

Basin Electric Power Cooperative 2026 SEC Registration

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- Basin Electric filed the initial registration with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on April 15, 2026.
- This does not change our cooperative structure or member ownership.
- This registration improves transparency and access to capital markets.

Why is Basin Electric filing with the SEC?

- It's part of an "all-of-the-above" financing strategy to responsibly fund large capital needs for our member growth, through public capital markets.
- SEC registration opens the door to issuing public bonds to a much larger group of investors, with better credit spreads and stronger market liquidity.
- This filing supports our commitment to strong governance and transparency as a member-owned cooperative.

Why is this financing strategy needed?

- Basin Electric is in a historic period of growth, and we forecast that we will need to invest approximately \$7.5 billion in new generation, transmission, and system upgrades over the next five years to meet that demand.
- Using multiple financing tools helps manage risk, secure competitive financing, and maintain long-term reliability.

Does filing with the SEC mean we are in financial trouble?

- **No.** For Basin Electric, SEC registration reflects our significant member load growth and the need for broader, more flexible financing options as we invest for the future.
- Basin Electric's recent public bond issuance was oversubscribed and received favorable pricing, reflecting the financial strength of the cooperative.

Is Basin Electric becoming an investor-owned utility (IOU)?

- **No.** We remain a member-owned cooperative - the filing does *not* change our ownership structure or mission. We are not issuing stock and will not have stockholders or shareholders.
- We are not applying to be listed on any stock market or securities exchange.

Are other cooperative entities SEC registrants?

- **Yes.** CHS, Inc., Land O'Lakes, Inc., Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), and CoBank are examples of other cooperatives that are registered with the SEC. In addition, G&T cooperatives, such as Oglethorpe Power, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, are SEC registrants.

Will rates be affected?

- No immediate rate impacts are tied to the SEC filing.
- Rates continue to be set through the cooperative's established planning and governance processes.

How does this benefit members?

- Expanded financing options help fund large projects, maintain system reliability, and manage long-term costs.
- Greater access to capital helps manage costs over time and reduces financial pressure during periods of growth.
- This approach supports stable, responsible operations in the best interest of our members.

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