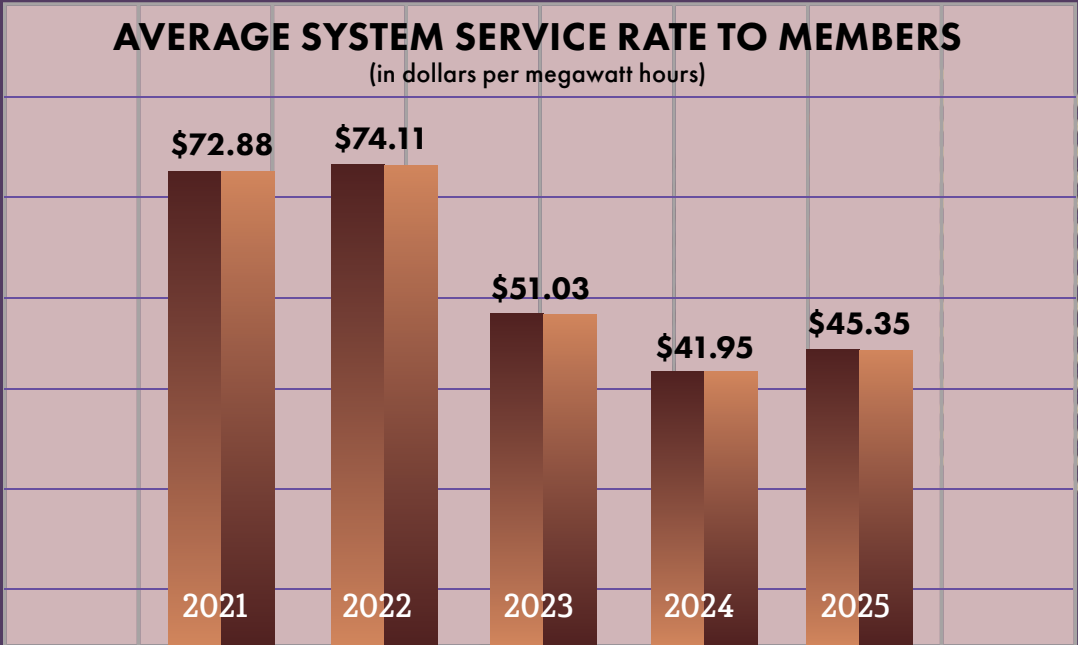


# **STEADY CURRENT**

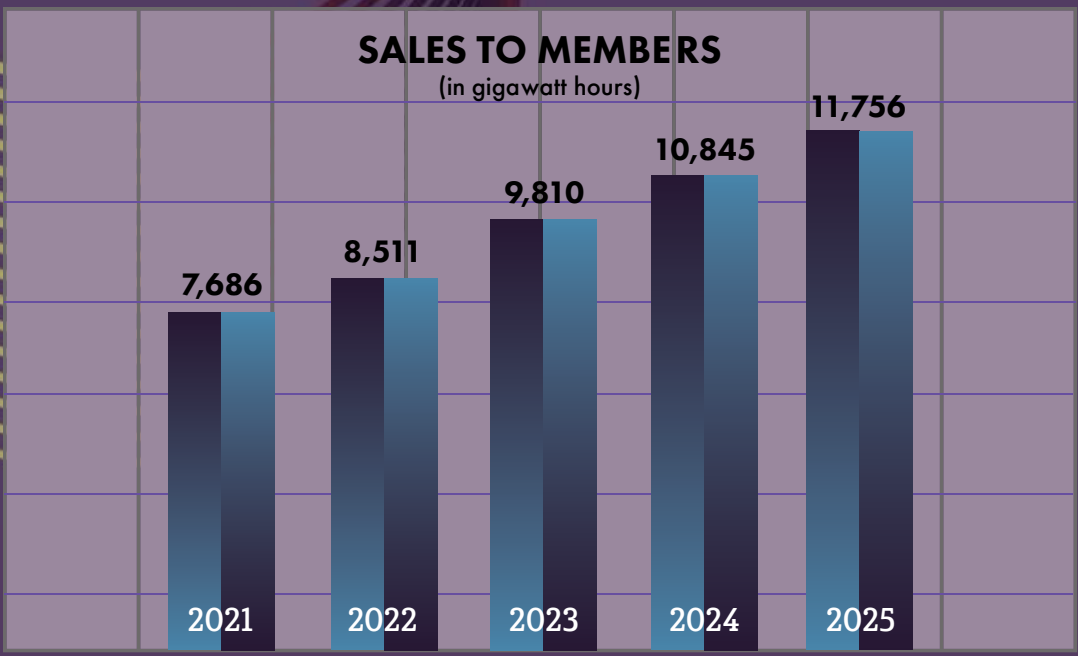
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Average rate to Members fluctuates with changes in operating costs, margin requirements and commodity costs. The increases in 2021 and 2022 were due to natural gas prices, amortization of Winter Storm Uri costs and increases in plant maintenance expense. The 2023, 2024 and 2025 rates reflect a return to lower natural gas prices.



Members had significant load growth in 2024 and 2025. In general, fluctuations in gigawatt hour sales to Members are caused by weather conditions, oil and gas production and agriculture activity. In addition to traditional load growth, incremental sales were made to mega-consumers and South Plains Electric Cooperative's ERCOT load.

# KEY DATA

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT DATA	2025	2024
Operating Revenues	\$ 604,332,465	\$ 520,996,331
Operating Expenses	558,947,972	478,571,243
Operating Margins, Before Fixed Charges	45,384,493	42,425,088
Fixed Charges Before AFUDC	27,280,515	27,905,971
AFUDC on Borrowed Funds	(1,048,606)	(412,750)
Nonoperating Margins	9,705,053	13,649,901
Net Margins	28,857,637	28,581,768
Total Assets	1,377,138,068	1,366,174,653
Long-Term Debt	542,718,549	550,532,798
Members' Equity	491,180,496	481,122,859
GSEC Properties - EBITDA	\$ 523,619	\$ 527,029

FINANCIAL RATIOS		
Total Equity/Total Assets (%)	35.67	35.22
Days Cash on Hand	200	268
Debt Service Coverage (DSC) Ratio	1.69	1.74
Debt/Funds Available for Debt Service	5.48	5.30
Equity/Capitalization (%)	45.90	45.29

OPERATING STATISTICS		
Average Sales Price/MWh	\$ 45.35	\$ 41.95
Energy Sales to Members (MWh) - SPP	6,531,579	6,705,226
Energy Sales to Members (MWh) - ERCOT	5,224,845	4,140,098
Energy Sales to Members (MWh) - Total	11,756,424	10,845,324
Member Peak Demand (MW) - SPP*	1,450	1,494
Member Peak Demand (MW) - ERCOT*	399	403
Member Peak Demand (MW) - Total*	1,849	1,897
Gas Purchased (MMBtu)	55,812,155	51,631,708

\* Peak demands do not include sales to mega-consumers.





Kari Hollandsworth



Kelly Lankford

Between mega-consumers, rapidly changing market rules and technological shifts, utilities across the country are altering plans to meet the current moment. Fortunately for Golden Spread, the vision and good planning of the Board of Directors allow our focus to remain clear: Be a trusted cooperative partner, delivering cost-effective, competitive and reliable generation, while making disciplined decisions that protect our Members and prepare for what comes next.

### **STEADY PLANNING FOR AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE**

In a time when the pace of change shows no sign of slowing, Golden Spread steadily focused on its planning expertise. The Board made decisions to create near-term stability and preserve flexibility for the years ahead. By engaging earlier in the planning process and preparing well in advance of future resource needs, we are positioned to respond thoughtfully to new developments in the industry.

### **NAVIGATING MEGA-CONSUMERS WITH GUARDRAILS**

Mega-consumers, which we're defining as non-traditional loads over 30 MW, continue to reshape the electric landscape. This year, we refined our approach to managing mega-consumers' electricity needs. Currently, we tie incremental purchases to these loads to isolate them from the rest of the membership's needs, and have chosen not to commit new generation for mega-consumers. We have re-evaluated our approach and are offering an option

to build new resources under the right conditions, which include substantial upfront investment from mega-consumers. This effort reflects careful research, financial due diligence and a clear commitment to protecting existing Members. Growth opportunities are being evaluated through a strategic framework that balances flexibility with responsibility, ensuring that stability for all Members remains the top priority.

### **GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNICATION AS STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

As decisions grow more complex, strong governance and clear communication become essential. In 2025, we invested additional time and effort in Board education and in-depth conversations around the issues facing the industry. This breaks complex issues into manageable discussions to make sure everyone understands the decisions made and the reasons behind them. We're seeing the approach build better alignment and confidence, which allows the Board to move forward together on issues that shape our future.

### **RELIABILITY AND OPERATIONAL READINESS**

When looking ahead, reliability remains a key focus for Golden Spread. We continue to strengthen operational readiness through ongoing performance improvements and maintenance initiatives. These efforts create a resilient platform capable of supporting tomorrow's growth and change.

### **PLANNING AHEAD FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Preparing for the future also means preparing our people. With approximately a quarter of our staff approaching retirement age, Golden Spread is being intentional about hiring, leadership development, succession planning and knowledge transfer. Through initiatives like Lead the Way, we are building the next generation of leaders who will carry forward our cooperative values while navigating the complex environment of our industry.

# CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

## STAYING INVOLVED WHERE DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE

The policy and regulatory landscape continues to evolve, with decisions increasingly developed in legislative and regulatory forums. Golden Spread remains actively engaged in these conversations, advocating for policies that support reliability and affordability for our Members. Staying informed and involved is key to making sure Golden Spread's voice is heard as rules and markets continue to change.

## ADVOCATING FOR FAIR COST RESPONSIBILITY IN TRANSMISSION EXPANSION

One of the policy decisions we're working to shape involves transmission expansion. Transmission investment is growing rapidly, and with it comes significant cost implications. We are advocating for a cost-responsibility approach that is both fair and sustainable – one in which those who benefit from new transmission infrastructure, including mega-consumers, are the ones who bear its costs. This principle is essential to protecting Members from unnecessary financial burden while supporting the infrastructure needed for a reliable grid.

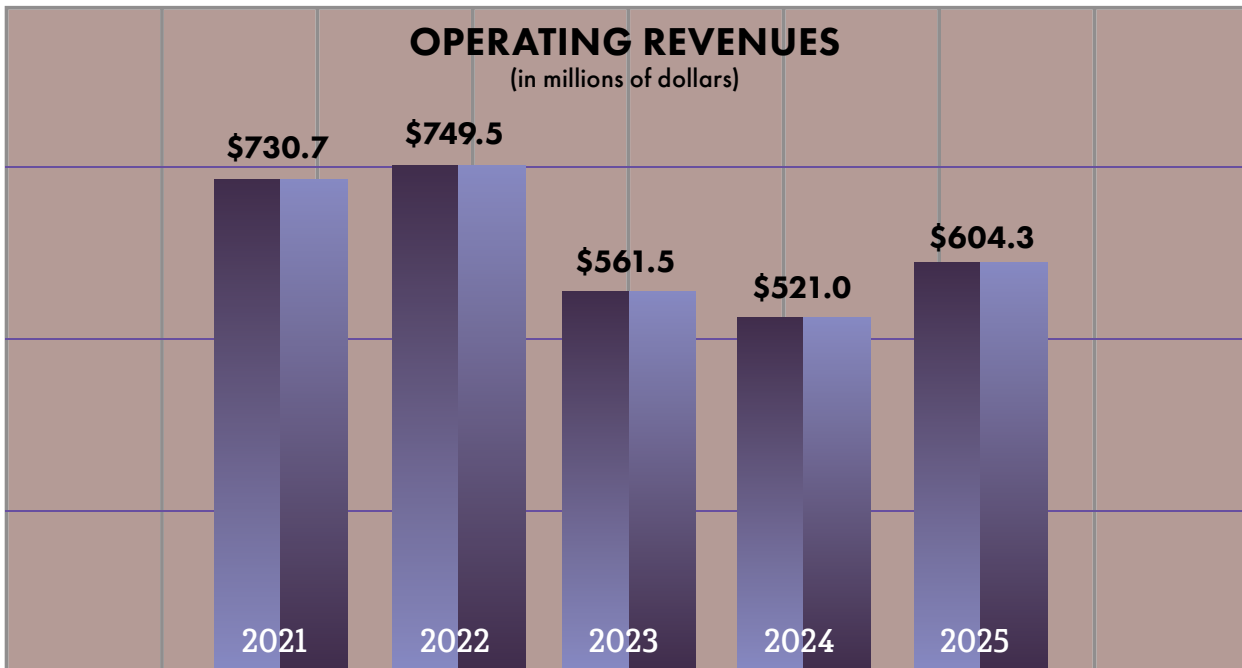
## TRUSTED COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Underpinning all this work is the trust we share with our Members. Through transparent follow-through and frequent engagement, Golden Spread continues to show up as a true cooperative partner. We listen, and we make decisions together with Members. That trust is our greatest strength, and it guides every step as we prepare for the future together.

Looking ahead, we don't pretend to have every answer. We will, however, remain confident in prioritizing service to our friends and neighbors through the cooperative model. The pace of change is unlikely to slow down in coming years, yet we are proud to be the steady current for our Members. We will move ahead with a measured approach that balances affordability, flexibility and reliability to continue serving our Members well into the future.

Kari Hollandsworth  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Kelly Lankford  
Board Chairman  
and President



Variations in operating revenues are due to the volume of kilowatt-hour sales, Member rates and Board-approved margins.

# DIRECTING A STRATEGIC PATH FORWARD

In October 2025, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative held its annual off-site Strategic Planning Event to bring leadership and the Board of Directors together to discuss priorities and direction for the year ahead and beyond.

The yearly planning session serves as a critical checkpoint for confirming strategic alignment with the Board and reinforcing Golden Spread's long-term vision, mission and values. Guided by our core values of integrity, cooperation and respect, discussions focused on navigating industry risk and delivering competitive, reliable and cost-effective power.

**Golden Spread's strategic plan is organized around four focus areas: generation and planning; finance and rate; transmission; and value-added services.** Together, these areas support our vision of being a trusted, innovative and flexible energy partner.

During the planning event, leadership and the Board reviewed progress on key initiatives and examined emerging challenges in the electric industry. A significant portion of the discussion centered on generation planning, including updated methodologies for future site selection. The 2025 approach reflects changes in market conditions, transmission dynamics and regulatory frameworks, with increased emphasis on natural gas availability and differentiated considerations for the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

The Board also engaged in forward-looking discussions related to resource adequacy. Scenarios included:

- The potential purchase of a new generation resource to support projected reserve margin requirements in SPP. Modeling evaluated a range of market conditions, fuel price scenarios and portfolio hedge levels to assess cost and risk tradeoffs and inform future resource decisions.
- Another key topic was the proposed battery energy storage pilot project. The initiative would deploy a 10-megawatt battery system at an existing Golden Spread generation site to build operational experience, evaluate economic value streams and support fuel diversification. Discussions addressed technology options, cost considerations, regulatory timing and next steps required for Board approval.

