

**Ronald R. Harper  
CEO and General Manager**

Ron Harper, CEO and general manager of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, has more than 35 years of rural electric cooperative and utility industry experience.

Prior to joining Basin Electric, Harper was the general manager of Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp), Sundance, WY, for 12 years. He managed PRECorp's operations, which were comprised of more than 100 employees in eight locations. Before moving to PRECorp, Harper was the general manager at Carbon Power & Light Inc. Saratoga, WY, from 1984 to 1988, after serving six years as its superintendent of engineering.



A graduate of Southwestern State University, Weatherford, OK, Harper has always focused his concern on the person at the end-of-the-line. Before assuming general manager positions at Basin Electric, PRECorp and Carbon Power & Light, he worked for distribution cooperatives in other capacities.

Harper was the 1997 recipient of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Region VII award for outstanding service. In addition, he has served on the board of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, a private cooperative bank, and as chairman of its finance committee. Since joining Basin Electric, Harper has served as the vice secretary/treasurer of Western Fuels-Wyoming, a fuel supply cooperative, and as board chairman of the North Dakota Lignite Energy Council. In May 2006, Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal appointed Harper to a council charged with developing the University of Wyoming's newly formed School of Energy Resources. Harper was later elected council chairman. He was elected president of the National G&T Manager's Association for a one-year term in September 2008. In November 2008, Harper was elected president of the new National Renewables Cooperative Organization board of directors and chairman of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity.

**About Basin Electric**

Basin Electric is a consumer-owned wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative, which has a resource portfolio of more than 3,600 megawatts (MW) for its members use. Basin Electric owns more than 2,750 MW and has long-term contractual arrangements for the remainder. Basin Electric operates nearly 3,700 MW of electric generating capacity of which 980 MW is for participants in the Missouri Basin Power Project (MBPP), a group of six consumer-owned utilities. Basin Electric also owns 2,015 miles of high-voltage transmission, maintains 2,100 miles, and owns and maintains equipment in 65 switchyards and substations and 113 telecommunication sites.

Basin Electric has 135 member systems that distribute electricity to 2.8 million consumers in parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Montana, and New Mexico. The cooperative headquarters is located in Bismarck, ND.

Basin Electric is the parent company to eight subsidiaries and employs more than 2,000 people. The largest subsidiary, the for-profit Dakota Gasification Company, owns and operates the Great Plains Synfuels Plant near Beulah, ND, which gasifies lignite coal and captures some of the carbon dioxide, sending it to depleted oil fields for enhanced oil recovery and sequestration. For more information, go to [www.basinelectric.com](http://www.basinelectric.com).