectible accounts totaling approximately \$317,388 and \$283,488, respectively.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value using the average unit cost method.

**Patronage Capital**

The Cooperative operates on a nonprofit basis. Amounts received from the furnishing of electric energy in excess of operating costs and expenses are assigned to patrons on a patronage basis.

**Revenue and Power Cost Recognition**

The Cooperative recognizes revenue based on estimates of revenues earned but not billed as of the end of each reporting period. Included in other current and accrued assets at December 31, 2018 and 2017 is \$2,520,400 and \$2,641,300, respectively, of accrued utility revenue.

Cost of power purchased is recognized on the basis of meter readings made by the power supplier on the last day of each month. There are no power costs incurred but not accrued as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

**Postretirement Benefits**

The Cooperative provides certain health care benefits for all retired employees that meet eligibility requirements. The Cooperative's share of the estimated costs that will be paid after retirement is generally being accrued by charges to expense over the employees' active service period to dates they are fully eligible for benefits.

**Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss**

Comprehensive margins (loss) and its components are required to be presented for each year a statement of operations is presented. The only components included in other comprehensive margins (loss) for the Cooperative are the net actuarial loss for its Postretirement Health Insurance Benefit Plan and the amortization of that net actuarial loss.

**Income Taxes**

The Cooperative has been granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

IRTC utilizes an asset and liability approach to financial accounting and reporting for income taxes. Deferred income taxes are computed annually for differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Such differences relate primarily to the use of accelerated depreciation methods for income tax purposes as compared to the straight-line method for financial reporting and amortization of goodwill for income tax purposes. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. The provision for income taxes is the tax payable or refundable for the period plus or minus the change during the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Income Taxes (Continued)**

IRTC files a consolidated tax return, which includes its subsidiaries. The consolidated income tax provision (benefit) is recorded by IRTC and is not allocated to its subsidiaries.

The Cooperative evaluated its tax positions and determined that it has no uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

**Presentation of Sales Taxes**

The State of Illinois imposes a sales tax of 6.25% on the Cooperative's sales to nonexempt customers. The Cooperative collects that sales tax from consumers and remits the entire amount to the state. The Cooperative's accounting policy is to exclude the tax collected and remitted to the State from revenues and costs of sales.

**Fair Value Measurements**

The Cooperative categorizes its assets and liabilities measured at fair value into a three-level hierarchy based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique used to determine fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used in the determination of the fair value measurement fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Assets and liabilities valued at fair value are categorized based on the inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

*Level 1* – Inputs that utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Cooperative has the ability to access.

*Level 2* – Inputs that include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Fair values for these instruments are estimated using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows.

*Level 3* – Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on an entity's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity.

In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the Cooperative may re-measure the carrying value of assets and liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis to fair value. Adjustments to fair value usually result when certain assets are impaired. Such assets are written down from their carrying amounts to their fair value.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

Professional standards allow entities the irrevocable option to elect to measure certain financial instruments and other items at fair value for the initial and subsequent measurement on an instrument-by-instrument basis. The Cooperative adopted the policy to value certain financial instruments at fair value. The Cooperative has not elected to measure any existing financial instruments at fair value; however, it may elect to measure newly acquired financial instruments at fair value in the future.

The following table presents the fair value hierarchy for the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2018:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:				
Special Funds - Deferred Compensation	<u>\$ 73,793</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 73,793</u>

The following table presents the fair value hierarchy for the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2017:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:				
Special Funds - Deferred Compensation	<u>\$ 75,617</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 75,617</u>

**Revenue from Contracts with Customers**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued amended guidance to clarify the principles for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers. The guidance requires an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance also requires expanded disclosures relating to the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. Additionally, qualitative and quantitative disclosures are required regarding customer contracts, significant judgments and changes in judgments, and assets recognized from the costs to obtain or fulfill a contract. The guidance will initially be applied retrospectively using one of two methods. The standard will be effective for the entity for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim reporting periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Management is evaluating the effect of the amended revenue recognition guidance on the Cooperative's financial statements.

