



COOPERATIVE FACTS

About Us

Headquartered in Boyne City, MI, Great Lakes Energy (GLE) is one of the largest electric cooperatives in the United States with service centers in Hart, Kalkaska, Newaygo, Reed City, Scottville, Waters, and Wayland. With more than 15,000 miles of line, we are the fourth largest electric cooperative in the country in terms of miles of power line. As the largest member-owned electric cooperative in Michigan, we're committed to providing energy solutions to more than 134,000 meters in 26 counties in western and northern Michigan. Since 1937, our success has been built around the mutual trust we share with our members.

Our Mission

Built and led by the communities we serve, we connect our members to innovative energy and communications programs and services.

Our Vision

We will empower and enrich our members' lives with reliable service.

Cooperative Principles

Cooperatives around the world operate according to the same set of core principles and values. These principles are a key reason that America's electric cooperatives operate differently from other electric utilities, putting the needs of their members first. Our cooperative principles are:

1. Open and Voluntary Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training, and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

QUICK FACTS

26 Counties Served	8 Office Locations	 15,000+ Miles of Power Line 4th in the Nation *	 134,163 Meters 22nd in the Nation, Largest Co-op in MI *	 8.95 Average Members per Mile *	9 Board Members	770 Avg. Residential kWh per month *
9 Service Areas	290 Full-Time Employees				90 Years of Trusted Service	378 Avg. Seasonal kWh per month *

* Based in part on 2025 KRTA data; out of 814 electric co-ops nationwide.

Reliability

When ranking our services, GLE members place reliable electric service at the top. Reducing average outage time is an annual goal at Great Lakes Energy.

The addition of more line protection devices, use of new technologies, improvements to major power line circuits, and ongoing vegetation management to limit tree damage to power lines are all helping to get the lights back on safely and more quickly for GLE members during storms.

Reliability improvements have benefitted thousands of members and led to GLE's success in repeatedly meeting state performance standards established to protect consumers from unacceptable levels of electric service and reliability.

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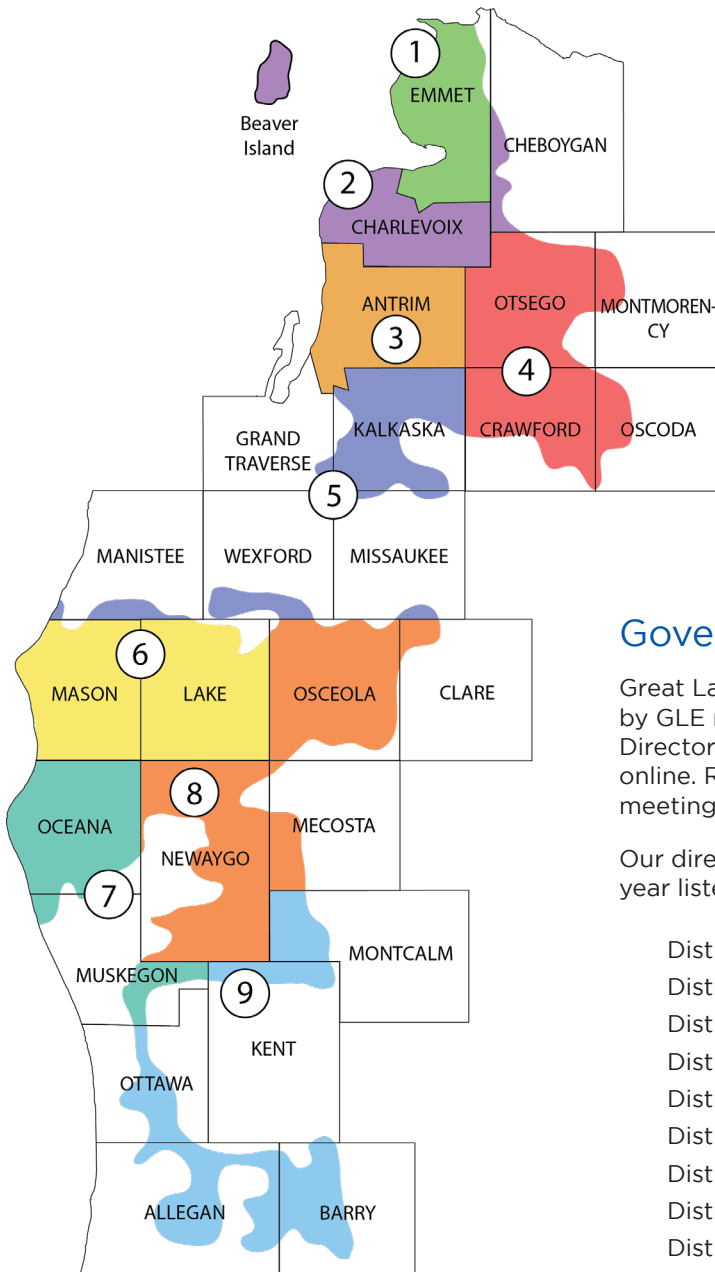
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Service Territory

We serve parts of 26 counties along the western side of Michigan's lower peninsula. Counties include:

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| 1. Allegan | 14. Mason |
| 2. Antrim | 15. Mecosta |
| 3. Barry | 16. Missaukee |
| 4. Charlevoix | 17. Montcalm |
| 5. Cheboygan | 18. Montmorency |
| 6. Clare | 19. Muskegon |
| 7. Crawford | 20. Newaygo |
| 8. Emmet | 21. Oceana |
| 9. Grand Traverse | 22. Osceola |
| 10. Kalkaska | 23. Oscoda |
| 11. Kent | 24. Otsego |
| 12. Lake | 25. Ottawa |
| 13. Manistee | 26. Wexford |



Governance

Great Lakes Energy is governed by a nine-member board elected by GLE members within their district, but represent all members. Directors are elected to three-year terms by a mail-in ballot or online. Results of the annual election are announced at GLE's annual meeting, which is strictly a business meeting.

