

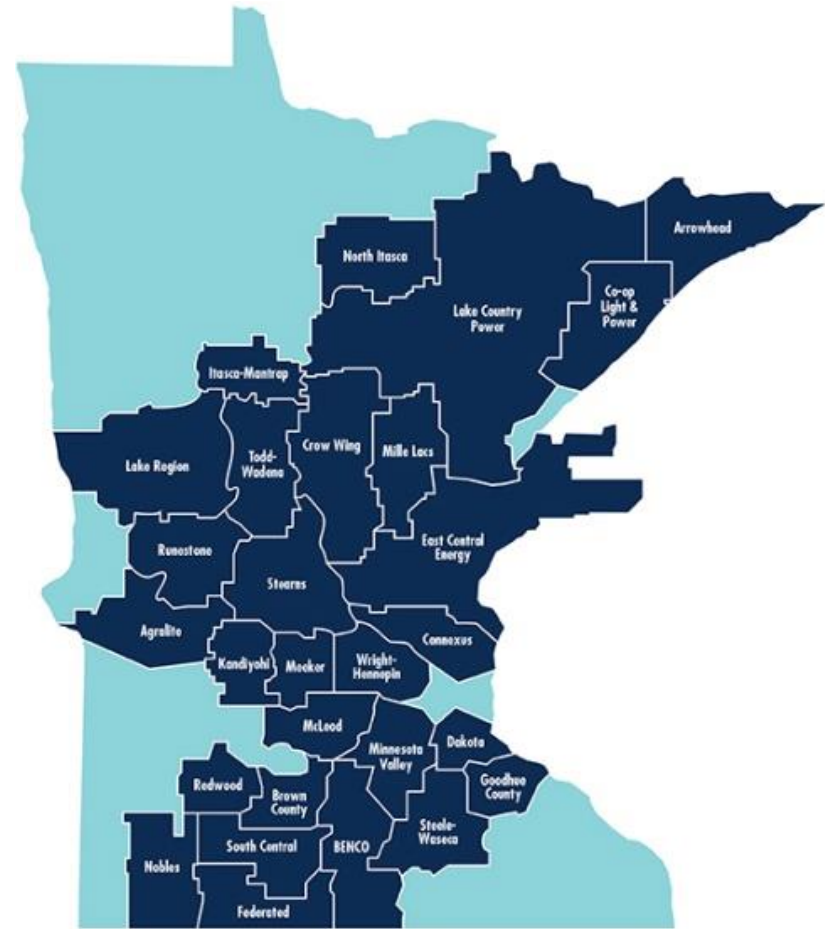
Great River Energy Member Assessments

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Strategic Energy & Efficiency Programs

Great River Energy

- ▶ Generation & Transmission cooperative providing wholesale electricity to 28 distribution cooperatives in Minnesota and into Wisconsin.
- ▶ Second largest utility in Minnesota, our member cooperatives distribute electricity to families, farms and businesses serving almost 1.7 million people.