**Reclassifications**

Certain accounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current year financial statements.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Subsequent Events**

In preparing these financial statements, the Cooperative has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition of disclosure through March 5, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 2 ASSETS PLEDGED**

Substantially all assets are pledged as security for the long-term debt to RUS, the Federal Financing Bank (FFB), CoBank, and concurrent mortgage notes to the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC).

**NOTE 3 ELECTRIC PLANT IN SERVICE**

Listed below are the major classes of the electric plant as of December 31:

	2018	2017
Intangible Plant	\$ 9,169	\$ 9,169
Production Plant	2,518,109	2,518,109
Equipment Under Capital Leases	1,894,208	1,826,715
Distribution Plant	81,417,139	78,076,788
General Plant	21,870,163	20,876,715
Electric Plant in Service	107,708,788	103,307,496
Construction Work in Progress	2,983,258	2,032,887
Total	<u>\$ 110,692,046</u>	<u>\$ 105,340,383</u>

Provisions for depreciation of production and distribution plant are made on a straight-line basis with composite rates as follows at December 31, 2018:

Production Plant	5%
Distribution Plant	2.36%

Provisions for depreciation of equipment under capital leases are computed on the unit basis using the straight-line method over the life of the leases.

Provisions for depreciation of general plant are computed on the group basis using the straight-line method with a range of useful lives from 4 to 40 years.



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**NOTE 4 OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS**

**Investments in Associated Organizations**

A summary of investments at December 31 is as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Patronage Capital Credits:		
Prairie Power, Inc.	\$ 7,075,769	\$ 6,118,334
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (NRUCFC)	137,116	136,798
CoBank	394,295	356,118
National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative	284,621	339,132
Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange	159,888	141,544
United Utility Supply	128,832	129,960
Other	45,062	44,161
Total Patronage Capital Credits	<u>8,225,583</u>	<u>7,266,047</u>
Term Certificates of NRUCFC	<u>786,819</u>	<u>787,637</u>
Total Investment in Associated Organizations	<u>\$ 9,012,402</u>	<u>\$ 8,053,684</u>

The Cooperative is a voting member of Prairie Power, Inc. (PPI), a generation and transmission facility headquartered in Springfield, Illinois. These voting members or owners share margins realized by PPI, on the cooperative principle, based on power purchased. The investment or patronage capital earned by voting members may be returned annually as approved by the board of directors.

Term certificates include capital term certificates, loan term certificates, and zero term certificates of NRUCFC. The capital term certificates bear interest at 5% and begin maturing in the year 2070; loan term certificates bear interest at 3% and begin maturing in the year 2025; and zero term certificates bear interest at 0% and begin maturing in the year 2022.

**Notes Receivable**

Notes receivable at December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Notes Receivable	\$ 47,465	\$ 53,795
Rural Economic Development Loans Receivable	2,320,058	2,061,495
Energy Resource Conservation Loans Receivable	57,984	93,755
Less: Current Portion of Notes Receivable	<u>(349,200)</u>	<u>(285,978)</u>
Total Other Investments	2,076,307	1,923,067
Less: Allowance for Loan Losses	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>
Long-Term Notes Receivable	<u>\$ 2,046,307</u>	<u>\$ 1,893,067</u>

The Cooperative has a note receivable from a third party from the sale of nonutility property. The portion to be received in the near term is shown as a current asset in the consolidated balance sheets. The note bears interest at a rate of 0%.

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**NOTE 4 OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Notes Receivable (Continued)**

Rural economic development loans receivable consists of promissory notes from businesses and governments in the Cooperative's service territory. These notes are structured as a pass through to the USDA and bear interest at a rate of 0%.

Energy resource conservation loans receivable consist of promissory notes from members for energy saving devices installed on their premises. The loans are due in varying amounts through 2023 and bear interest at a rate of 2%.

The Cooperative provides an allowance for uncollectible loans based on management's estimate of loan losses. As of December 31, 2018, all notes receivable were current on their payments.