Our directors are listed below. Their terms expire in August of the year listed in parentheses.

- District 1: David Coveyou (2027)
- District 2: Mark Carson (2027)
- District 3: Richard Evans (2029)
- District 4: Ed Hunt (2029)
- District 5: Dale Farrier (2029)
- District 6: Janet Andersen (2028)
- District 7: Paul Byl (2027)
- District 8: Howard Bowersox (2028)
- District 9: John LaForge (2028)



Energy Profile

Our power supplier is Wolverine Power Cooperative (WPC), a generation and transmission cooperative whose member-owners include Great Lakes Energy and four other electric cooperatives. We work closely with WPC to ensure we have adequate power supply that meets the needs of our members. WPC has taken a leadership role in the state in securing cleaner energy. The renewable power is backed up by the Alpine Power Plant, Wolverine's 432 MW natural gas-fueled plant in Otsego County.

The energy WPC provides is derived from the following sources. Wolverine provides members with a fuel mix that has nearly twice the amount of clean energy (60%) as the regional average (35%).

Coal	16.68%
Gas	24.57%
Nuclear	41.89%
Renewable Fuels	16.18%
Oil	0.26%
Hydroelectric	0.42%
TOTAL	100.0%

Rates

One of the things our members value most is reliable, courteous service at an affordable price. By working to contain expenses, we consistently keep our annual average percent increase in costs below the average increase of the other 811 electric cooperatives nationwide.

GLE's rates are cost-based meaning they reflect the actual cost of providing service to members. Rates are based on a cost-of-service study that is performed every five years by an independent consultant.

Our residential, seasonal, and general service rates listed below.

The full rate book is available at gtlakes.com/account-information.

Rate Class	Rate
Residential & Seasonal	Monthly Charge- \$50.05 Energy Charge - \$0.14742
General Service – CSP (single phase)	Monthly Charge- \$50.05 Energy Charge - \$0.14742
Additional Meter(s) RES, SEA or CSP rates on same transformer	Monthly Charge- \$15.98 Energy Charge - \$0.14742

Capital Credit Refunds

Great Lakes Energy members receive notice in June each year of the amount of capital credits allocated to them for the prior year's electricity purchases. GLE then issues capital credit refunds to members, with board approval, as financial conditions allow. Since 2003 we've returned a total of more than \$87.5 million in capital credit refunds.





Energy Efficiency Programs

GLE's Energy Wise program helps members make smart energy choices by offering rebates and cash incentives for energy-efficient products and improvements. Funded through a small surcharge on members' bills, the program helps offset costs while promoting comfort, convenience, and long-term energy savings. Energy-efficient upgrades can also increase property values, support healthier and more productive workplaces, and improve comfort at home. To learn more, visit gtlakes.com/energy-wise.

To further promote energy efficiency, GLE has installed four Level 3 Electric Vehicle (EV) fast charging stations and six level 2 EV chargers throughout our service area. The fast charging stations are located in Eastport, Fife Lake, Scottville, and Waters. The level 2 charging stations are located in Boyne City, Reed City, Scottville, Hart, Newaygo, and Wayland.

Concern for Community

Through our People Fund program, participating GLE members allow us to round up their electric bill to the next dollar. That small amount of change each month adds up to fund grants that help meet our local community needs. More than \$5 million in People Fund grants have been awarded since 1999 to help senior citizen and youth programs, housing projects, medical and health services, educational programs and more. Grants are awarded by a volunteer board of directors divided into three committees based on areas – central, north and south. Directors meet twice per year to award grants to local organizations.

Eighteen local classrooms benefited from our Classroom Grant program in the fall of 2025, receiving more than \$30,000 in grants for technology and innovative projects.

GLE staff shows their heart for service by donating to various causes throughout the year. In the past 12 years, employees have donated over \$275,000 to nonprofits in our service area including United Way, Betty Ford Breast Cancer Clinic, and Disabled American Veteran's Big Rapids, among many others.

Truestream Fiber Network



In addition to providing electric service, GLE owns Truestream, a broadband subsidiary that delivers high-speed fiber internet to our members. Since construction began in 2018, we have built more than 7,450 miles of fiber-optic infrastructure, connecting more than 31,300 members to reliable, high-speed internet and voice services. This life-changing technology is helping bridge the digital divide in rural and underserved communities. Learn more at truestreamfiber.com.

Value-Added Services

Members receive 10 issues of Michigan Country Lines magazine per year, a monthly bill insert newsletter, monthly e-newsletters, and communications through social media and other channels.

GLE offers a variety of programs and services that benefit our members and communities, including community sponsorships, Hot Line Demonstrations for emergency responders, youth education programs such as PowerTown and Washington Youth Tour, and scholarships for students pursuing careers in linework, information technology, and engineering. We also offer community solar subscriptions and other renewable energy options to members.

For more comprehensive information about all of GLE's rates, programs, and services please