Across all focus areas, the strategic planning event reinforced Golden Spread's steady and measured approach to decision-making. By balancing long-term resource development with financial flexibility and emerging technologies, Golden Spread remains positioned to respond to changing market, regulatory and load conditions and to sustain value for its Members.



*CEO Kari Hollandsworth addresses the Golden Spread Board and staff during the 2025 strategic planning session.*

## KEY STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Resource planning and generation portfolio evaluation
- Battery storage and distributed energy pilots
- Financial planning and mega-consumer strategy



*During the 2025 strategic planning session, Board Members and staff toured the Virginia-Georgia Transformer Plant in Rincon, Georgia, and participated in high-level discussions for Golden Spread's future generation and operations.*



# PREPARING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF LOAD GROWTH



Electric demand across the Golden Spread service territory continues to grow. Mega-consumers, such as data centers and other large electric users, are increasingly drawn to the region because of its abundant renewable resources, available land and strong electric infrastructure. These projects represent both opportunity and responsibility for our Member Cooperatives.

Golden Spread defines a mega-consumer as an electricity user with a load of 30 MW or greater. Over the past several years, interest from these large customers has accelerated significantly. By the end of 2025, projects energized across the system totaled approximately 450 MW of mega-consumer load.

Last year brought several major developments. New projected load emerged in Deaf Smith County, representing approximately 200 MW of potential demand. In addition, agreements were executed in April 2025 for an Armstrong County project, which is expected to begin energizing in 2026 and could reach up to 600 MW of load.

Interest in these projects continues to expand across the cooperative network. At the end of 2025, most Golden Spread Members have been approached regarding at least one data center project, demonstrating the growing attention the region is receiving from large energy users.

## **A COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO MANAGING GROWTH**

As mega-consumer opportunities expand, Golden Spread remains focused on maintaining a balanced approach that supports Member interests while protecting the cooperative system as a whole.

Three principles continue to guide this work:

- Golden Spread will serve mega-consumers.
- Golden Spread will continue serving its Members as their full-requirements power supplier.
- Mega-consumer projects will be negotiated under the Board-approved deal structures currently in place.

## **BUILDING THE FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE PROJECTS**

Much of the work during 2025 focused on preparing Golden Spread for long-term growth while ensuring that new projects do not create unintended costs for existing Members.

The Board made several key decisions related to rate design, capacity and energy structures that position Golden Spread to serve substantial load growth in the years ahead. These decisions are designed to allow the cooperative to support mega-consumer demand over the next decade, while protecting Members who choose not to participate in these projects.

To support this effort, Golden Spread is developing three tailored rate offerings for mega-consumers:

- A new Large Load Rate product
- A Demand Response Rider
- A modified Dedicated Service Rider (DSR) structure

The cooperative also established a policy that if Golden Spread builds new generation resources to serve these projects, a significant financial contribution will be required from the project

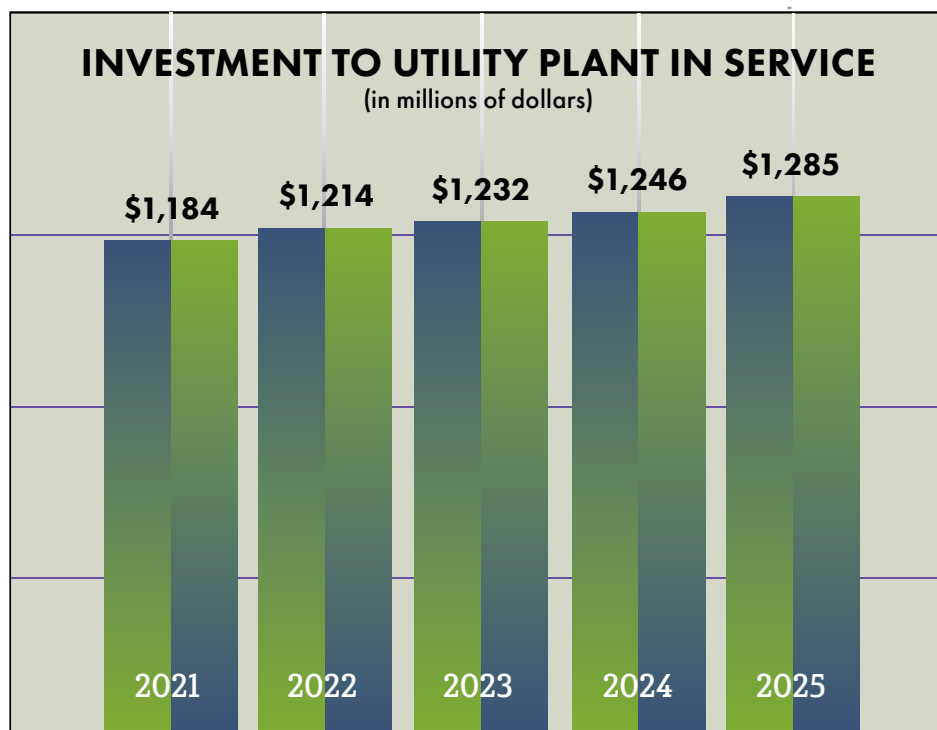
developers. This approach helps fund generation assets upfront and reduces the risk of long-term rate impacts to other Members.

### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

While mega-consumer demand can fluctuate significantly over time, Golden Spread continues to prepare for the opportunities these projects present. Over the past year, we focused on developing new and modified rate structures, evaluating workforce needs and preparing for potential regulatory filings that may be required as projects move forward.

As interest in the region continues to grow, Golden Spread remains committed to managing these opportunities responsibly. By maintaining clear policies, protecting Member interests and planning carefully for future demand, Golden Spread is positioning Members to benefit from the next generation of economic growth in the region.

Golden Spread owns and operates a fleet consisting primarily of natural gas-fired generators to meet our Members' energy needs.



# FULL MARKET FLEXIBILITY ACHIEVED AT ANTELOPE ELK ENERGY CENTER



In 2024, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative outlined plans to enhance flexibility at Antelope Elk Energy Center (AEEC) by making Elk Unit 3 grid switchable between the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). On April 11, 2025, that strategic initiative reached a major milestone with the successful completion of the Elk Unit 3 grid-switching project.

The upgrades now allow Elk Unit 3 to operate in both ERCOT and SPP, strengthening Golden Spread's ability to respond to changing system conditions and evolving Member demand. With this achievement, every registered generating unit at AEEC is capable of operating in either market, giving Golden Spread full grid-switching functionality across the facility.

Completion of the project added approximately 200 MW of accredited capacity in SPP and enhanced Golden Spread's ability to optimize its generation portfolio across both regions. This additional capacity strengthens risk management strategies and supports reliable generation for our 16 Member Cooperatives.

The expanded grid-switching functionality also supports compliance with performance-based accreditation requirements in SPP. As Member load growth accelerates and regulatory standards

evolve, access to dispatchable, fast-start generation resources plays a critical role in maintaining system reliability and meeting accreditation obligations.

The Elk Unit 3 project required coordination across multiple departments, including engineering, regulatory, commercial operations and plant staff. From equipment modifications to interconnection work and system integration, the effort reflects diligent planning, technical expertise and collaboration throughout the organization.

Special recognition is due to the AEEC Plant Operations team. Plant staff maintained operational excellence and successfully coordinated the outages required to complete the upgrades. Their focus and professionalism allowed project work to advance while meeting performance expectations in both ERCOT and SPP.

With Elk Unit 3 now fully grid switchable, Golden Spread has completed a key component of its long-term resource strategy. Achieving full grid-switching capability at AEEC strengthens the ability to align generation resources with Member needs and reinforces Golden Spread's mission to deliver cost-effective, competitive and reliable power while supporting a secure energy future for generations to come.

# EXPANDING RELIABLE GENERATION AT ANTELOPE ELK ENERGY CENTER

Golden Spread continues to invest in reliable, flexible generation to meet the growing needs of its Members. One of the most significant projects underway is the construction of Elk Unit 4 at Antelope Elk Energy Center near Abernathy, Texas.

When completed, Elk Unit 4 will provide an additional 200 MW of dispatchable generation, which will strengthen Golden Spread's ability to serve Member load growth and meet increasing reliability requirements in the region. Southwest Power Pool (SPP) rules require Golden Spread to maintain sufficient generating capacity to serve our Members in SPP, and Elk Unit 4 represents a cost-effective solution to meet those capacity obligations while maintaining operational flexibility.

Like Elk Units 1, 2 and 3, the new unit will be configured as a fast-start peaking unit, allowing it to start rapidly in response to changing market conditions. This capability means the unit can quickly supply power when demand increases and can be taken offline when it is not needed, helping Golden Spread efficiently manage its generation portfolio.

Additionally, Elk Unit 4 will be grid-switchable, allowing it to operate in either SPP or the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. This flexibility enhances the value of the asset by enabling Golden Spread to serve load across both markets as conditions require.

The gas turbine designated for the unit had been in storage and was sent for refurbishment and modernization during the third quarter of 2025. Construction of the new facility began in the fourth quarter of 2025.

The Elk Unit 4 project is a company-wide effort, involving teams across engineering, operations, finance and regulatory functions to ensure successful execution. Golden Spread expects the unit to be completed and operational in the summer of 2027.

Through careful planning and strategic investment in resources like Elk Unit 4, Golden Spread continues to position its generation fleet to deliver reliable, cost-effective power for Members while adapting to the evolving demands of the electric grid.



# A MEASURED APPROACH TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

In late 2024, the Golden Spread Board of Directors approved a generative AI policy designed to protect our data, systems and employees. As generative AI tools became widely accessible, many employees were curious about their potential but unsure how to apply them safely or effectively in the workplace.

Then in 2025, Golden Spread took a measured, cooperative-driven approach to the adoption of generative artificial intelligence (AI), focusing on responsible use, employee education and protection of Member and organizational interests.

The initiative was led by Golden Spread's Information Technology (IT) department in close partnership with our legal counsel and several Member Cooperatives. This collaborative approach aligned the resulting policy with cooperative values while remaining practical for day-to-day use by employees.

Throughout 2025, the IT department delivered a series of trainings, workshops and hands-on demonstrations to build staff understanding and confidence. Training sessions focused on foundational concepts, real-world use cases and clear guidelines for responsible use. Employees learned where generative AI could meaningfully support their work, such as drafting documents or improving analytical efficiency, with a focus on reinforcing safeguards to protect sensitive information.

Training continues to be delivered across Golden Spread's internal teams through a combination of in-person sessions, virtual demonstrations and guided practice. The policy and supporting materials are also shared broadly across the organization and with Member Cooperatives to encourage consistency and shared understanding.

The initiative supports Golden Spread's long-term goals by enhancing operational efficiency, encouraging innovation, reducing administrative burden and improving the speed and accuracy of internal decision-making. Golden Spread has used AI-adjacent technologies for years, such as machine learning for load forecasting. However, generative AI introduced new considerations due to its rapid and widespread adoption.

Through training and clear guidance, employees gained a better understanding that generative AI is not intended to replace their roles. Instead, it serves as a tool to streamline routine tasks, allowing greater focus on higher-value work that directly benefits Member-Consumers.

Looking ahead, Golden Spread's approach to AI remains intentionally measured by continuing to embrace innovation without moving faster than its risk tolerance. This means adopting tools in ways that align with cooperative principles and Member value and reinforcing the concept that technology is meant to enhance employee effectiveness.



# FINANCIAL POLICY UPDATES REINFORCE LONG-RANGE STRENGTH

Golden Spread reaffirmed its commitment to strong financial stewardship in 2025 by approving its long-range financial strategy focused on maintaining strong credit metrics, managing rising capital requirements and stabilizing Member equity contributions over the next decade.

The Board-approved targets include sustaining equity at 30% to 35% of total capitalization, maintaining a minimum Debt Service Coverage ratio of 1.5 and holding liquidity equal to at least 90 days of operating expenses. Together, these benchmarks provide the framework for Golden Spread's disciplined financial management.

Looking ahead, Golden Spread anticipates significant capital expansion, including major

maintenance projects, new generation resources and pilot battery-energy storage initiatives. Over the planning period, capital needs are projected to exceed \$540 million.

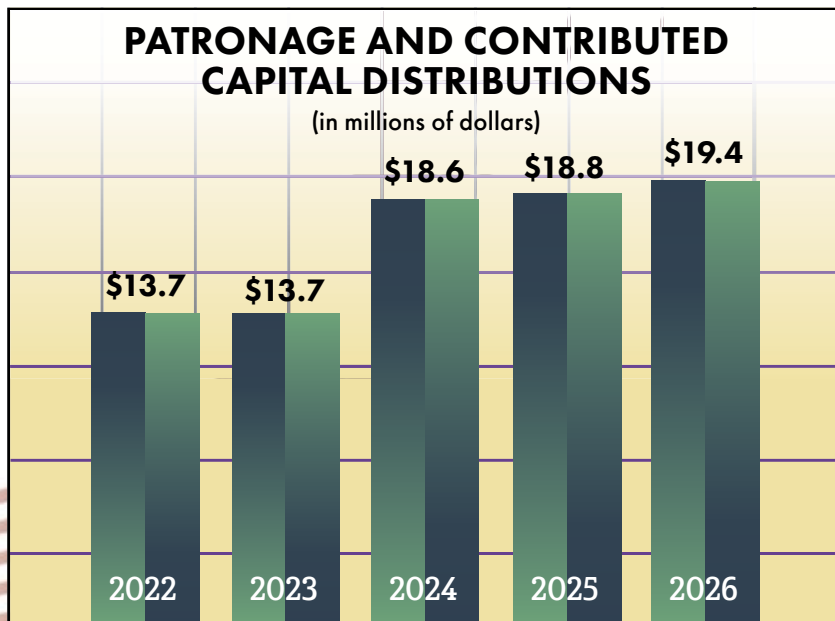
Golden Spread also approved a financial strategy that increases annual Member margins between \$25 million and \$35 million through 2029. This measured adjustment helps offset future capital requirements and supports long-term rate stability.

Golden Spread will refine its assumptions as mega-consumer developments, generation strategies and market conditions evolve to deliver cost-effective, competitive and reliable power for generations to come.

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AAA	AAA	AAA	PRIME
AA1	AA+	AA+	HIGH GRADE
AA2	AA	AA	
AA3	AA-	AA-	
A1	A+	A+	UPPER MEDIUM GRADE
A2	A	A	
A3	A-	A-	

Highlighted cells indicate Golden Spread's credit rating at year-end 2025.

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Golden Spread's Board of Directors increased the payment of patronage capital in 2026.

# DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF GOLDEN SPREAD LEADERS

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative launched Lead the Way in 2025 as a strategic investment in leadership continuity and professional development. Grounded in Golden Spread's operating principles and aligned with its mission to deliver cost-effective, competitive and reliable power, the program strengthens internal leadership capacity and positions Golden Spread for long-term success.

Planning began in 2024 with a clear objective: cultivate leaders equipped to navigate a rapidly evolving electric industry. The first sessions took place in March 2025, and the inaugural year concluded in January 2026. Interest has been strong, with a three-year waiting list already established.