**Other Investments**

Other Investments at December 31 consist of the following:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Marketable Debt Securities - Held to Maturity	\$ 808,129	\$ 953,129
Investment in Prairie State Project	2,823,500	3,388,200
Total Other Investments	<u>\$ 3,631,629</u>	<u>\$ 4,341,329</u>

The Cooperative has invested funds in a power plant project along with nine other Prairie Power, Inc. electric distribution cooperatives. Construction was completed in 2012. In connection with this investment, the Cooperative has guaranteed an additional \$4,404,660 of loans to fund the project.

The following is a summary of the amortized cost and fair value of investments classified as Held-to-Maturity as of December 31:

	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>
December 31, 2018				
U.S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 246,566	\$ 76,632	\$ -	\$ 323,198
U.S. Government Securities	139,714	80,321	-	220,035
Corporate Bonds	71,320	10,763	-	82,083
Brokered Certificates of Deposit	300,776	-	(1,765)	299,011
Trusts	49,753	43,527	-	93,280
Total	<u>\$ 808,129</u>	<u>\$ 211,243</u>	<u>\$ (1,765)</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,607</u>
December 31, 2017				
U.S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 246,566	\$ 87,480	\$ -	\$ 334,046
U.S. Government Securities	139,714	79,026	-	218,740
Corporate Bonds	71,320	26,900	-	98,220
Brokered Certificates of Deposit	445,776	1,855	-	447,631
Trusts	49,753	49,199	-	98,952
Total	<u>\$ 953,129</u>	<u>\$ 244,460</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,197,589</u>

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**NOTE 4 OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Other Investments (Continued)**

The carrying values and estimated fair values of debt securities at December 31, 2018, by contractual maturity, are shown below:

	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Due Within One Year	\$ 408,684	\$ 485,055
Due Within One Year Through Five Years	-	-
Due Within Five Years Through Ten Years	126,818	127,243
Due in More Than Ten Years	272,627	405,309
Total	<u>\$ 808,129</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,607</u>

Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Cooperative to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value.

**Nonutility Property**

Nonutility property consists of equipment of the Cooperative and the Subsidiary as follows:

	2018	2017
Fiber Communications Equipment	\$ 6,854,382	\$ 6,640,887
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,677,347)	(1,859,918)
Net Nonutility Property	<u>\$ 4,177,035</u>	<u>\$ 4,780,969</u>

**NOTE 5 OTHER CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS**

The following is a summary of other current and accrued assets at December 31:

	2018	2017
Accrued Utility Revenue	\$ 2,520,365	\$ 2,641,265
Prepaid Expenses	177,463	168,637
Interest Receivable	6,416	9,073
Other	14,015	24,163
Total Other Current and Accrued Assets	<u>\$ 2,718,259</u>	<u>\$ 2,843,138</u>

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**NOTE 6 DEFERRED DEBITS**

Following is a summary of amounts recorded as deferred debits as of December 31:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Past Service Pension Cost	\$ 72,670	\$ 112,852
NRECA RS Pension Plan Prepayment	588,549	724,368
Wind Turbine Maintenance	19,825	13,968
Association Dues	-	56,022
Other Deferred Debits	74,663	55,682
Total Deferred Debits	<u>\$ 755,707</u>	<u>\$ 962,892</u>

The past service pension costs are amortized on the straight-line basis, over future periods.

**NOTE 7 PATRONAGE CAPITAL AND OTHER EQUITIES**

The following is a summary of patronage capital assignable and assigned at December 31:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Assignable	\$ 2,313,367	\$ 1,883,497
Assigned to Date	20,800,243	19,854,527
Patronage Capital - End of Year	<u>\$ 23,113,610</u>	<u>\$ 21,738,024</u>

The mortgage provisions restrict the retirement of patronage unless after retirement, the capital of the Cooperative equals at least 30% of the total assets of the Cooperative; provided, however, that retirements can be made if such distributions do not exceed 25% of the preceding year's margins. No distribution can be made if there are unpaid, when due, any installations of principal or interest on the notes.

Distributions to estates are made at the request of the estates. In addition to estates, émigrés and surviving spouses of joint memberships are retired upon request within annual budgets set by the board of directors and in the order in which they are received. Distributions made on a first in first out basis and those made for prior year's patronage are made at the board's discretion.

