## **OPERATION ROUNDUP – "Putting pennies to good use"**

As a member of Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., you have the unique opportunity to assist worthy individuals and organizations in and around the Capital Electric service area by giving a few cents a month to "Operation Roundup". Operation Roundup operates on a simple premise; namely, by allowing your monthly electric billing from Capital Electric to be "rounded up" to the next nearest dollar, you and thousands of other Capital Electric members will, cooperatively, be using those pennies to benefit those in need. Currently, almost \$30,000 a year is being collected through Operation Roundup to help non-profit organizations and projects in and

around the Capital Electric service area.

All pennies collected through Operation Roundup are placed in the Capital Electric Charitable Trust, a non-profit corporation set up exclusively for Operation Roundup. The Trust is governed by a five-person board of directors, all of whom are members of Capital Electric Cooperative and are nominated to the Board by the Capital Electric Member Advisory Committee.

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On average, the cost to you to "round up" your bill is about \$6.00 a year. This is a tax-deductible charitable contribution, and the amount you donate will be shown on your end of the year billing statement from Capital Electric.

Since the inception of Operation Roundup in the fall of 1997, a wide variety of individuals and organizations have been awarded grants by the board of directors of the Capital Electric Charitable Trust, Inc. A partial list of those receiving assistance include a family of six that lost all of their belongings in a mobile home fire; a park district for handicap accessible park improvements; a school for new playground equipment; many rural fire districts and ambulance districts for equipment; a local library foundation for educational assistance on the services it offers; rural cemeteries for fencing and other improvements; and many more worthy projects. Additional applications are being received and reviewed on a regular basis.

We encourage you to participate in Operation Roundup and see the results your small donation will help generate. If, at any time, you decide to participate, you simply need to complete the form below and include it with your bill payment or contact our billing department at 223-1513 or toll free 1-888-223-1513 or email us at <u>billing@capitalelec.com</u> and let us know. If you participate, your bill will automatically be "rounded up" each month. For example, if your bill were \$33.62, it would be rounded up to \$34.00. You would be donating \$0.38 to the Capital Electric Charitable Trust that month.

Together, by giving a few cents a month, Capital Electric members can make a big impact on life in our area. The Trust Board, Capital Electric Member Advisory Committee, the Capital Electric Board of Directors and Capital Electric staff hope that you will pitch in to **PUT PENNIES TO GOOD USE THROUGH OPERATION ROUNDUP.** 

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I want to support Operation Roundup, through the Capital Electric Charitable Trust, at this time. Please add the following account(s) of mine from the list.

Name	Address	
City, State, ZIP Code	Telephone Number	
Account Number	Account Number	