## DESIGNED FOR A CHANGING INDUSTRY

Golden Spread leaders developed the curriculum and served as faculty members for Lead the Way, which provides practical leadership tools tailored to the electric cooperative environment. The program emphasizes strategic thinking, communication, accountability and informed decision-making. These capabilities are essential in an industry experiencing regulatory shifts,

technological advancement and continued load growth.

The inaugural cohort represented diverse departments across the organization. Sessions held in Amarillo provided a structured setting for collaboration and professional growth.

## STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATIVE MODEL

Golden Spread is making intentional investments in its staff, and Lead the Way supports Golden Spread's commitment to hiring and developing the best. As the industry faces workforce shortages and a significant number of approaching retirements, developing talent internally expands the pool of qualified leaders while reinforcing institutional knowledge and retention.

Intentional investment in people strengthens organizational resilience, just as long-term planning safeguards reliable generation and transmission resources. The inaugural year of Lead the Way reflects an organized approach to leadership development that emphasizes the cooperative model and supports a secure energy future for generations to come.



# GOLDEN SPREAD PURSUES STATE FUNDING TO STRENGTHEN POWER RELIABILITY

Golden Spread has applied for funding through the Texas Energy Fund (TxEF) to help strengthen electric reliability and support future power needs for our Member Cooperatives.

The TxEF is a state program managed by the Texas Comptroller. It provides grants and financing to encourage new power generation, improve existing facilities and support resources that can deliver electricity when it is needed most. The program focuses on dependable, on-demand energy sources, including natural gas generation.

Golden Spread submitted applications through two TxEF programs. The Completion Bonus Grant Program supports new power generation within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). The Outside ERCOT Grant Program helps improve existing power resources in areas beyond the ERCOT territory, including the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). Since Golden Spread operates in both markets, these programs are a good fit.

If awarded, the funding would help Golden Spread move forward with projects that improve reliability during peak demand. It would also help reduce costs for Member Cooperatives by adding outside funding to support these efforts.

Through planning and the use of available resources, Golden Spread continues to support the Members and the communities they serve.



*Shown here, Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative replaces a transformer in the Spurlock/Flyer Substation. Rita Blanca was a recipient of federal funding through the U.S. Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program to construct approximately 55 miles of new transmission near Dalhart, Texas. This is one of many examples of Golden Spread Members working to secure grant funding that strengthens infrastructure in the region.*

# STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION OF GOVERNANCE



## A STEADY PATH TO GOVERNANCE

### 2024

- Governance modernization initiative launched
- Baseline review of Articles and Bylaws completed
- Bylaws refined for clarity and consistency
- Golden Spread PAC formalized as a Board committee
- PAC charter and policy adopted

### 2025

- Third-party governance facilitated by NRECA
- Board effectiveness and culture surveys conducted
- Facilitated Board workshops conducted
- Review of Board meetings, agendas and materials
- Committee structures and charters evaluated
- Five-phase governance review framework approved

### 2026 and Beyond

- Policy standardization underway
- Board and financial policies reviewed for alignment and compliance
- Committee charter development continues
- Governance review cycles embedded into ongoing Board processes

Golden Spread continued a multi-year effort to modernize board governance practices by strengthening oversight and supporting a high-functioning board through structured assessment and policy alignment.

The initiative encompasses updates to governing documents, a comprehensive review of board and committee processes, policy standardization and a formal board performance and culture assessment. This work reflects Golden Spread's commitment to strong governance as the foundation for long-term reliability and accountability, as well as strategic decision-making.

This effort brought together the Golden Spread Board of Directors, staff and several subject matter experts. Golden Spread also engaged the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) to provide third-party facilitation and benchmarking aligned with cooperative best practices.

Work began in 2024 with a baseline review of governing documents to confirm legal compliance and document integrity. This initial phase also included a governance review of the Golden Spread political action committee (PAC), which resulted in formalizing the PAC as a Board committee and adopting a charter and PAC policy consistent with federal and state requirements.

Building on that foundation, the modernization effort expanded significantly throughout 2025. The Board conducted a broad review of governance processes, including board meeting practices, agenda development, meeting materials and the accuracy of minutes. Committee structures and charters were evaluated for clarity, composition and alignment with organizational strategy, and new charters were developed where none previously existed.

As part of this work, the Board participated in two surveys facilitated by NRECA, each followed by

an in-person workshop. The board performance assessment evaluated effectiveness, preparedness, strategic oversight, meeting quality and role clarity to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement. A complementary board culture and dynamics assessment examined communication patterns, trust, collaboration and behavioral norms to support a cohesive, high-functioning governance culture.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, the Board approved a five-phase review framework to guide ongoing committee evaluation, charter development and policy alignment. In 2026, Golden Spread is implementing full policy standardization, including the review of board and financial policies for clarity, consistency, relevance and compliance with industry standards. Ongoing review cycles

are being embedded into governance, finance and compliance processes.

This phased approach supports Golden Spread's long-term goals by reinforcing strategic alignment and accountability, improving operational efficiency and compliance and strengthening board effectiveness. Delegation of authority and standardized governance documents have been clarified to reduce ambiguity, support audit readiness and promote consistent decision-making.

Together, these efforts establish a sustainable governance model built on continuous improvement, positioning the Board to respond effectively to evolving market conditions, regulatory requirements and emerging risks while maintaining a clear focus on Member value.



*Golden Spread hosts elected officials at Board of Directors meetings on a regular basis. Here, Kari Hollandsworth meets with Texas State Representative Wes Verdell, who represents portions of the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative service area.*



# RESPONSIBLY ADVOCATING FOR MEMBERS IN ERCOT

Electric demand in Texas is evolving rapidly. Data centers and other mega-consumers are seeking locations with abundant renewable resources and competitive power costs. While these projects bring economic opportunities to the region, they also introduce new challenges for grid reliability.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative has taken an active role in helping the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) develop solutions to address these changes. During the past year, Golden Spread sponsored two ERCOT rule changes that improve the voluntary framework for managing large flexible loads during grid emergencies.

These rule changes create clarity in ERCOT's Voluntary Early Curtailment and Registration of Large Loads, which allows large electricity users to voluntarily register with ERCOT and agree to reduce their power consumption when directed during emergency conditions. By curtailing demand earlier in an emergency event, these loads can help stabilize grid conditions and reduce the need for broader outages affecting other customers.

The framework also provides clearer operational procedures for ERCOT, Transmission Operators and market participants. Importantly, it ensures that extremely large loads are managed in a way that does not create disproportionate reliability obligations for Members and other smaller electric systems serving rural areas.

Golden Spread sponsored both the protocol revision and the accompanying operating guide updates to ensure the new program fits within ERCOT's market rules and emergency operations.

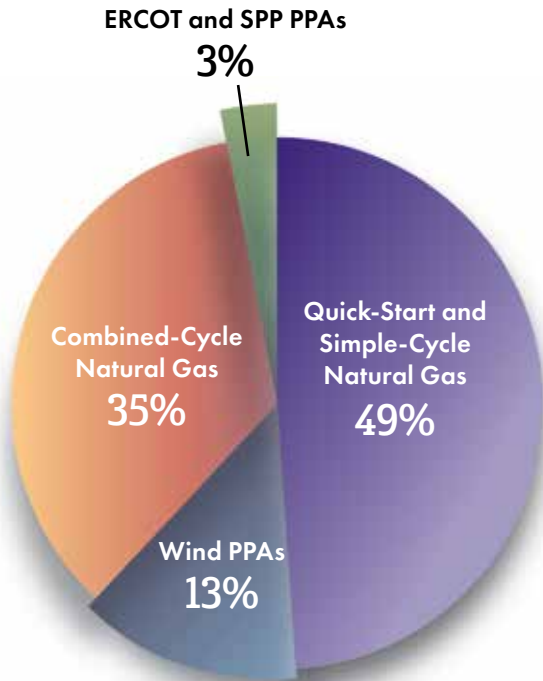
These rule changes were approved by the ERCOT Technical Advisory Committee and the Public Utility Commission of Texas on July 31, 2025. Implementation is expected in summer 2026, ahead of the winter 2026-2027 planning season.

Golden Spread's leadership in this effort reflects a continued commitment to protecting reliability for Members while helping the industry adapt to a rapidly changing energy landscape.

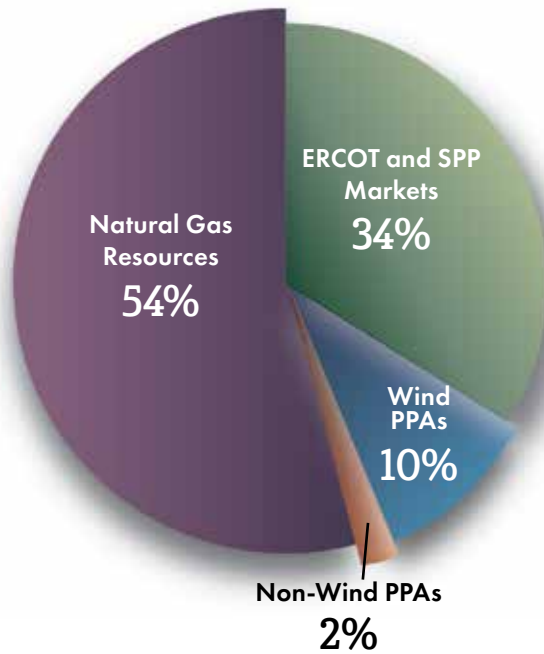


# CURRENT RESOURCE OPERATION

## 2025 POWER SUPPLY RESOURCES



## ENERGY SOURCES USED TO MEET 2025 MEMBER REQUIREMENTS



Energy sources reflect the net impact of market conditions. Charts refer to sales made under the System Service Rate (SSR), which rely on all of Golden Spread's resources, including its power plants. PPAs are power purchase agreements. Golden Spread does not retain the environmental attributes associated with wind.



# POWERING THROUGH POLICY CHANGE

The energy industry continues to operate in an environment defined by policy shifts, regulatory reconsideration and heightened focus on system resiliency. For Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, active engagement in legislative and regulatory matters remains essential to protecting our Members' interests and preserving the flexibility required to deliver reliable, competitive power.

Throughout 2025, Golden Spread strengthened its presence in regional policy discussions, closely monitored evolving federal environmental regulations, and supported Members through emerging compliance requirements. These efforts reflect Golden Spread's seasoned approach to navigating industry risk while maintaining long-term strategic stability.

## **ELEVATING WEST TEXAS IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS**

Golden Spread staff attended Legislative Day activities, where preparation and participation were well-received by lawmakers and stakeholders. Engagement at the Texas State Capitol reinforced Golden Spread's reputation as a knowledgeable resource on generation, transmission and wholesale market operations across both the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Southwest Power Pool.

Building on that momentum, Golden Spread sponsored a panel discussion at the West Texas Legislative Summit at Angelo State University in July 2025. The one-day summit convened federal and state lawmakers, military leadership, business representatives and community stakeholders to address regional and national priorities.

With attendance exceeding 500 participants, the event highlighted West Texas' growing importance as a strategic hub for energy production, agriculture, national defense and emerging technologies. Discussions emphasized rural infrastructure investment, grid resiliency, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and cross-sector collaboration.

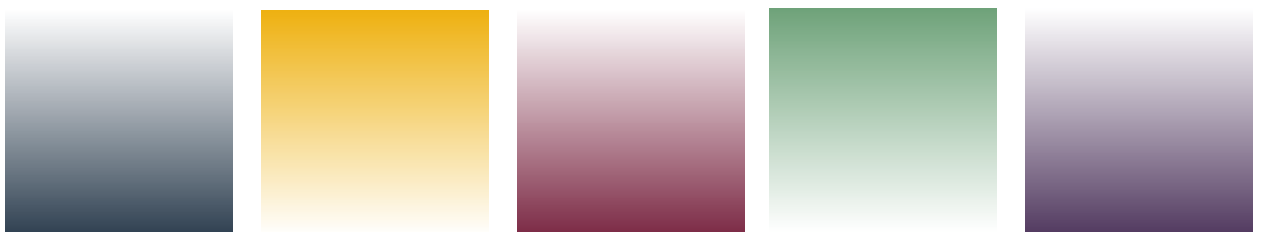
Golden Spread representatives participated in the summit alongside several Members. Participation in forums like the West Texas Legislative Summit brings the cooperative voice into conversations that guide state and federal policy.

## **FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DEVELOPMENTS**

While regional engagement strengthens the cooperative voice, federal regulatory developments influence long-term planning. In 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency initiated a broad shift in environmental policy, announcing actions to reconsider and revise air regulations affecting electric generation.

These actions primarily have an impact on air permitting, emissions standards and compliance planning for natural gas-fired generation resources. Many of these regulatory rulings remain subject to formal rulemaking and potential litigation. Final requirements are expected to evolve over several years.

For generation-owning cooperatives, the central considerations remain around permitting certainty and the ability to construct and operate dispatchable natural gas resources necessary



to maintain reliability. As renewable generation expands and our Member Cooperatives' load patterns evolve, access to flexible, dependable generation remains critical to system stability.

Golden Spread carefully evaluates these developments to maintain adaptable long-term resource planning in a shifting regulatory environment.

### **STRENGTHENING WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS AND COMPLIANCE**

At the state level, wildfire mitigation planning has emerged as an increasingly important regulatory focus. Golden Spread's regulatory team remained actively engaged throughout implementation of Texas House Bill 145 and associated rulemakings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

During the 2024-2025 rulemaking process, Golden Spread successfully addressed Member concerns related to wildfire mitigation plan requirements. Continued engagement in 2025 and 2026 centers on development of pro forma wildfire mitigation plan templates and maintaining compliance expectations that are practical and workable for cooperative utilities.

To further support our Members, Golden Spread plans to retain a wildfire utility consultant to assist with mitigation planning, compliance support and best-practice development. These efforts are designed to protect cooperative interests while improving preparedness and reducing operational risk across Member territories.

### **A SEASONED APPROACH TO INDUSTRY CHANGE**

The pace of legislative and regulatory change requires steady engagement and long-term experience. From participating in Legislative Day and sponsoring regional policy summits to monitoring federal rulemakings and supporting wildfire mitigation compliance, Golden Spread remains focused on protecting our Members' interests and maintaining operational flexibility.

By engaging early, advocating thoughtfully and planning strategically, Golden Spread continues to navigate industry risk while delivering cost-effective, competitive and reliable power to secure a stable energy future for Members and the communities they serve.



**EXECUTIVE TEAM** (from left): John Eichelmann, Vice President, Member Services and Power Delivery; James Guy, General Counsel, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer; Matt Lowe, Chief Financial and Risk Officer; Kari Hollandsworth, President and Chief Executive Officer; Matt Moore, Vice President, Commercial and Asset Operations

# GOLDEN SPREAD HOSTS NATIONAL INDUSTRY MEETING

Golden Spread hosted the 74th Annual Meeting of the Association of Rural Electric Generating Cooperatives (AREGC) June 15-18, 2025, in San Antonio. Electric generation cooperatives from across the country attended the meeting to exchange ideas and discuss emerging industry challenges.

AREGC is a voluntary organization of generation cooperatives created to provide a forum for sharing experience and insight related to the design, engineering, construction, permitting, operation and maintenance of electric generation resources. Golden Spread is an active member of the association and volunteered to host the 2025 annual meeting as part of its commitment to collaboration and industry engagement.