Other equities consisted of the following as of December 31:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Memberships	\$ 114,840	\$ 114,840
Donated Capital	25,928	25,928
Unclaimed Capital Credits	18,292	18,292
Nonoperating Margins - Subsidiary	(677,800)	(720,429)
Appropriated Margins	18,304,891	17,909,767
Total	<u>\$ 17,786,151</u>	<u>\$ 17,348,398</u>

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**NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following is a summary of outstanding long-term debt as of December 31:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
RUS Mortgage Notes -		
Fixed Rate Notes, 1.25%-5.00% Maturing through 2041	\$ 12,864,549	\$ 13,504,192
NRUCFC Secured Promissory Notes -		
Variable Rate Notes, 3.75% Due 2022	184,101	227,255
FFB Secured Mortgage Notes -		
Variable Rate Notes, 2.34-2.40%, Due 2019	5,823,571	10,103,012
Fixed Rate Notes, 1.62%-5.33% Maturing 2023-2050	35,037,152	28,506,483
CoBank Secured Promissory Notes -		
Variable Rate Notes, 4.76% Due 2023	1,815,036	2,231,353
Fixed Rate Notes, 2.94%-4.62%, Due 2023-2036	9,353,251	10,029,465
Rural Economic Development Grant	169,559	94,559
Rural Economic Development Loan	2,181,424	2,674,556
Capital Lease Obligations	964,931	574,930
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>68,393,574</u>	<u>67,945,805</u>
Current Maturities	<u>(3,520,000)</u>	<u>(3,555,000)</u>
Total Long-Term Debt (Net of Current Maturities)	<u>\$ 64,873,574</u>	<u>\$ 64,390,805</u>

As of December 31, 2018, current maturities of long-term debt outstanding for the next five years are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$ 3,520,000
2020	3,527,000
2021	3,409,000
2022	3,232,000
2023	2,615,000

As of December 31, 2018, the Cooperative and IRTC have approved but unadvanced loan funds of \$13,977,534 with FFB.

The Cooperative leases various equipment under capital leases expiring in various years through 2023. The assets and liabilities under capital leases are recorded at the lower of the present value of the minimum lease payments or the fair value of the asset. The assets are depreciated over their related lease terms. Depreciation of assets under capital leases is included in depreciation for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Equipment under capital leases had a cost and accumulated depreciation of \$1,894,208 and \$929,276 as of December 31, 2018 and \$1,826,715 and \$1,251,784 as of December 31, 2017.

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**NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)**

Minimum future lease payments under capital leases as of December 31, 2018 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$ 356,000
2020	268,000
2021	166,000
2022	125,000
2023	49,931
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u><u>\$ 964,931</u></u>

**NOTE 9 NOTES PAYABLE**

The Cooperative has a perpetual line of credit with NRUCFC in the amount of \$1,500,000. Borrowings on this line of credit are due on demand. Interest rates vary with the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the interest rate on this line of credit was 3.75% and 2.75%, respectively. The Cooperative had outstanding balances of \$-0- at December 31, 2018 and 2017.

The Cooperative has a line of credit with CoBank in the amount of \$6,000,000. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the interest rate on this line of credit was 4.61% and 3.67%, respectively. The line of credit matures on February 28, 2019. The Cooperative had outstanding balances of \$4,391,884 and \$2,016,629 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

**NOTE 10 DEFERRED CREDITS**

A summary of deferred credits at December 31 is as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Consumers' Energy Prepayments	\$ 137,739	\$ 191,241
Other Deferred Credits	-	2,712
Total	<u><u>\$ 137,739</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 193,953</u></u>

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**NOTE 11 POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS OTHER THAN PENSIONS**

The Cooperative maintains a policy that provides health care benefits for substantially all retired employees, who have met the plan's years of service, until age 65. The Cooperative's liability for these unfunded benefits was revalued as of December 31, 2018 and reported on the balance sheet as Accumulated Provision for Pension and Benefits, which also includes \$73,793 and \$75,617 of Deferred Compensation as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

As an employer that sponsors a defined benefit postretirement plan, the Cooperative reports the current economic status (the over-funded or under-funded status) of the plan in its statement of financial condition, measures the plan assets and plan obligations as of the statement of financial condition date, and includes disclosures about the plan.

