



**Bedford Rural Electric  
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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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## **Capital Credit Funds**

As a member of the Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative you receive another benefit – Capital Credits. According to the cooperative by-laws, all amounts paid for electric service by a member in excess of the costs incurred by the cooperative (known as margins) will be used as operating capital for the cooperative. This amount is not currently refunded, but it is recorded in the consumer's capital credit account and returned at a later date. As a non-profit electric cooperative, we do, on occasion, return a portion of prior years' operating margins (essentially our net income) to our members. This is done at the discretion of the Board of Directors, as cash flow permits.



In the interim, these funds are used by the cooperative to finance growth and expansion, and help us repair the damage from emergencies such as storms, etc. When the Board authorizes a retirement of prior years' margins, current members receive a credit on their December electric bill while former members receive a check from the cooperative. Please feel free to call, or watch your monthly magazine for more information on capital credits.