Participants attended meetings and presentations focused on industry trends, regulatory developments and operational best practices. The conference also featured a vendor exhibit

hall, networking opportunities, an organized golf event and a banquet that provided additional opportunities for relationship-building.

Meeting planning spanned nearly two years and was led by Golden Spread's Power Supply and Member Services departments. Staff worked closely with AREGC leadership to coordinate logistics and develop a program that supported meaningful dialogue among cooperatives and industry partners.

By hosting the annual meeting, Golden Spread strengthened relationships with peer cooperatives, vendors and partners while gaining valuable insight into shared challenges facing electric generation cooperatives. Participation in AREGC continues to support Golden Spread's commitment to collaboration, knowledge sharing and active engagement within the electric cooperative industry.



*Golden Spread staff built new relationships and strengthened connections with other rural electric cooperatives as they hosted this successful conference.*

# A STEADY CURRENT SHAPES TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Each year, Golden Spread sponsors two students selected by their local electric cooperatives to participate in the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, a national leadership program sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

In 2025, the Golden Spread Youth Tour sponsorship was awarded to Hadleigh Scott, a student at New Home High School in the Lyntegar Electric Cooperative territory, and Sabrina Nyman, a student at Perryton High School in the North Plains Electric Cooperative territory.

Each summer, nearly 1,500 high school students from 44 states travel to Washington, D.C., as part of the Youth Tour experience. In 2025, students selected by their local cooperatives visited historic landmarks, met with elected officials and learned how the cooperative business model serves members and communities. Participants also gained insight into the role electric cooperatives play in advocating for rural America at the federal level.

Golden Spread and its Member Cooperatives remain committed to investing in the next generation. Programs such as the Government-in-Action Youth Tour reflect the cooperative principles of education, involvement and concern for community, and help students develop leadership skills and a deeper understanding of civic responsibility.

## GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR DEVELOPS FUTURE LEADERS



**HADLEIGH SCOTT**  
Lyntegar  
Electric Cooperative



**SABRINA NYMAN**  
North Plains  
Electric Cooperative

## DIRECTORS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Directors' Memorial Scholarship, established in 1991, honors former Directors of Golden Spread who were dedicated to the development and advancement of rural electrification.

The scholarships are designated for graduating high school students attending a college, university or technical/trade school in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma or Texas in the following fall semester. The student must be a Member-Consumer of one of the 16 rural electric cooperatives which Golden Spread serves.

Student recipients receive a total of \$2,000, providing \$500 for each of the four semesters of a student's first two years.

Individual contributions are welcomed and add to the endowment for the scholarship fund.

For more information about Golden Spread's scholarships or to apply, visit [www.gsec.coop](http://www.gsec.coop).

AT LARGE



**Carter Cline**  
Concho Valley  
Electric Cooperative



**Jaxon Meadows**  
North Plains  
Electric Cooperative

CENTRAL



**Alaina Baldrige**  
South Plains  
Electric Cooperative



**Abbye Turner**  
South Plains  
Electric Cooperative

NORTH



**Brynlie Cleavinger**  
Deaf Smith  
Electric Cooperative



**Zyliah Strickland**  
TCEC

SOUTH



**Brayson Beck**  
Lyntegar  
Electric Cooperative



**Jimena Morales**  
Lyntegar  
Electric Cooperative

## MARK W. SCHWITZ EMPLOYEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Mark W. Schwitz Employee Memorial Scholarship was established in 2021 by the Golden Spread Board of Directors to honor the service of the late Mark Schwitz, former Golden Spread President and CEO. This year, the scholarship was awarded to Brianna Baucom, daughter of Big Country Electric Cooperative employee Latrice Baucom and her husband, Shea; and Kagen Logan, son of Big Country Electric Cooperative Board Member, Zachary Logan and his wife, Kristi.

The Board approved an initial contribution of \$10,000, and CoBank matched the donation. Golden Spread Members' Boards and numerous individuals also contributed to the scholarship fund.

Eligible applicants must be an employee or Director of Golden Spread or one of its Members or have a parent or guardian who is an employee or Director of Golden Spread or one of its Members. Applications

are due on March 1 of each year and awarded for the following school year.

Each student receives a \$1,000 scholarship to further their college education. Ten students have received the scholarship since the first ones were awarded in 2021.



**Brianna Baucom**  
Big Country  
Electric Cooperative



**Kagen Logan**  
Big Country  
Electric Cooperative

# A STEADY COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY IMPACT



Golden Spread's Community Involvement Committee (CIC) translated cooperative values into meaningful action in 2025, expanding employee engagement and supporting communities across our service territory.

Guided by the theme "Doers Get More Done," the committee emphasized broader participation in Golden Spread's Volunteer Time Program and directed financial and in-kind support to causes with immediate local impact.

Throughout 2025, the committee coordinated a range of giving and volunteer efforts. Employees gathered canned goods and raised funds to support the Advocacy and Resource Center at Amarillo College, helping address food insecurity among students. The CIC also donated \$8,000 to local volunteer fire departments to strengthen emergency response capabilities in rural communities.

Employee-led fundraising further reflected Golden Spread's commitment to community. Employees raised more than \$3,000 to assist two linemen injured while working in harsh conditions within Member service territories. In addition, the CIC organized Zae's Hope School Supply Drive, delivering a vehicle full of supplies to support children whose parents are incarcerated or recently released.

Beyond direct service and giving, the committee shared the CIC model with Members. Representatives presented at an all-staff meeting hosted by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative to highlight the collective impact of employee involvement. CIC members also presented at the Member Forum, offering practical insight into establishing and sustaining similar community-focused programs.

The CIC's work reflects the seventh cooperative principle—Concern for Community—by raising awareness of nonprofit organizations, creating volunteer opportunities and providing support that advances local initiatives. The Board of Directors' decision to increase the committee's budget in 2026 indicates its confidence in the program's impact and direction.

The CIC remains focused on expanding participation and strengthening communities through hands-on service and thoughtful, cooperative-driven giving.



*Golden Spread employees volunteer for various nonprofits throughout the service area. This work is one of the ways staff honor the seventh cooperative principle, Concern for Community.*

# IN GRATITUDE

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative honors the dedicated leaders and employees whose years of service have strengthened our cooperative and the Members we serve. Their commitment, integrity and steady leadership have helped position Golden Spread and our Member Cooperatives for long-term success.

## STAFF RETIREMENTS



**LARRY SHIELDS**

Larry Shields retired from Golden Spread Electric Cooperative on January 23, 2025, concluding more than 38 years in the electric industry, including 16 years of service to Golden Spread.

Mr. Shields began his tenure at Golden Spread in the Billing Department and moved to Member Services, where he was a trusted resource to Members and colleagues alike. His knowledge, professionalism and commitment to cooperative service played an important role in supporting Member needs. In preparation for his retirement, he worked closely with his team to help ensure a smooth transition within the department.

Golden Spread extends its gratitude to Mr. Shields for his years of dedication and service to our Members.



**DAVID DYE**

David Dye retired from Golden Spread Electric Cooperative after more than 41 years in the electric industry, serving at Golden Spread for the last four years of his career.

Throughout his career, Mr. Dye served as a system operator, substation electrician and heavy equipment operator. At Golden Spread, he was part of the pioneering team that helped establish GSEC Operations, contributing to the strong operational foundation that supports our Members today. His experience, technical expertise and steady presence were valued assets to the organization.

Golden Spread thanks Mr. Dye for sharing his knowledge and expertise for the benefit of our Members.

## IN REMEMBRANCE



**AUBREY NEFF**

Aubrey Neff of Dalhart, Texas, served as the President and CEO of Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative and Board Member of Golden Spread from 1998 to 2008. He will be remembered as a steady presence in his community and a strong supporter of the cooperative spirit that defines our region.

While a member of the Golden Spread Board of Directors, Mr. Neff served as the Board's Opportunity

Plan Representative, as well as lending his expertise through the Policy Review committee, the Performance/Salary Review committee and the Competitive Strategy committee.

Throughout his life, Mr. Neff remained committed to the core values of hard work, service and looking out for his neighbors. He was widely recognized for his practical approach, reliability and willingness to step in where needed. Golden Spread is grateful for Mr. Neff's business acumen, sound judgment and generosity as he served the cooperative.

## BOARD RECOGNITION

### SYNDA SMITH

Synda Smith began her career with Coleman County Electric Cooperative where she served faithfully for 26 years. She retired December 31, 2024. She was appointed General Manager on August 25, 2020, and served in that role until her retirement. During her tenure as General Manager, she also served as a Golden Spread Director, providing thoughtful leadership and a strong commitment to cooperative principles.

Prior to her appointment as General Manager, Ms. Smith served Coleman County Electric Cooperative for 22 years, including nine years as Office Manager. Throughout her career, she remained dedicated to serving its Board, employees and Members-Consumers, helping to guide the cooperative through a dynamic period in the electric industry with steady leadership and operational focus.

Golden Spread expresses sincere appreciation for Ms. Smith's decades of service and her steadfast commitment to the cooperative mission.



### RANDY MAHANNAH

Randy Mahannah served North Plains Electric Cooperative for 29 years as General Manager, guiding the cooperative with steady leadership and a clear strategic vision.

He also served as a Golden Spread Director for 24 years, offering valuable insight and guidance in support of the cooperative's long-term strategy. Mr. Mahannah contributed to Golden Spread through service on the Executive Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Search Committee and the Services Committee. He also served as Chairman of the Risk Management, Asset Operations and Finance Committee.

His thoughtful approach to governance, deep knowledge of the electric industry and balanced leadership style earned the respect of fellow Board Members and cooperative leaders. He was widely recognized for his integrity and commitment to sound decision-making that strengthened the partnership between North Plains and Golden Spread.

Golden Spread honors Mr. Mahannah for his leadership, service and dedication to the cooperative network.



# OPTIMIZING THE WORKPLACE



In January 2025, Golden Spread began a phased office renovation project focused on maximizing the value of its real estate assets and enhancing the employee work environment.

The project supports full occupancy of GSEC Properties, allowing Golden Spread to secure a long-term, full-floor anchor tenant. Achieving this milestone required significant internal realignment, including the strategic relocation of approximately one-third of the staff, the employee breakroom, five conference rooms and multiple file rooms to other floors. These moves were carefully planned to maintain continuity of daily operations.

Targeted for completion in Summer 2026, the move and remodel reflect Golden Spread's goals related to operational efficiency, cost stewardship and employee experience. Updated workspaces, modernized file storage practices and improved shared spaces are designed to advance collaboration, communication and productivity across teams.

This phased approach positions Golden Spread for long-term success by creating a more flexible and future-ready workplace. Full building occupancy strengthens tenant relationships and financial sustainability, and the redesigned office environment supports productivity, safety, employee well-being and Golden Spread's evolving business needs.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**KELLY LANKFORD** - Chairman and President of the Board

**ZAC PERKINS** - Vice Chairman and Vice President of the Board

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**RITA BLANCA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
Shad McDaniel, PE • Grace Subealdea

**SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
Benny Nixon • Dale Ancell

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
Pat Jackson • Buff Whitten

**SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
Dwain Strange • Cory Morton

**TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
Cecil Davis • Ryan Bartlett

**TCEC**  
Shawn Martinez • Zac Perkins

## GOLDEN SPREAD OFFICERS

**KARI HOLLANDSWORTH** -  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**JAMES GUY** -  
Assistant Secretary,  
Chief Legal and Compliance Officer

**MATT LOWE** -  
Assistant Treasurer,  
Chief Financial and Risk Officer



*Top Row: Mark McClain, Keith Hicks, Mike Wolfe, Benny Nixon, Kelly Lankford, Mark Hegi, Tim Burkhalter, Jeff Copeland, Randy White, Dwain Strange, Michael Souder*

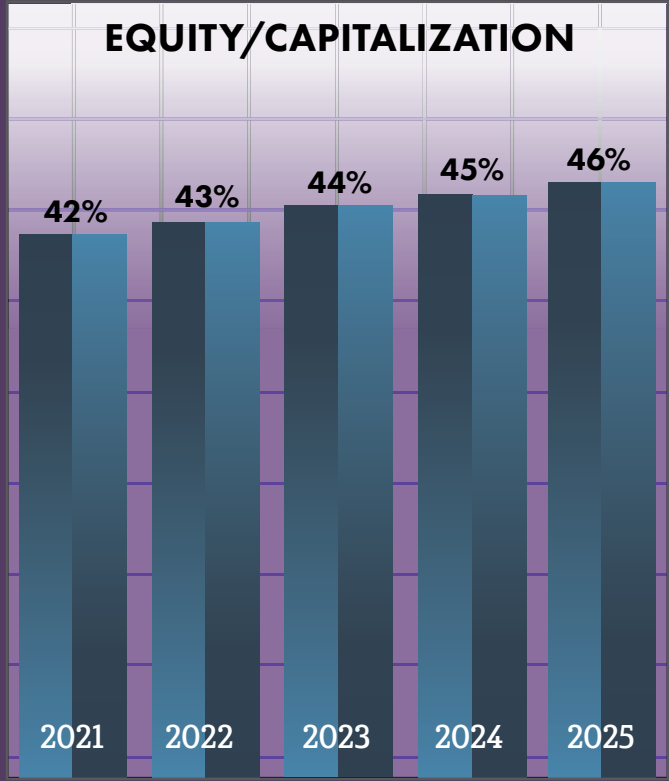
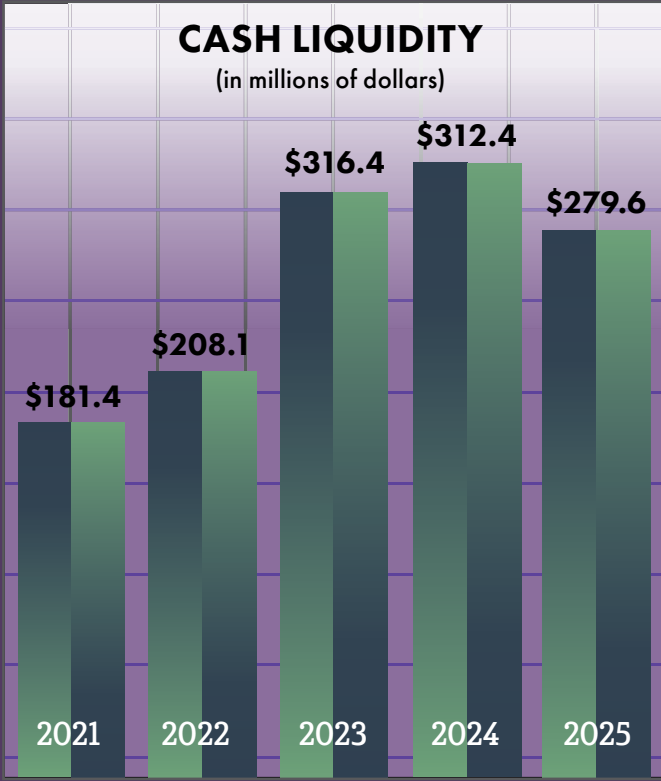
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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



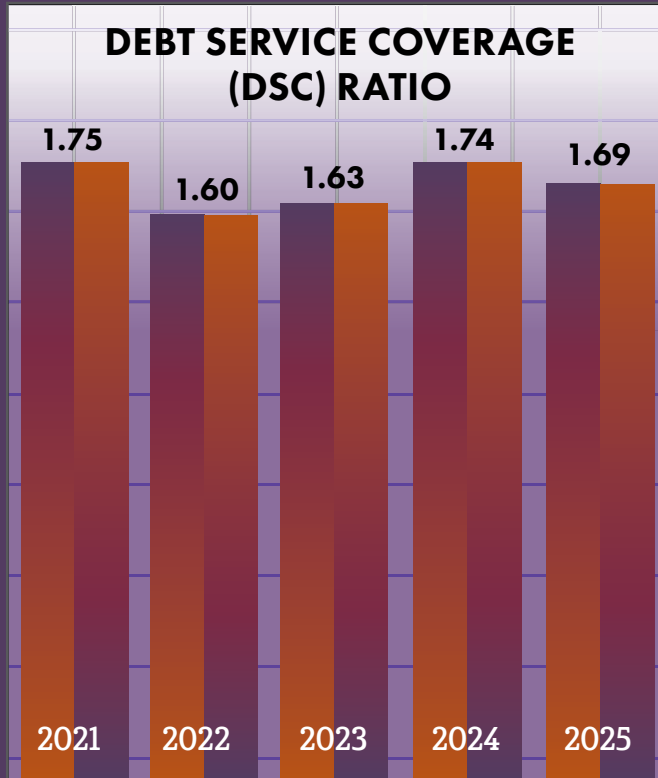
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Not Pictured: Greg Henley













Cash and cash equivalents fluctuate based on the cash liquidity needed to fund capital expenditures, operations and rate stabilization. Golden Spread targets cash balances of at least 90 days of operating expenses at all times.