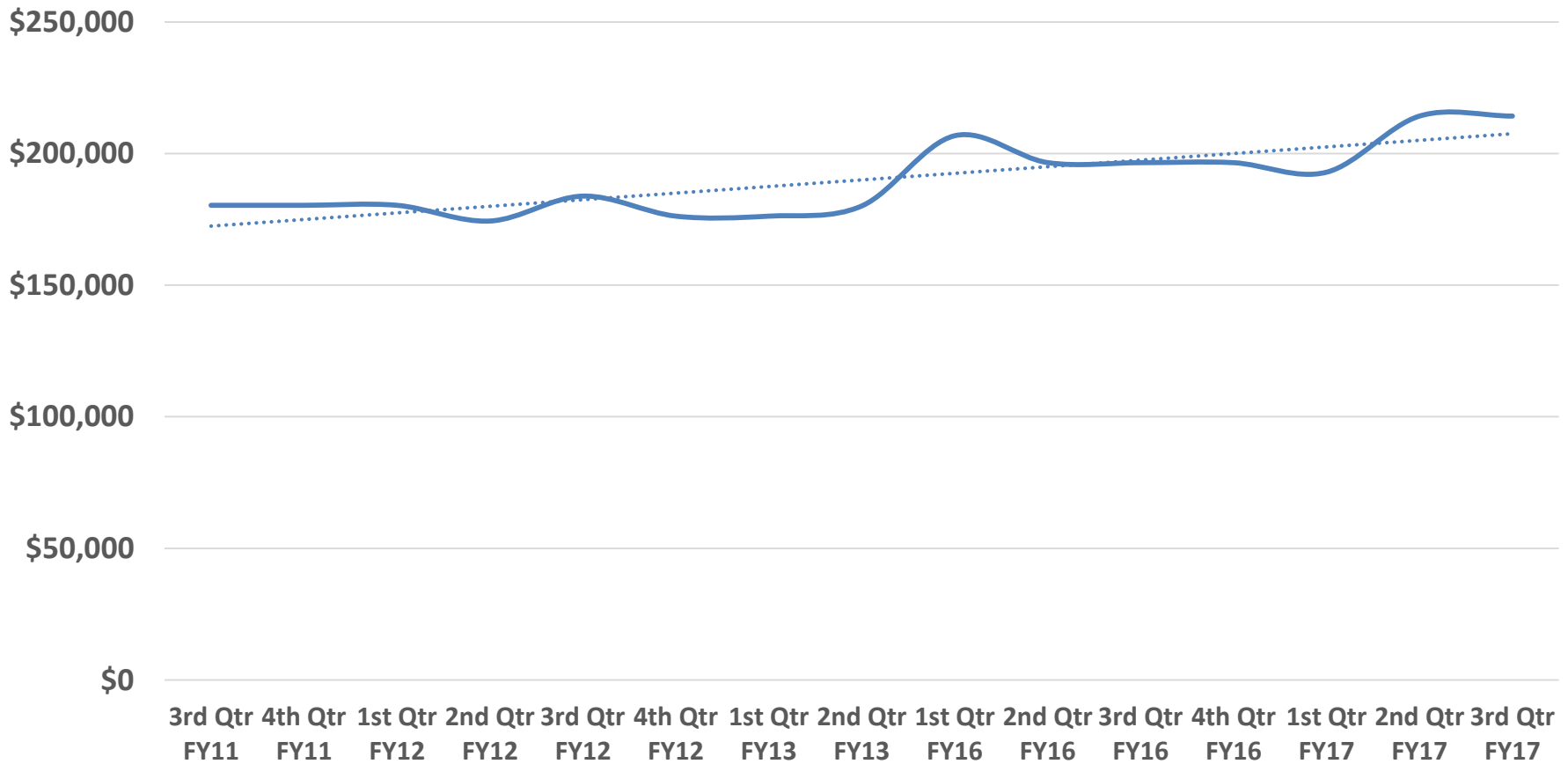


Types of Assessments

- ▶ Paid Only by our Retail Members
 - CIP Assessments
 - R&D
 - Technical Assistance
 - Facilities Energy Efficiency
 - Total \$817,860 in 2016
- ▶ Assessments Paid by GRE and GRE Members
 - Reliability Administrator
 - PUC Dockets (CON, Siting, IRP)
 - LEC Assessments

GRE Member CIP Assessments

Quarterly Payments by GRE Member Cooperatives | 2011 - 2016



Other R&D Efforts

- ▶ Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
 - We are full members of EPRI, and participate in a variety of research endeavors.
 - Advance Energy Communities
 - End Use Efficiency Research (EE, Electrification)
- ▶ Cooperative Research Network (CRN)
 - National Rural Electric Association (NRECA)
- ▶ Department of Energy

Energy Savings Platform

The screenshot displays the ESP web application interface. At the top, it shows the user's name 'Jeff Haase' and the system version '1.6.4.14'. The main content area is titled 'Smart Measure - Comm Lighting | LED Prescriptive'. On the left, there is a 'My View' sidebar listing various energy cooperatives, with 'Steele Waseca Coop Electric' selected. The central part of the screen features a complex flowchart with various input and output boxes connected by arrows. On the right side, there are several panels: 'Building Blocks' with sections for 'Functions' (Lookup, Trimmed Lookup, Expression), 'Variables' (Numeric Variable, Text Variable, Numeric List, Text List, Preset List), and 'Output Definitions' (Commercial Lighting, Energy Savings Type, Message, Participants, Technology Size, Trade Ally Incentive). Below the flowchart, there are input fields for 'Quantity' (set to 1), 'Air Conditioning Present?' (Yes), 'Existing Lighting System', 'Existing # of Fixtures', 'New Lighting System', 'New # of Fixtures', 'New Watts/Fixture', 'Annual Operating Hours', 'Total project cost', 'Calculated Rebate', 'Cooperative Adjustment' (\$0.00), 'Message', 'Rebate Amount', 'Coop Paid Rebate' (\$0.00), 'Total Rebate', and 'Low Income Project?' (No). A 'Reset' button is located at the top left of the flowchart area.

- ▶ GRE's 28 member cooperatives track energy efficiency activities through the ESP tool.
- ▶ We continue to explore operational enhancements that would better serve our members.

R&D Participation

- ▶ Current efforts

- Cold Climate ASHP Field Study
 - CEE, ACEEE, GRE & EPRI

- ▶ Past efforts

- Behavioral Program Development with OPOWER
 - Lake Country Power, Connexus Energy

- ▶ General R&D Efforts vs. Utility Specific R&D

CIP Budget Challenges

- ▶ 2017 has been a banner year for member participation in CIP.
- ▶ We operate on a budget of \$6.2 million in rebate dollars.
 - Through June many members had used or nearly used their entire budget allocation.
- ▶ In the face of tight budgets, the assessment invoices become particularly troublesome and there are concerns about member value.

Thank You

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