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State	Sen.	Rep.	Recipient	Loan	Project Description
CO	Michael Bennett, Cory Gardner	Ken Buck (04)	Southeast Colorado Power Association	\$13,000,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 72 miles of line, improve 125 miles and make other system improvements. Southeast serves 10,278 meters with 7,688 residential, nearly 1,500 irrigation and 1,100 commercial consumers across a 13,000-square-mile service territory that includes 11 counties in Colorado.
GA	Johnny Isakson, David Perdue	Rick Allen (12)	Excelsior Electric Membership Corp.	\$16,543,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 69 miles of line, improve 120 miles and make system improvements. The loan amount includes \$25,000 for smart grid projects. Excelsior serves 20,741 residential, nearly 1,370 commercial and 311 irrigation consumers across 3,200 miles in Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Jenkins and Tattnal counties. Five of these eight counties are designated as poverty counties.
IA	Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst	David Young (03)	Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative	\$6,100,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 69 miles of line, improve 96 miles and make other system improvements. The loan amount includes \$775,000 for smart grid projects. Southwest serves 5,574 residential and nearly 300 commercial consumers. Southwest's service area is dependent on farm crops and livestock. Of the 11 counties served in southwestern Iowa, six are designated as outmigration counties.
IN	Joe Donnelly, Todd Young	Trey Hollingsworth (09)	Jackson County REMC	\$74,000,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 60 miles of line, improve 10 miles and make other system improvements. The loan amount includes \$59,331,071 for smart grid projects. Jackson serves 26,579 consumers across 10 counties in southern Indiana, spread over 2,925 miles. Its consumer base includes more than 1,000 commercial and industrial and 80 irrigation consumers. The economy is primarily agricultural. Jackson's proximity to an interstate corridor offers economic growth opportunities. Counties served include Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Lawrence, Monroe, Scott and Washington.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Thomas Massie (04)	Shelby Energy Cooperative	\$22,319,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 60 miles of line, improve 52 miles and make other system improvements. The loan amount includes \$384,199 for smart grid projects. Shelby serves 15,275 residential, 509 commercial and 125 seasonal consumers across 2,128 miles in 10 counties between Louisville and Lexington. Shelby's service territory is largely rural, and its economy relies on agriculture and a fairly large commercial and industrial load. A shopping mall is expected to be added to the area in the near future.

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LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Garret Graves (06)	Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corp.	\$14,926,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 50 miles of line, improve 18 miles and make system improvements. The loan amount includes \$2,400,000 for smart grid projects. Pointe Coupee serves 7,272 residential, 2,180 commercial and 868 seasonal consumers across 1,106 miles of line in rural areas of Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge parishes.
ME	Susan Collins, Angus King	Chellie Pingree (01)	Pegasus	\$1,510,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build a 1.02 MW solar photovoltaic renewable farm at Brunswick Landing, a business campus located at a former military base. The facility will deliver approximately 1,971 mWh of solar power to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority in Brunswick annually.
MN	Amy Klobuchar, Tina Smith	Collin Peterson (07)	Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association	\$10,569,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 52 miles of line, improve 14 miles and make other system improvements, including a \$560,000 investment in smart grid technologies. Minnesota Valley provides electric service to more than 5,260 consumers over 3,273 miles of line in eight counties in southwestern Minnesota. All of the counties it serves (Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Renville, Swift and Yellow Medicine) have been designated as outmigration counties. The local economy is primarily agricultural. Small commercial loads account for 10 percent of kWh sales. Large commercial loads account for the remaining kWh sales and revenue. The large commercial accounts include an ethanol plant, a cheese production facility and a casino.
MN	Amy Klobuchar, Tina Smith	Rick Nolan (08)	Crow Wing Power	\$12,900,000	Rural Development funds will be used for smart grid projects. Crow Wing serves 40,000 residential, 2,307 commercial and 191 irrigation consumers in Crow Wing, Cass and Morrison counties. Its service area has a strong agricultural base that represents a large segment of the local economy. Livestock, poultry, corn, oats and hay are the primary agricultural products in the region. Most non-farm employment is associated with agricultural and food processing activities. There is also some light manufacturing and recreational activity area in Crow Wing's service territory.
MN	Amy Klobuchar, Tina Smith	Collin Peterson (07)	Runestone Electric Association	\$19,500,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 88 miles of line, improve 180 miles and make system improvements. The loan amount includes \$1,249,800 for smart grid projects. Runestone provides service to more than 10,000 residential, 3,066 seasonal, nearly 720 commercial and 253 irrigation consumers across 2,900 miles in Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens and Todd counties in west central Minnesota. Stevens County is classified as an outmigration county.

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MO	Claire McCaskill, Roy Blunt	Blaine Luetkemeyer (03)	Three Rivers Electric Cooperative	\$15,000,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 72 miles of line, improve 100 miles and make system improvements. The loan amount includes \$474,000 for smart grid projects. Three Rivers serves 20,628 residential and 1,672 commercial borrowers over nearly 4,088 miles of energized line in Central Missouri. The Three Rivers service territory includes Osage, Gasconade, Cole, Maries, Miller, Franklin and Moniteau counties. The economy of the service area is based on agriculture, light industry, tourism/recreation and modest residential growth.
ND	John Hoeven, Heidi Heitkamp	Kevin Cramer (At Large)	Slope Electric Cooperative, Inc.	\$12,500,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 84 miles of line, improve 32 miles and make system improvements. The loan amount includes \$120,000 for smart grid projects. Slope serves 1,968 residential, 1,324 commercial, 1,161 seasonal and 2 irrigation consumers across 3,220 miles of line in portions of Adams, Bowman, Hettinger and Slope counties in southwestern North Dakota. Four of these counties are classified as outmigration counties.
OH	Sherrod Brown, Rob Portman	Bob Gibbs (07)	Firelands Electric Cooperative Inc.	\$5,580,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build a new headquarters building. Headquartered in New London, Firelands serves approximately 9,050 consumers across 994 miles of line in rural areas of Ashland, Huron, Lorain and Richland counties. The economy is tied to agricultural and small manufacturing activity -- primarily small, locally-owned businesses.
VA	Mark Warner, Tim Kaine	Robert J. Wittman (01)	Rappahannock Electric Cooperative	\$51,975,000	Rural Development funds will be used to build 376 miles of line and make system improvements. Rappahannock is based in Fredericksburg and is the largest rural electric cooperative servicing Virginia. Serving 163,000 customers across 16,845 miles of line in 23 counties and one independent city, Rappahannock's expansive territory serves a rapidly growing consumer base. It is within commuting distance of both Washington, D.C., and Richmond. Its service area is 64 percent residential and 36 percent commercial and industrial. Its proximity to both the Washington, D.C., and Richmond metro areas results in a rapidly growing consumer base.
TOTAL				\$276,422,000	