Golden Spread maintains a solid equity/total capitalization ratio to minimize coverage requirements to our Members.



DSC ratios remained strong despite the increased debt associated with Winter Storm Uri. Golden Spread maintains a strong DSC ratio to ensure adequate coverage of our debt obligations.

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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management's Discussion and Analysis provides an overview of the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Golden Spread) and its wholly owned operating subsidiaries as of December 31, 2025, and 2024, and for the 12 months ended December 31, 2025, and 2024. On December 31, 2025, and 2024, the operating subsidiaries included Golden Spread Panhandle Wind Ranch, LLC (GSPWR) and GSEC Properties, LLC (GSEC Properties). GSPWR owns wind generation assets, and GSEC Properties owns a seven-story office building in which Golden Spread's headquarters are located.

The matters discussed in Management's Discussion and Analysis contain forward-looking statements that are based on estimates, forecasts and assumptions involving risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or outcomes to differ from those expressed in these statements. Any forward-looking statements are based on information as of the date of this report.

## OVERVIEW

### Golden Spread

Golden Spread, headquartered in Amarillo, Texas, is a tax-exempt, consumer-owned public utility organized in 1984 to provide low-cost, reliable electric service for our rural distribution cooperative Members ("Member Cooperatives" or "Members"), located in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) regions. Our 16 Member Cooperatives supply power to 301,914 services in place, representing 270,264 Member-Consumers (i.e., retail electric customers served by Golden Spread's Member Cooperatives) located in the Panhandle, South Plains and Edwards Plateau regions of Texas, the Panhandle of Oklahoma, and small portions of Southwest Kansas, Southeast Colorado and Northeast New Mexico. Five of our Member Cooperatives operate solely in SPP, four operate solely in ERCOT, and seven operate in both regions. As not-for-profit rural electric distribution cooperatives owned and managed by their Member-Consumers, Golden Spread's Member Cooperatives are not subject to retail electric rate regulation by state regulatory agencies, and retail electric rates are not regulated under federal law.

Golden Spread owns and operates a fleet of gas generation facilities to serve the loads of its Member Cooperatives. These resources provide quick-start energy to complement the abundance of wind energy in the Golden Spread territory. Golden Spread also owns a wind generation facility and has power purchase agreements with two

other wind energy providers. When the wind is blowing, the use of energy from wind resources offers a lower-cost alternative to gas generation.

Golden Spread is committed to maintaining prudent financial metrics to support a strong balance sheet and is also committed to providing sufficient cash flows to support operations, capital expenditures and distribution to its Member Cooperatives. We continue to target the following financial objectives:

- Maintain equity as a percentage of the total capitalization of 30-35%;
- Maintain Debt Service Coverage (DSC) ratio of not less than 1.5; and
- Maintain cash working capital equal to 90 days of cash operating expenses (including interest) for operating liquidity supplemented with credit lines to provide the liquidity needed for other purposes, such as capital expenditures and collateral for credit markets.

Golden Spread strives to maintain our power supply plan to deliver competitive energy solutions for our Member Cooperatives. We continually evaluate how best to utilize existing plant capacity and be flexible in adding resources (e.g., owned and contracted) to our power supply portfolio, while achieving our targeted financial objectives and optimizing the rate charged to our Member Cooperatives.

We earn revenue and generate cash from operations by providing wholesale electric service. Our business is affected primarily by:

- Weather, particularly precipitation timing and amounts, affecting irrigation loads;
- Fuel prices;
- Geographic location in an area with an abundant supply of high-capacity wind energy;
- Prices of energy in the markets;
- Farm, oil, and gas commodity prices - the primary industries in our Member Cooperatives' service territories;
- General macro-economic conditions (viz. geopolitical events, pandemics);
- Interest rates;
- Golden Spread's securities' credit ratings; and
- Market and regulatory matters.

## Regulation

To protect and maximize the effectiveness of our power supply strategy, including the value of the physical assets and long-term agreements we have secured, Golden Spread must actively participate and advocate in regional markets and federal and state regulatory proceedings that affect our operations. We actively monitor and participate in regulatory proceedings of power, transmission and natural gas suppliers because costs of generation and transmission suppliers ultimately affect costs passed on to our Members.

Within the SPP, Golden Spread's rates for power sales and the rates it pays for purchases of wholesale power and interstate transmission services, which are later passed on to its Member Cooperatives through Golden Spread's wholesale rates, are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Golden Spread is an active participant in FERC proceedings and subsequent appellate reviews involving terms and conditions for the procurement of transmission services from SPP, as well as the rules governing the operation of the SPP Integrated Marketplace, under which Golden Spread buys and sells services to serve its Members' loads. Included in these proceedings are cases that specifically affect transmission rates within the zones of the SPP from which we take service, as well as proceedings that can generally affect the market design, cost allocation, rules related to SPP governance or other terms and conditions of service.

Within the ERCOT region, Golden Spread's rates for wholesale power sales to Members are not subject to FERC jurisdiction. Rather, the rates it pays for purchases of wholesale power and transmission services are affected by regulations adopted by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and ERCOT. ERCOT and SPP market rules substantially affect the operations and financial performance of Golden Spread's generation fleet and power supply strategy. Also, other federal and state initiatives, such as those advanced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, affect Golden Spread's generation fleet.

Golden Spread's rate schedules for full requirements sales to its Members are formula rates that allow recovery of all Golden Spread's costs plus a margin and include the ability to modify margin contribution levels with the Board's approval. Golden Spread periodically submits amendments to one or more of those rate schedules to FERC for its SPP-based Members to provide specific services to Members through riders or other contract amendments or to modify or clarify recovery of costs in rates. Comparable amendments are made to ERCOT-based Member rate schedules but are not required to be, and are not, filed with the PUCT.

On October 15, 2025, Golden Spread made a filing with FERC, amending its Wholesale Power Contracts (WPCs) to (1) provide a periodic update to delivery points of Golden Spread's SPP based members and (2) provide an amendment to Exhibit C of the WPCs related to Power Purchase Contracts and Resource Commitments of more than 10 years in duration to clarify the effective date of one of Golden Spread's long-term Power Purchase Agreements. On November 19, 2025, the application was accepted for filing by FERC with an effective date of December 15, 2025.

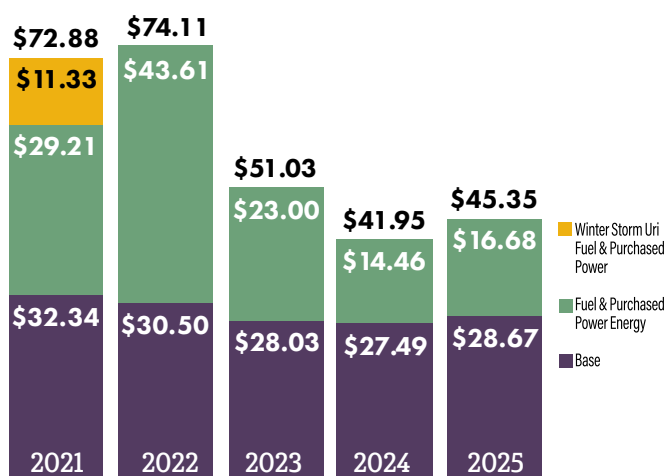
Golden Spread must also maintain authorization under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act to issue debt. Currently, Golden Spread is authorized to (1) Issue short-term debt in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$600.0 million, (2) Issue long-term debt in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2.0 billion, and (3) Continue to issue or assume notes in connection with the special facilities transactions under Rider A of its wholesale rate. On May 1, 2025, Golden Spread filed an application with FERC to extend its current authorization. On July 11, 2025, the filing was accepted by FERC, and Golden Spread's authorization to issue debt has been reauthorized through July 31, 2027.

Golden Spread has also intervened in PUCT cases that may affect Golden Spread or its Members' interests.

In May 2023, the EPA issued its proposal to amend its New Source Rule (for new, modified and reconstructed plants). Golden Spread submitted comments to EPA's proposal and is also working with its national association, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), on advocacy. Golden Spread's comments requested that EPA reconsider its proposed ceiling for new "low load" natural gas-fired combustions and the impacts associated with the use of clean hydrogen in geographic areas with limited water resources. EPA issued its final New Source Rule in April 2024. Following the rule's finalization, multiple states and industry groups challenged its legality. In July 2024, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit denied motions to stay the rule, allowing it to remain in effect during ongoing litigation. In October 2024, the Supreme Court declined to halt the EPA's rule while litigation continued, permitting the regulation to remain in place during the legal proceedings. In January 2025, the Trump administration requested that the Supreme Court pause cases related to environmental regulations, including those concerning the EPA's authority. In June 2025, the EPA issued a proposed rule to repeal the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units. Golden Spread is currently working with NRECA to develop comments on the proposed rule recommending implementation of the repeal rule.

## Rates

### AVERAGE RATE TO MEMBERS (\$/MWH)



Golden Spread utilizes market purchases to reduce Members' rates when market prices are less than its incremental production cost. In 2025, 34% of the energy needed to serve Members' loads was purchased from these markets, compared to 38% in 2024. Natural gas prices, which are a significant component of Golden Spread's production costs, averaged \$0.98 per MMBtu in 2025, compared to \$0.22 per MMBtu in 2024.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Sales

Sales are summarized in the following table:

#### SUMMARY OF SALES AND REVENUE

	YTD ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
<b>Operating Revenues (\$ in 000s)</b>		
Member System Service Rate Sales (net of Deferred Member Sales of \$6,929 and \$6,994)	\$ 533,155	\$ 454,963
Member Rider A Sales	18,499	18,720
Nonmember Sales (net of Deferred Nonmember Sales \$30,958 and \$24,766)	17,391	13,633
Recognized Nonmember Sales	25,830	23,643
Other	9,458	10,037
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 604,333</b>	<b>\$ 520,996</b>
<b>Megawatt-Hour Sales (MWh in 000s)</b>		
SPP Member Sales	6,532	6,705
ERCOT Member Sales	5,225	4,140
<b>Total Member Sales*</b>	<b>11,757</b>	<b>10,845</b>
Non-member Sales (includes energy and ancillary services sales)	1,073	968
<b>Total MWh Sales</b>	<b>12,830</b>	<b>11,813</b>
<b>Average Rate to Members (\$/MWh)</b>	<b>\$ 45.35</b>	<b>\$ 41.95</b>

\* Includes Designated Service Rate

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the average rate to Members increased as compared to the same time period in 2024. The higher rates in 2025 reflect an increase in fuel and purchased power costs. Fuel and purchased power energy costs to Members averaged \$16.68 per MWh for 2025, compared to \$14.46 per MWh

for 2024. Natural gas commodity costs affect the average fuel and purchased power energy costs.

Member megawatt-hour energy sales for 2025 were higher as compared to 2024. Member sales can be impacted by the variability in the oil and gas industry and fluctuations in weather, which affect irrigation sales. ERCOT member sales include traditional sales and sales made under the Dedicated Service Rate Schedule to loads including the South Plains Electric Cooperative load, as well as mega-consumers.

Golden Spread's WPCs require all nonmember margins and all major maintenance market revenue to be deferred as a regulatory liability. This attribute allows these revenues to be applied to future rate periods at the discretion of Golden Spread's Board of Directors. This feature resulted in \$37.9 million of revenue being deferred as a regulatory liability in 2025.

### Net Margins

Margins include the annual Board-approved Equity Stabilization Charge (ESC), which establishes the amount of margin to be included in rates each year, nonmember sales and other sources of margins. The Board-approved ESC increased in 2024 in anticipation of building a new generation resource by 2027. In 2025, the Board-approved ESC remained unchanged. Other sources of margin include interest earned on cash balances and patronage income. Net margins for 2025 were \$28.9 million, compared to \$28.6 million for 2024. Golden Spread's formula rate allows for the recovery of all costs, plus an approved margin.

### Operating Expenses

Operating expenses are summarized in the table below:

	YTD ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>		
Fuel and Purchased Power Energy	\$ 255,261	\$ 187,850
Transmission	115,541	103,867
Plant Operation and Maintenance	53,402	48,367
Administrative and General	34,570	34,097
Depreciation	49,769	53,660
Amortization of Deferred Charges	17,015	17,015
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	5,766	5,781
Other	27,624	27,934
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 558,948</b>	<b>\$ 478,571</b>

The changes in Fuel and Purchased Power Energy and Transmission costs are directly related to the volume of sales, fuel costs, the volume of energy purchased under third-party power purchase agreements, and net settlements in the ERCOT and SPP markets. For Members' loads, Golden Spread uses the lowest-cost resources available.

Plant Operation and Maintenance (O&M) expenses vary from year to year based on a variety of factors ranging from the nature of operations, schedule of required planned maintenance and maintenance cost resulting from unplanned outages, along with other expenses necessary for plant operations.

