

# Building the "Smart Grid" Bridge Between Supply and Demand

WHATEVER THE FUTURE HOLDS, **WE'LL POWER IT.** 



Defining the Cooperative Energy Ecosystem

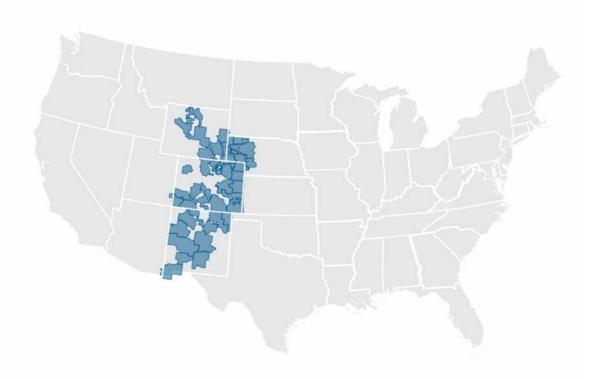


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#### Tri-State at-a-glance



- G&T Cooperative
- 42 Members
- 4 States (hence the name Tri-State)
- Regulated and Unregulated at the distribution level
- 200,000 square miles
- 650,000+ retail meters

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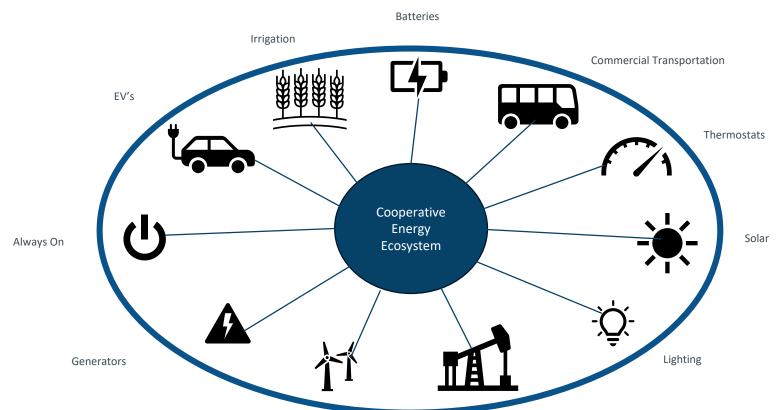




## Cooperative Energy Ecosystem

- Mission: Optimization of the Cooperative Energy Ecosystem in coordination with our membership
- Building a bridge FROM the demand side
- Find and monetize distributed energy resources
- Create a vertically <u>coordinated</u> system

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#### Eliminate the Barriers







LACK OF PROGRAM **AWARENESS** 

NO UPFRONT CAPITAL **AVAILABILITY** 

LIMITED ACCESS TO TRADE RESOURCES



#### Lack of Program Awareness

- o Consumer and trade network engagement
- o Proactive for fuel switching
- o Need a value proposition
  - Cost savings
  - o Ease of decision
  - Trusted relationship



## Lack of Upfront Capital

- Need to create a portfolio solution to leverage tools
  - On bill repayment
  - Local, State, and Federal Programs
  - Rebates



#### **Limited Access to Trades**

- o Rural trade networks are especially sparse
- o Educate on electrification
- o Develop local trade relationships
- o Upstream network development and education







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#### Be Ready

- On-bill repayment
- Rebate processing
- Data management
- Trade ally network management
- Marketplace



### Summary

- Without capturing the value of demand side resources you're missing an opportunity to optimize
- Removing barriers is hard work
- You only have one chance to make a good first impression