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
<b>Obligations and Funded Status:</b>		
Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation	\$ 2,688,720	\$ 2,554,700
Fair Value of Plan Assets	-	-
Unfunded Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation	<u>\$ 2,688,720</u>	<u>\$ 2,554,700</u>
Employer Contributions	\$ 155,328	\$ 138,300
Plan Participant Contributions	-	-
Net Benefits Paid	<u>\$ 155,328</u>	<u>\$ 138,300</u>
Amounts Recognized in the Balance Sheet in Accumulated Provisions for Pension and Benefits	<u>\$ 2,688,720</u>	<u>\$ 2,554,700</u>
<b>Components of Net Postretirement Benefit Cost and Other Amounts Recognized in Other Comprehensive Margins</b>		
Service and Interest Cost	\$ 228,601	\$ 191,700
Amortization of Deferred Charge	38,007	65,100
Change in Net Loss		
Recognized in Other Comprehensive Margins	22,740	(297,900)
Net Periodic Benefit Cost	<u>\$ 289,348</u>	<u>\$ (41,100)</u>
<b>Assumptions Used to Determine the Net Postretirement Benefit Cost</b>		
Weighted Average Discount Rate for Obligations	4.40%	4.20%
Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumed for Next Year	7.42%	7.50%
Rate to Which the Cost Trend Rate is Assumed to Decline	5.00%	5.00%
Year that the Rate Reaches the Ultimate Trend Rate	2025	2027

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**NOTE 11 POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

The following postretirement benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$ 152,622
2020	158,634
2021	105,182
2022	105,941
2023	121,017
2024 - 2028	812,944

The Cooperative has a net loss in the amount of \$779,640, which is included in accumulated other comprehensive margins. The estimated related net loss that will be amortized over the next fiscal year is \$33,714.

**NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS**

**Narrative Description**

The Retirement Security Plan (RS Plan), sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), is a defined benefit pension plan qualified under Section 401 and tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the IRC. It is a multi-employer 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 multi-employer 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.

**Plan Information**

The Cooperative's contributions to the RS Plan in 2018 and in 2017 represented less than 5% of the total contributions made to the plan by all participating employers. The Cooperative made contributions to the plan in 2018 and 2017 as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Past Service Pension Cost	\$ 40,182	\$ 40,181
Current Payments to Plan	437,010	457,396
Total	<u>\$ 477,192</u>	<u>\$ 497,577</u>

There have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of 2018 and 2017 contributions.



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**NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

**Plan Information (Continued)**

For 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 RS Plan was between 80% funded on January 1, 2018 and over 80% funded at January 1, 2017 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.

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 RS Plan to make a contribution 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 RS 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 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 expected, plan assumption changes and other factors may have an impact on the differential in billing rates and the 15-year period.

In addition to the above retirement plan, employees of the Cooperative are eligible for a 401(k) savings plan. The Cooperative makes a contribution of 9.0% of the eligible employees’ salary into this plan. The total contribution made by the Cooperative in 2018 and 2017 was \$319,460 and \$328,209, respectively.

**NOTE 13 INCOME TAXES**

No provision for income taxes was recorded for the years ended December 31.

Deferred tax assets are presented in the balance sheet as follows:

	2018	2017
Property and Equipment Depreciation	\$ (144,000)	\$ (134,000)
Net Operating Loss Carryforwards	144,000	188,000
Valuation Allowance	-	(54,000)
Deferred Tax Assets, Net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**NOTE 14 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Purchase Commitment**

Under its wholesale power agreements, the Cooperative is committed to purchase substantially all of its electric power and energy requirements from Prairie Power, Inc. through 2047. The rates are subject to periodic review.

**Concentration of Credit**

The Cooperative extends credit to its consumers on terms no more favorable than the standard terms of the industry it serves. The Cooperative's consumers are located in west central Illinois, and may be dependent on economic returns from farm crop and livestock production in that area. The Cooperative's credit risks have been anticipated and management believes that adequate provision has been made for doubtful accounts.

**Major Consumer**

For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, one group of accounts under common ownership comprised approximately 10% of operating revenues.