Depreciation expense in 2025 is lower compared to 2024 because of the retirement of Long-Term Service and Parts Agreement assets.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2025, Golden Spread had available cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$279.6 million. Golden Spread also had lines of credit totaling \$410.0 million for liquidity purposes, such as the financing of current capital projects, inventory purchases and for other liquidity needs. As of 2025, a total of \$62.1 million was borrowed under these credit lines, which includes \$25.8 million reported in long-term debt for the amount borrowed on the CFC secured line of credit for long-term capital projects. At December 31, 2025, Golden Spread had \$5.8 million in Restricted Cash held with a broker in a margin account. There are no restrictions, limitations or pledges of cash or any other assets other than as separately identified on the financial statements and in the footnotes. In June 2023, Golden Spread renewed a three-year \$90.0 million line of credit with CoBank. In September 2024, Golden Spread renewed a four-year line of credit agreement with National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) for \$80.0 million (previously \$120.0 million). In September 2024, Golden Spread acquired an additional five-year secured revolving line of credit agreement with CFC for \$200.0 million. In June 2025, Golden Spread renewed an unsecured, committed line of credit for \$40.0 million from Amarillo National Bank for a term of two years.

### LINE OF CREDIT USAGE

	YTD ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Amount Borrowed on Lines of Credit (in Millions) \$	36.3	\$ 30.7
Average Interest Rate	6.12%	7.03%

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2025

The following table details our fixed contractual obligations for 2026 through 2030.

	Payments Due			
	2026-2030	2026	2027-2028	2029-2030
<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>				
Principal Payment on Long-Term Debt	\$ 194,484	\$ 43,239	\$ 73,366	\$ 77,879
Interest Payments on Long-Term Debt	99,463	23,007	41,379	35,077
Purchased Power Obligation (1)-Energy	433,621	41,812	195,776	196,033
Firm Gas Transportation	64,797	13,853	25,472	25,472
Service Maintenance Agreement	5,543	2,217	3,326	-
Wind Ranch Lease-Minimum Rent	4,482	847	1,694	1,941
Operating Leases	<u>1,492</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>708</u>	<u>377</u>
Total	<u>\$ 803,882</u>	<u>\$ 125,382</u>	<u>\$ 341,721</u>	<u>\$ 336,779</u>

(1) Based on estimated energy delivered and forecasted pricing.

Recognizing the need for equity and liquidity for operations, balanced with the Board's desire to make annual patronage and contributed capital refunds, the Board currently employs a patronage capital retirement policy of refunding annually a percentage of the prior year-end equity balance. In 2025, \$18.8 million of patronage was authorized and paid. In 2026, the Board authorized a patronage payment of \$19.4 million, which was paid in March 2026.

The target ratios and objectives guide management and the Board of Directors in establishing annual budgets, setting rates (including the annual ESC to be included in rates) and determining the level of patronage and contributed capital retirements to our Members. Our financial policies are designed to maintain capital and liquidity sufficient to provide for the financing of any future capital expenditures with an appropriate mix of debt and equity while maintaining strong financial metrics.

In October 2025, Standard & Poor's Rating Services reaffirmed its A+ rating of Golden Spread. In September 2025, Fitch Ratings reaffirmed its rating on our 2005 Series senior secured debt of AA- with a stable outlook. In January 2026, Moody's Investor Services reaffirmed its general corporate credit rating of A2 (unsecured) with a stable outlook.





# **Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

## **Independent Auditor's Report and Consolidated Financial Statements**

December 31, 2025 and 2024

## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Amarillo, Texas

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. and its subsidiaries (Golden Spread), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 and the related consolidated statements of margins, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Golden Spread as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Golden Spread, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Golden Spread's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions,

misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Golden Spread's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Golden Spread's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

**Forvis Mazars, LLP**

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 13, 2026

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Consolidated Balance Sheets  
December 31, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Utility Plant, at Cost</b>		
Electric plant in service	\$ 1,284,625,518	\$ 1,245,698,699
Capital maintenance	19,506,552	38,164,016
Construction work in progress	<u>81,009,262</u>	<u>46,249,438</u>
	1,385,141,332	1,330,112,153
Less accumulated depreciation – plant and equipment	532,463,974	497,529,113
Less accumulated depreciation – capital maintenance	<u>19,506,552</u>	<u>33,693,784</u>
<b>Total Utility Plant</b>	<u>833,170,806</u>	<u>798,889,256</u>
<b>Other Property and Investments – at Cost or Stated Value</b>		
Investments in associated organizations and special funds	9,595,398	9,121,878
Other property	<u>13,281,002</u>	<u>13,036,399</u>
<b>Total Other Property and Investments</b>	<u>22,876,400</u>	<u>22,158,277</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	279,558,202	312,399,632
Restricted cash	5,807,039	64,370
Accounts receivable	42,874,189	41,904,862
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	120,747,288	113,654,159
Current deferred charges	<u>30,462,775</u>	<u>17,073,600</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>479,449,493</u>	<u>485,096,623</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Deferred charges	41,418,770	59,022,141
Other charges	<u>222,599</u>	<u>1,008,356</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>41,641,369</u>	<u>60,030,497</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,377,138,068</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,366,174,653</u></u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Consolidated Balance Sheets  
December 31, 2025 and 2024

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	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Members' Equity</b>		
Patronage capital	\$ 482,123,369	\$ 471,966,616
Contributed capital	9,057,127	9,156,243
<b>Total Members' Equity</b>	<u>491,180,496</u>	<u>481,122,859</u>
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>		
Mortgage notes less current maturities	473,676,798	504,938,470
Notes payable long-term	25,802,355	-
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<u>499,479,153</u>	<u>504,938,470</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Current maturities of long-term debt	43,239,396	45,594,328
Lines of credit	36,260,258	30,745,961
Accounts payable	35,800,157	30,387,905
Other accrued expenses	60,749,606	67,863,723
Current lease liabilities	1,071,785	1,049,972
Current regulatory liabilities	36,950,301	42,036,882
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>214,071,503</u>	<u>217,678,771</u>
<b>Deferred Credits and Other Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
Asset retirement obligations	7,891,005	7,528,452
Other deferred credits	5,740,340	4,023,361
Lease liabilities	8,875,122	9,637,807
Regulatory liabilities	149,900,449	141,244,933
<b>Total Deferred Credits and Other Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<u>172,406,916</u>	<u>162,434,553</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Members' Equity</b>	<u>\$ 1,377,138,068</u>	<u>\$ 1,366,174,653</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Margins**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Wholesale power sales	\$ 576,375,639	\$ 492,239,578
Other operating revenues	27,956,826	28,756,753
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<u>604,332,465</u>	<u>520,996,331</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Purchased power	170,866,058	131,631,326
Fuel expense	84,394,731	56,218,190
Transmission expense	115,540,846	103,867,430
Other power supply expense	1,335,736	1,078,907
Plant operations and maintenance	52,066,228	47,287,914
Other operating expense	27,624,028	27,933,845
Administrative and general	34,570,019	34,096,894
Depreciation and amortization	49,769,151	53,660,586
Amortization of deferred charges	17,014,950	17,014,950
Taxes other than income taxes	5,766,225	5,781,201
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>558,947,972</u>	<u>478,571,243</u>
<b>Operating Margins Before Fixed Charges</b>	<u>45,384,493</u>	<u>42,425,088</u>
<b>Fixed Charges</b>		
Short-term interest	3,068,474	2,909,426
Interest on long-term debt	23,949,009	24,431,719
Allowance for borrowed funds used during construction	(1,048,606)	(412,750)
Amortization of debt issuance costs	263,032	564,826
<b>Total Fixed Charges</b>	<u>26,231,909</u>	<u>27,493,221</u>
<b>Operating Margins After Fixed Charges</b>	<u>19,152,584</u>	<u>14,931,867</u>
<b>Nonoperating Margins</b>		
Interest and capital credit income	11,052,120	14,973,181
Other expense	(1,347,067)	(1,323,280)
<b>Total Nonoperating Margins</b>	<u>9,705,053</u>	<u>13,649,901</u>
<b>Net Margins</b>	<u>\$ 28,857,637</u>	<u>\$ 28,581,768</u>

*See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
 Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members' Equity  
 Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	<u>Patronage Capital</u>	<u>Contributed Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Balance, January 1, 2024</b>	\$ 461,871,523	\$ 9,269,568	\$ 471,141,091
Net margins	28,581,768	-	28,581,768
Patronage/contributed capital retirement	<u>(18,486,675)</u>	<u>(113,325)</u>	<u>(18,600,000)</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2024</b>	471,966,616	9,156,243	481,122,859
Net margins	28,857,637	-	28,857,637
Patronage/contributed capital retirement	<u>(18,700,884)</u>	<u>(99,116)</u>	<u>(18,800,000)</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2025</b>	<u>\$ 482,123,369</u>	<u>\$ 9,057,127</u>	<u>\$ 491,180,496</u>

**Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net margins	28,857,637	\$ 28,581,768
Adjustments to reconcile net margins to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	66,784,101	70,675,536
Gain on disposition of property and other write-offs	8,435	-
Capital credits	(1,109,096)	(1,179,520)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Deferred charges	(2,321,419)	(3,287,020)
Other charges	940,629	(499,930)
Deferred credits	459,246	458,264
Regulatory liabilities	12,057,535	8,116,857
Accounts receivable	(969,327)	(4,346,606)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(26,948,255)	(19,635,666)
Payables and other accrued expenses	(20,292,165)	(7,751,167)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<u>57,467,321</u>	<u>71,132,516</u>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Additions to utility plant	(63,693,796)	(40,417,206)
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	311,427
Changes to other property	(253,037)	521,980
Investments in associated organizations and other	635,576	616,866
<b>Net Cash Used in Investing Activities</b>	<u>(63,311,257)</u>	<u>(38,966,933)</u>
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Retirement of patronage and contributed capital	(18,800,000)	(18,600,000)
Payments on long-term debt	(45,613,166)	(45,948,422)
Advance on long-term debt	11,841,689	21,649,456
Advance on long-term debt- Notes Payable	25,802,355	-
Repayments – line of credit	(32,508,455)	(41,674,931)
Borrowings – line of credit	38,022,752	45,252,846
<b>Net Cash Used in Financing Activities</b>	<u>(21,254,825)</u>	<u>(39,321,051)</u>
<b>Changes in Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash</b>	<u>(27,098,761)</u>	<u>(7,155,468)</u>
<b>Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>312,464,002</u>	<u>319,619,470</u>
<b>Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 285,365,241</u>	<u>\$ 312,464,002</u>
<b>Supplemental Cash Flows Information</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 26,309,702	\$ 24,737,035

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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**Noncash Investing and Financing Transactions**

Transfer from (to) other current assets to (from) electric plant in service	\$	-	\$	1,443,460
Transfer of Inventory to Construction Work in Progress	\$	10,934,805	\$	-
Transfer of Prepaid to Construction Work in Progress	\$	742,500	\$	-
Transfer of Deferred Charges to Construction Work in Progress	\$	4,465,240	\$	-
Additions to Utility Plant in payables and accrued expenses	\$	11,511,867	\$	8,486,738
Additions to Utility Plant in deferred credits	\$	1,484,376		-

## **Note 1. Organization and Nature of Operations**

### ***Nature of Operations***

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Golden Spread Inc.) is a public utility organized in 1984 to provide low cost, reliable electric service. Golden Spread Inc., is owned by 16 rural electric distribution cooperatives (referred to as Members) that provide service to their Members in the Panhandle, South Plains and Edwards Plateau regions of Texas; the Panhandle of Oklahoma; and small portions of Southwest Kansas and Southeast Colorado. The Members' loads served by Golden Spread Inc., are located in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) regions.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Golden Spread Inc., and its wholly owned operating subsidiaries, Golden Spread Panhandle Wind Ranch, LLC (GSPWR) and GSEC Properties, LLC (GSEC Properties) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024. Another subsidiary, Mid-Tex Generation and Transmission Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Mid-Tex), has no operations at this time. The consolidated entity is collectively referred to as Golden Spread. Golden Spread's headquarters are located in Amarillo, Texas.

Golden Spread is subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for corporate and rate regulation related to its activities in SPP and is subject to the regulation of the Public Utility Commission of Texas for certain activities in both ERCOT and SPP.

## **Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### ***Principles of Consolidation***

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Golden Spread Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

### ***Operating Revenues***

Under the Golden Spread tariff for sales to its Members, Golden Spread bills its Members monthly based on budgeted costs and metered usage. The tariff provides that there will be a reconciliation of actual costs incurred to the amounts billed. Amounts billed to Members in excess of or less than recoverable costs under rate tariffs are accrued as an addition or reduction of revenues and as a current asset or current liability to the Members on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Golden Spread also has sales of energy to nonmembers that are billed monthly and sales of energy to nonmembers through the ERCOT and SPP Integrated Marketplaces that are settled daily or weekly depending on the market.

Other operating revenues consist primarily of special facilities charges billed to Members for use of transmission and distribution assets.

All amounts receivable from Members and nonmembers are considered collectible; therefore, no allowance was recorded as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.

### ***Utility Plant***

Utility plant is stated at original cost. The capitalized cost of additions to utility plant includes the cost of material; contract services; and various other indirect charges, such as interest on funds used during construction. Retirements or other dispositions of utility plant are based on historical cost or other valuation methods that are deducted from plant and are charged to accumulated depreciation. If determinable, the gains and losses on the disposition of certain assets have been reflected on the accompanying consolidated statements of margins. The cost of repairs and minor renewals is charged to maintenance expense in the period incurred.

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Depreciation of utility plant is provided using straight-line depreciation rates over the following estimated useful lives:

Production plant	15 to 36 years
Transmission and distribution plant	6 to 70 years
Gas interconnections	15 years
General plant	3 to 10 years

***Allowance for Borrowed Funds Used During Construction***

Allowance for Borrowed Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) represents the cost of interest capitalized during the construction period for various capital assets under construction. AFUDC was \$1.0 million and \$0.4 million in 2025 and 2024, respectively.

***Debt Issuance Costs***

Debt issuance costs are amortized using the effective-interest method over the life of the underlying debt. Debt issuance cost, net of amortization, of \$1.0 million and \$1.2 million for 2025 and 2024, respectively, is presented as a reduction of the carrying amount of long-term debt.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash***

For purposes of the consolidated financial statements, Golden Spread considers cash and investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less as cash and cash equivalents.

Golden Spread has presented restricted cash separately from cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

***Inventory***

Inventories are stated at cost and are included in prepaid expenses and other current assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) inventory are stated using the first-in, first-out method. The plant spare parts inventories are stated using the weighted average cost method.

***Other Property***

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, other property includes land, water rights, and an office building in which Golden Spread's headquarters are located.

***Regulatory Assets and Liabilities***

Golden Spread is subject to the accounting requirements related to regulated operations. In accordance with these accounting requirements, some revenues have been deferred at the discretion of the Board, which has budgetary and rate-setting authority, if it is probable that these amounts will be refunded or recovered through future rates. Regulatory assets are costs Golden Spread expects to recover from its Members based on rates approved by the Board in accordance with Golden Spread's rate policy. Regulatory liabilities represent probable future amounts that are expected to be refunded to Members based on rates approved by the Board in accordance with Golden Spread's rate policy. Inclusion of new regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities as determined by the Board may be subject to review and acceptance by FERC prior to incorporation in wholesale requirements rates.

***Concentrations of Credit Risk***

The Member Cooperatives are largely dependent on agricultural industry usage and, to a lesser extent, oil and gas industry usage.

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Golden Spread maintains cash balances with various financial institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. At times, cash balances may exceed insurance coverage. Golden Spread also maintains cash balances with two cooperative banks whose deposits are not federally insured. Golden Spread has not incurred any losses as a result of these uninsured balances in 2025 or 2024.

***Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements***

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Income Taxes***

Golden Spread is a cooperative corporation that is tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(12) in years where 85% of its gross income (as defined) is derived from sales to Members for the sole purpose of meeting losses and expenses (the 85% Test). For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, Golden Spread met the 85% Test, qualified for the tax exemption, and was required to file as an exempt cooperative.

Golden Spread's wholly owned subsidiaries, GSPWR and GSEC Properties, are disregarded entities of Golden Spread for income tax purposes.

Golden Spread has adopted the uncertain tax positions provisions of GAAP. For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the primary tax position of Golden Spread is its filing status as a tax-exempt entity based on the annual 85% Test discussed above. Golden Spread and all disregarded entities have determined that it is more likely than not that these tax positions will be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service or other state taxing authority and that all tax benefits are likely to be realized upon settlement with taxing authorities.

Golden Spread, including all disregarded entities, filed separate income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and are no longer subject to income tax examinations by federal taxing authorities for years before 2022. GSEC Properties and GSPWR also file in the state of Texas and are no longer subject to income tax examinations by the applicable state taxing authority for years before 2021.

***Fair Value Measurements***

Golden Spread utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible. Golden Spread determines fair value based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability in the principal or most advantageous market. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment in considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

When considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, the following fair value hierarchy distinguishes between observable and unobservable inputs, which are categorized in one of the following levels:

- Level 1** Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that Golden Spread has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2** Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at measurement date.

### **Leases**

Golden Spread evaluates contracts that may contain leases, including power purchase agreements (PPA) and arrangements for the use of wind generation facilities, office space, and data centers. Under current leasing guidance, a contract contains a lease if it conveys the exclusive right to control the use of a specific asset. Leases result in the recognition of right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases. ROU assets represent Golden Spread's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent Golden Spread's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating ROU assets and liabilities are recognized based on the discounted present value of the lease payments over the lease term at the discount rate, which is based on the risk-free rate. At the lease commencement date, Golden Spread determines if a lease is classified as an operating lease or finance lease. Operating lease ROU assets are presented in electric plant in service on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The lease liability is recorded at the commencement date based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term. The lease liability is subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective-interest method. The current portion of lease liabilities is included in current liabilities and the long-term portion of lease liabilities is included in other deferred credits in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The ROU asset is recorded at the commencement date at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred less any lease incentives received. The ROU asset is subsequently measured at the carrying amount of the lease liability, plus initial direct costs, plus (minus) any prepaid (accrued) lease payments, less the unamortized balance of lease incentives received. If a lease does not provide an implicit rate, Golden Spread uses the risk-free rate for a consistent term in determining the present value of future payments.

The lease term includes options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that Golden Spread will exercise those options. If a lease contains non-lease components, they are not separated from lease components. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Variable lease payments associated with certain PPAs and land agreements do not depend on an index or rate and, therefore, are recognized when the event, activity, or circumstance in the lease agreement on which those payments are assessed occurs. These variable lease payments are presented as either purchased power expense or plant operations and maintenance in the accompanying consolidated statements of margins.

Golden Spread has elected not to recognize ROU assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases that have a term of 12 months or less. Therefore, Golden Spread does not recognize a ROU asset or lease liability for such contracts; the lease payments for these short-term leases are recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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**Note 3. Utility Plant**

The components of utility plant are summarized as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Plant in service		
Land	\$ 2,826,034	\$ 2,826,034
Production plant	1,007,122,309	1,008,437,054
Transmission and distribution plant	242,625,248	199,688,585
General plant	22,105,021	24,059,247
Right-of-use assets	9,946,906	10,687,779
	<u>1,284,625,518</u>	<u>1,245,698,699</u>
Capital maintenance	19,506,552	38,164,016
Construction work in progress	81,009,262	46,249,438
	<u>1,385,141,332</u>	<u>1,330,112,153</u>
Total utility plant		

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, construction work in progress consisted primarily of construction expenditures related to production, transmission, and distribution plant. Production plant currently under construction consists of combustion turbine and grid-switch components expected to complete in 2027.

Transmission and distribution plant consists of assets that Golden Spread constructs or acquires for the benefit of individual Members. The debt associated with special facilities is secured by mortgages with the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) on the transmission and distribution plant.

Transmission and distribution plant are excluded from the Trust Indenture (see Note 9) under which other Golden Spread property is pledged. All operating costs and the related debt service costs of transmission and distribution plant are recovered from the Members who benefit from the facilities.

**Note 4. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash**

Cash and cash equivalents are summarized as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash	\$ 105,214,479	\$ 104,898,011
Restricted cash	5,807,039	64,370
Commercial paper and certificate of deposit	34,380,121	49,972,387
CFC select notes	106,088,604	136,065,608
CFC daily fund investment	33,874,998	21,463,626
	<u>\$ 285,365,241</u>	<u>\$ 312,464,002</u>
Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		

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Cash and cash equivalents are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value. The commercial paper and select notes are with the NRUCFC and are classified as held to maturity (HTM) and held at amortized cost. The CFC commercial papers matured by January 8, 2026 with interest rates ranging from 3.15% to 3.24%. The Amarillo National Bank certificates of deposit matured January 19, 2026 and had an interest rate of 3.60%. The CFC select notes matured by February 17, 2026 and had interest rates ranging from 3.37% to 3.64%. The CFC daily fund investments earn interest at a variable interest rate (3.00% at December 31, 2025).

***Restricted Cash***

Restricted cash consists of cash held with a broker in a margin account that is used to purchase natural gas futures and options contracts.

**Note 5. Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets**

Prepaid expenses and other current assets were as follows at December 31:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Derivative assets (see Note 8)	\$ 69,853,404	\$ 65,838,988
Inventory	42,745,209	35,140,686
Prepayments	7,756,357	11,962,615
Other current assets	<u>392,318</u>	<u>711,870</u>
Total prepaid expenses and other current assets	<u>\$ 120,747,288</u>	<u>\$ 113,654,159</u>

**Note 6. Long-Term Service and Parts Agreement**

Golden Spread has a long-term service and parts supply and parts repair agreement (LTSPA) covering certain Mustang Station units to provide service and labor for major maintenance of generation equipment, certain parts and refurbishment services, other spare parts at discount prices, and other factory repair services. The amounts for the third major inspection are amortized through November 2025.

## Note 7. Deferred and Other Charges

Deferred and other charges consist of the following:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Deferred charges		
Regulatory asset – deferred Winter Storm Uri costs	\$ 49,013,967	\$ 65,962,456
Regulatory asset – deferred fuel and purchased power expense	15,238,788	66,997
Regulatory assets – other	1,189,374	1,482,477
Preliminary study costs and other deferred charges	<u>6,439,416</u>	<u>8,583,811</u>
	71,881,545	76,095,741
Less current deferred charges	<u>(30,462,775)</u>	<u>(17,073,600)</u>
Total deferred charges	<u>\$ 41,418,770</u>	<u>\$ 59,022,141</u>
Other deferred charges		
Unamortized line of credit fees	<u>\$ 222,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,356</u>

Deferred and other charges consist of regulatory assets as well as preliminary study costs and other assets. In February 2021, the electric power markets in Texas were significantly impacted by Winter Storm Uri. Golden Spread recorded a regulatory asset in 2021 to defer recovery of a portion of the fuel expense and purchased power costs associated with Winter Storm Uri. At December 31, 2025, the balance of this regulatory asset was \$49.0 million, of which \$15.3 million is reflected as current deferred charges. These costs will be amortized over five, seven, and ten years based on Golden Spread's formula rate. The amortization periods were established based on the period over which Golden Spread's Members elected to defer the recovery of their portion of the deferred Winter Storm Uri costs. In both 2025 and 2024, \$16.9 million of the deferred costs associated with Winter Storm Uri were recorded as amortization of deferred charges. The preliminary study costs are largely related to potential construction of new generation units.

The regulatory assets displayed as deferred fuel and purchased power expense represent outstanding derivative liabilities (see Note 8) of \$15.2 million in 2025 and \$0.1 million in 2024. Other regulatory assets include \$1.0 million of Special Facility Assets (SFA) in 2025 and \$1.1 million in 2024, which are being amortized by the participating Member system over the average remaining life of those assets. In addition, \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million in 2025 and 2024, respectively, of unamortized prior service cost related to the Executive Benefit Restoration Plan is being amortized over the average future working lifetime of plan participants (see Note 15).

## Note 8. Derivative Instruments and Hedging

Golden Spread routinely enters into physical commodity contracts for purchases of natural gas, energy, and capacity sales contracts with its Members. These types of contracts qualify for the normal purchases and normal sales exception under GAAP.

Golden Spread periodically uses derivative instruments to reduce the volatility of its costs for natural gas and energy. Any instrument not qualifying for the normal purchases and normal sales exception is recorded on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at fair value. Changes in the fair value for those derivative instruments are reflected as a regulatory asset or liability. Derivative assets are recorded in the prepaid and other current assets line item and derivative liabilities are recorded in the other accrued expenses line item. For additional information on fair value measurement, see Note 2.

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Golden Spread entered into contracts for forward energy contracts and natural gas fixed price swaps and index swaps during 2025 and 2024.

Type	Valuation Method	2025		2024	
		Derivative Asset (Liability)	Regulatory Asset (Liability)	Derivative Asset (Liability)	Regulatory Asset (Liability)
Forward energy contracts – gain position	Level 2	\$ 8,951,336	\$ (8,951,336)	\$ 12,200,889	\$ (12,200,889)
Forward energy contracts – loss position	Level 2	(1,282,169)	1,282,169	-	-
Total forward energy contracts		7,669,167	(7,669,167)	12,200,889	(12,200,889)
Fixed price swaps	Level 1	(9,539,055)	9,539,055	1,818,724	(1,818,724)
Index swaps	Level 1	(4,380,749)	4,380,749	(62,976)	62,976
Total natural gas open positions		(13,919,804)	13,919,804	1,755,748	(1,755,748)
Financial Transmission Rights – gain position	Level 3	4,679,998	(4,679,998)	8,100,321	(8,100,321)
Financial Transmission Rights – loss position	Level 3	(32,221)	32,221	-	-
Total financial transmission rights		4,647,777	(4,647,777)	8,100,321	(8,100,321)
Total open positions at December 31		\$ (1,602,860)	\$ 1,602,860	\$ 22,056,958	\$ (22,056,958)

Golden Spread periodically purchases Financial Transmission Rights (FTR) to manage future cash flows from congestion in energy markets. FTRs are purchased from ERCOT or SPP, and the value is derived from congestion revenues on a transmission path. These derivatives do not meet the normal purchases and normal sales exception and are recorded at fair value of \$4.7 million and \$8.1 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, in the prepaid expenses and other current assets section of the accompanying consolidated balance sheets (see Note 5). Any gains or losses are recorded as an adjustment to purchased power expense and accrued as over- or under-recovery of revenue, as allowed under Golden Spread's formula rate.

Golden Spread's FTR assets are valued based on forward pricing from current auctions for the same paths. FTR values are affected by many factors. In addition to overall transmission load, values can be affected by unplanned outages, scheduled maintenance, weather, changes in the cost of fuels used in generation, illiquidity of the FTR at the pricing nodes and other areas that affect overall demand for electricity. These are all-unobservable inputs and, therefore, are assigned as Level 3 fair value measurement.

Changes in Level 3 FTR derivatives are as follows:

	2025	2024
Balance at January 1	\$ 51,819,376	\$ 37,195,287
Purchases	60,587,083	50,381,033
Settlements	(48,394,845)	(34,924,737)
Net losses recorded as regulatory asset	(3,109,544)	(832,207)
Balance at December 31	\$ 60,902,070	\$ 51,819,376

## Note 9. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt is summarized as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
5.75% senior secured notes, due through 2025	\$ -	\$ 2,266,700
5.00% senior secured note, due through 2043	56,433,926	58,407,860
4.95% senior secured notes, due through 2041	105,825,725	110,083,596
4.35% senior secured notes, due through 2031	98,598,260	112,696,649
3.93% senior secured note, due through 2045	15,350,687	15,874,950
3.82% senior secured notes, due through 2045	30,759,839	31,806,300
3.75% senior secured note, due through 2045	30,701,823	31,752,468
3.50%–7.60% fixed-rate mortgage notes, due through 2060	127,825,130	119,286,963
2.13% senior secured note, due through 2026	4,201,955	9,699,917
2.66% senior secured note, due through 2031	18,635,346	21,592,509
2.22% senior secured note, due through 2026	4,410,873	8,725,101
2.44% senior secured note, due through 2028	1,998,729	2,633,206
2.68% senior secured note, due through 2031	21,876,402	25,522,468
Variable-rate mortgage notes, due through 2052	1,333,759	1,375,243
Variable-rate hybrid loan and letter of credit through 2029	25,802,355	-
	<u>543,754,809</u>	<u>551,723,930</u>
Less debt issuance costs	(1,036,260)	(1,191,132)
Less current maturities	<u>(43,239,396)</u>	<u>(45,594,328)</u>
	<u>\$ 499,479,153</u>	<u>\$ 504,938,470</u>

On November 16, 2021, Golden Spread closed on a five-year \$21.1 million note with an interest rate of 2.22%, a seven-year \$4.4 million note with an interest rate of 2.44%, and a 10-year \$36.5 million note with a rate of 2.68% with CFC, all of which are senior secured. Also, on November 16, 2021, Golden Spread closed on a five-year \$25.5 million note with an interest rate of 2.13% and a 10-year \$30.0 million note with an interest rate of 2.66% with CoBank that are senior secured. Proceeds from these notes were used to finance the deferred fuel and purchased power costs from Winter Storm Uri.

The senior secured notes are fully amortizing over the term of the notes and are secured under a Trust Indenture, amended and restated as of June 29, 2012, as supplemented (Trust Indenture). Pursuant to the Trust Indenture, Golden Spread has created a first lien on certain tangible and intangible assets in favor of the indenture trustee to secure debt issued under the Trust Indenture on a pro rata basis. Golden Spread's subsidiary issues notes under a trust indenture substantially identical to the Trust Indenture. These notes constitute "Qualifying Securities" under the Trust Indenture and are assets of Golden Spread. Assets held under the Trust Indenture totaled \$1,054 million at December 31, 2025, and includes land, production plant, plant-related general plant, and Designated Qualifying Securities of GSPWR (eliminated in consolidation), as reported on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The Trust Indenture requires Golden Spread to establish and collect rates for the use or the sale of the output, capacity, or service of its system that, together with other revenues available to Golden Spread, are reasonably expected to yield a Margins for Interest Ratio of at least 1.10 for each fiscal year. The Trust Indenture also contains restrictions on distributions by Golden Spread to its Members. The Trust Indenture also contains certain other covenants, which include the maintenance of: (i) patronage capital and contributed capital in an amount of not less than \$50.0 million and (ii) a debt service coverage ratio of not less than 1.25.

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The variable- and fixed-rate mortgage notes are due in either monthly or quarterly installments and are secured by Golden Spread's transmission and distribution assets (with a net book value of \$136.4 million and \$116.6 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively) and the revenues recoverable through the special facilities charges associated with the transmission and distribution assets. These assets are excepted from the Trust Indenture, and the variable- and fixed- rate mortgage notes are not secured under the Trust Indenture. GSEC Properties assets are also excluded from the Trust Indenture.

As of December 31, 2025, Golden Spread has long-term facilities maturing in 2056 and 2060 with amounts available to be drawn of \$8,631,137 and \$41,786,470, respectively.

Annual maturities of long-term debt for the next five years are as follows as of December 31, 2025:

2026	\$ 43,239,396
2027	\$ 35,983,888
2028	\$ 37,381,986
2029	\$ 38,173,442
2030	\$ 39,705,656

In September 2024, Golden Spread entered into a secured hybrid loan and revolving line of credit with CFC for \$200.0 million. The purpose of the additional \$200.0 million line of credit is to provide bridge funding for expenditures and for the issuance of letters of credit related to the updates and expansion of the Antelope Elk Energy Center. A letter of credit in the amount of \$113.0 million was issued under this line at December 31, 2024. The letter of credit was no longer required and expired in September 2025. The new agreement bears interest at the CFC line of credit rate and expires in September 2029. There was \$25.8 million and \$0 of borrowings outstanding under the \$200.0 million line of credit at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

### **Note 10. Short-Term Credit Facilities**

Borrowings under short-term credit facilities are summarized as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Borrowings under lines of credit at weighted average rates of 6.12% and 7.03% at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively	\$ 36,260,258	\$ 30,745,961

In September 2024, Golden Spread reduced its line of credit with CFC (formerly \$120.0 million) to \$80.0 million. This line of credit is also available to provide letters of credit, and a \$10.0 million letter of credit and a \$10.5 million letter of credit were issued under this arrangement at December 31, 2024. In October 2025, the \$10.5 million letter of credit was amended to a total of \$12.5 million. This line of credit expires in June 2028. There were no borrowings outstanding under this line of credit at December 31, 2025 or 2024.

In June 2023, Golden Spread renewed the \$90.0 million line of credit with CoBank and extended the expiration date to June 2026. The amended agreement bears interest at Prime plus a credit spread. Letters of credit issued under this agreement at both December 31, 2025 and 2024 were \$50.0 million. There were no borrowings outstanding under this line of credit at December 31, 2025 or 2024.

In June 2025, Golden Spread renewed its \$40.0 million line of credit with Amarillo National Bank and extended the expiration date to June 2027. The amended agreement bears interest at Prime plus a credit spread. Borrowings under this line of credit at December 31, 2025 and 2024 were \$36.3 million and \$30.7 million, respectively.

**Note 11. Regulatory Liabilities**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Deferred nonmember margins	\$ 120,017,874	\$ 117,766,972
Deferred major maintenance revenue	53,201,543	43,394,909
Deferred fuel and purchased power derivative gains (Note 8)	<u>13,631,333</u>	<u>22,119,934</u>
	186,850,750	183,281,815
Less current regulatory liabilities	<u>(36,950,301)</u>	<u>(42,036,882)</u>
Total regulatory liabilities	<u>\$ 149,900,449</u>	<u>\$ 141,244,933</u>

Nonmember electric sales margins will be recognized in wholesale power sales upon Board approval over a period not to exceed 60 months beyond the deferral year. Deferred nonmember revenue to recover costs for major maintenance will be recognized as an offset to operation and maintenance expense upon Board approval in periods when major maintenance expenses are incurred. Each of these regulatory liabilities are designed to smooth rates and help Members plan and budget energy costs.

**Note 12. Asset Retirement Obligation**

The asset retirement obligation represents estimated costs associated with legal obligations to retire long-lived assets and is recorded at fair value in the period in which it is incurred by increasing the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. In each subsequent period, the liability is accreted, and the capitalized costs are depreciated over the useful life of the asset.

GSPWR's asset retirement obligation is associated with the obligation to restore the land-leased site for its wind turbines to a "green field" condition, as stated in its lease agreement. During the year ended December 31, 2023, an additional layer of cost was recognized due to an increase in the asset retirement obligation estimate. The additional layer was recognized at fair value, which is equivalent to the present value, in the period in which the additional layer occurred.

The asset retirement obligation is measured based on the present value of the estimated cash flows required to settle the obligation, which considers the expected timing of retirement, inflation rates, credit-adjusted risk-free rates, and any changes in the legal or contractual requirements.

The net asset retirement obligation, which is reported in deferred credits in the accompanying 2025 and 2024 consolidated balance sheets, and the changes in the net liability are as follows for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 7,528,452	\$ 7,182,851
Accretion expense	<u>362,553</u>	<u>345,601</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 7,891,005</u>	<u>\$ 7,528,452</u>

### Note 13. Income Taxes

For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, Golden Spread met the 85% Test, qualified for the tax exemption, and was required to file as an exempt cooperative.

In general, each corporation, limited liability company, and limited partnership registered to do business in the state of Texas is subject to the state franchise tax on gross income, less applicable deductions, apportioned to the state. Golden Spread is exempt from the state franchise tax. However, GSEC Properties and GSPWR are subject to the tax and file the applicable annual tax reports.

Tax return filings of Golden Spread include the operations of all subsidiaries treated as disregarded entities for federal income tax purposes. All such operations are non-taxable or taxable based on their connection to Golden Spread's tax-exempt purposes and patronage activities. For any year it is tax-exempt, Golden Spread is taxed on net income derived from unrelated trades or businesses. For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, Golden Spread did not engage in business activities deemed unrelated to its exempt purposes and patronage activities. For any year it is non-exempt, Golden Spread continues to operate on a cooperative and patronage basis with respect to business conducted for or with its Members. Accordingly, Golden Spread is allowed an exclusion from taxable income for the amount of patronage-sourced income allocated to the Members as patronage capital. Utilization of the patronage exclusion effectively reduces Golden Spread's taxable income to that income derived from nonpatronage sources.

Golden Spread and its disregarded entities follow the asset and liability method for recording income taxes. The objective of the asset and liability method is to establish deferred tax assets and liabilities for temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of such assets and liabilities at enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such amounts are realized and settled. As changes in the tax laws or rates are enacted, deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted through the provision for income taxes.

Prior to its conversion to a disregarded entity, GSPWR filed a separate income tax return and reported net operating loss (NOL) carryovers of \$52.0 million for offsetting future sources of taxable income. Post conversion, \$51.5 million remains. Of this amount, \$33.9 million was incurred prior to January 1, 2018, has a carryover period not to exceed 20 years, and begins to expire in calendar year 2032. The remaining \$17.6 million was incurred after December 31, 2017 and has a carryover period that is indefinite.

Deferred income taxes result from transactions that enter into the determination of taxable income in different periods than recorded for financial reporting purposes. These differences represent future tax return consequences (increases and decreases in taxable income) when deferred tax assets and liabilities are recovered, realized, or settled. The principal sources of deferred federal income taxes are: 1) differences in the depreciable tax cost basis and tax basis accumulated depreciation of GSPWR wind generation assets, and 2) NOL carryovers. Post conversion of GSPWR to a disregarded entity, the wind generation assets are used in the patronage activities of Golden Spread. Additionally, to the extent Golden Spread is tax-exempt, the NOL carryover is used to offset future sources of either patronage-sourced or nonpatronage-sourced income. Based on historical amounts of unrelated business taxable income when tax-exempt and nonpatronage-sourced income when non-exempt, a full valuation allowance has been recorded for the respective net deferred tax asset of \$10.8 million.

#### Note 14. Revenue

Golden Spread has identified four revenue streams: Member Power Sales, Non-Member Power Sales, Transmission Revenue, and Service Agreement Revenue.

Revenues for Golden Spread are derived primarily from the sale of electric power to Members pursuant to long-term wholesale electric service contracts or "Wholesale Power Contracts" (WPC). All contracts with Members meet the criteria to be classified as revenue from contracts with customers. These contracts will not expire until the latter of the last unit is in service or 10-years notice is given. Golden Spread has 16 Member contracts to supply power requirements (energy and demand). These contracts are substantially identical; as such, Golden Spread does not incur significant contract acquisition costs. Pursuant to these contracts, Golden Spread is obligated to sell and deliver all power requirements to the Members, and the Members are obligated to purchase and receive all electric power and energy required for operations from Golden Spread. Golden Spread bills the Member distribution cooperatives monthly, and each Member distribution cooperative is required to pay monthly for power furnished under its wholesale power contract. The contract obligations are satisfied over time when control of electricity is transferred as energy is delivered or transmitted to the Member, and the Member distribution cooperatives simultaneously receive and consume the benefits of the electricity. Energy consumption and demand is read monthly for billing purposes. Revenue is recognized, and Members are invoiced based on consumption reported.

Amounts billed to Members in excess of or less than recoverable costs under rate tariffs are accrued as an addition or reduction of revenues and as a current asset or current liability to the Members on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Contract receivables at December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023 were \$42.9 million, \$41.9 million, and \$37.6 million, respectively. At December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, contract liabilities representing amounts over-collected from Members, included in other accrued expenses, totaled \$16.2 million, \$35.3 million, and \$46.7 million, respectively.

Golden Spread also sells excess energy to nonmembers at prevailing market prices as control is transferred.

#### Note 15. Pension Benefits

Golden Spread provides pension benefits for substantially all its employees through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Retirement and Security Program (RS Plan). The RS Plan is a multiemployer defined-benefit pension plan qualified under Section 401 and tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan sponsor's Employer Identification Number is 53-0116145, and the Plan Number is 333. Golden Spread makes contributions to the RS Plan, as required by the plan agreement. This multiemployer plan is available to all member cooperatives of NRECA. A unique characteristic of a multiemployer plan compared to a single employer plan is that all plan assets are available to pay benefits of any plan participant. Separate asset accounts are not maintained for participating employers. This means that assets contributed by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers. Golden Spread's contribution to the RS Plan in 2025 and 2024 represented less than 5% of the total contributions made to the RS Plan by all participating employers. Golden Spread's contributions to the RS Plan were \$4.0 million in 2025 and \$3.7 million in 2024. There have been no significant changes that affected the comparability of total employer contributions for 2025 and 2024. In the RS Plan, a "zone status" determination is not required and, therefore, not determined under the *Pension Protection Act of 2006* (Act). In addition, the accumulated benefit obligations and plan assets are not determined or allocated separately by individual employer. In total, the RS Plan was more than 80% funded on January 1, 2025 and 2024 based on the Act funding target and the Act actuarial value of assets on those dates. Because the provisions of the Act do not apply to the RS Plan, funding improvement plans and surcharges are not applicable. Future contribution requirements are determined each year as part of the actuarial valuation of the plan and may change as a result of plan experience.

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Golden Spread also has a defined contribution plan (Savings Plan), which was established under Code Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the Savings Plan, Golden Spread matches employee contributions up to a maximum of 4% of each participating employee's salary. Employer contributions to the Savings Plan for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was \$0.5 million.

Golden Spread has an unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation plan, Executive Benefit Restoration Plan (EBR Plan), for certain highly compensated employees that were not in the Pension Restoration Plan. The EBR Plan provides benefits for compensation that is in excess of the limits applicable to the RS Plan. Distributions from this plan are funded directly by Golden Spread upon vesting of eligible employees. The liability associated with the EBR Plan was \$2.4 million and \$2.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Such amounts are included in deferred credits in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Periodic benefit costs of \$0.4 million were recorded in 2025 and 2024.

**Note 16. Significant Customers**

Golden Spread has two Members whose power purchases represent at least 10% of Golden Spread's annual power sales to its Members as follows for the years ended December 31:

	<u>Sales to Members</u>	<u>Total Sales</u>
<b>2025</b>		
South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.	16%	15%
Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.	12%	11%
<b>2024</b>		
South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.	17%	15%
Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative, Inc.	10%	9%

**Note 17. Commitments and Contingencies**

Golden Spread is obligated under a capacity agreement with a third-party supplier to purchase deliverable capacity. These obligations total approximately 40 MW and run from June 2026 to September 2026.

Golden Spread is also obligated under long-term PPAs with certain of its Members and third-party suppliers to purchase energy in the ERCOT region. These PPAs total up to 610 MW and have terms of varying lengths, terminating from 2027 through 2065.

Golden Spread is committed to a multi-year maintenance program agreement. As per the terms, Golden Spread is obligated to procure various components, including parts, technical advisory services, repair services, and craft labor. The agreement, effective May 2023, is structured to conclude on a unit-specific basis upon completion of the first major inspections for each unit or within 10 years from the effective date (May 2033), depending on which occurs first. The minimum obligation within this agreement is \$20.0 million.

Golden Spread committed to purchasing combustion turbine components totaling \$27.6 million. A total of \$13.8 million paid in 2025 and the remaining \$13.8 million is expected to be paid in 2026.

In 2024, Golden Spread committed to construct a combustion turbine and grid switch. Payments commenced on both obligations in 2024 and continue through 2027. At December 31, 2025, approximately \$103.8 million remained payable under the commitments.

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Liabilities for loss contingencies arising from claims, assessments, litigation, fines, penalties, and other sources are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Legal costs incurred in connection with loss contingencies are expensed as incurred.

**Note 18. Leases**

Golden Spread has certain noncancellable operating leases, primarily for wind generation facilities, office space, and data centers. If a lease contains an option to extend or terminate the lease and there is reasonable certainty the option will be exercised, the option is considered in the lease term and cash flows from inception. Golden Spread's leases generally do not include termination options for either party to the lease. None of the Golden Spread lease agreements contain material residual value guarantees, material bargain purchase options, or material restrictive covenants. Payments due under the lease contracts include fixed payments, except for the wind generation facilities, which have variable payments based on the power that is generated.

***Operating Leases***

Golden Spread enters into various leases for office space, data centers, and the land upon which GSPWR operates. These leases have varying terms and conditions and expire at various times through 2036. Operating leases are included in electric plant as ROU assets and other liabilities for lease liabilities on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Golden Spread also has PPAs for wind and solar energy and treats these contracts as operating leases. These leases have varying terms and conditions and expire at various times through 2034. These PPAs require variable payments based on net output. These PPAs require variable payments that do not depend on an index or a rate; therefore, these capacity payments are not accounted for as consideration in the contract by Golden Spread. As a result, Golden Spread will not recognize a lease liability and ROU asset for the PPA operating leases. The amounts paid under these PPAs will be expensed as purchased power when incurred.

***Finance Leases***

Golden Spread does not have any finance leases.

***Other Information Related to Leases***

Components of lease cost include the following for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Lease expense		
Operating lease expense	\$ 1,241,113	\$ 1,229,513
Variable lease expense	17,157,292	15,243,266
Short-term lease expense	<u>23,477</u>	<u>25,149</u>
Total lease expense	<u>\$ 18,421,882</u>	<u>\$ 16,497,928</u>

Golden Spread did not have any sublease income or sale and leaseback transactions for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024.

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Maturities of noncancellable operating lease liabilities were as follows as of December 31, 2025:

2026	\$ 1,254,059
2027	1,252,935
2028	1,148,483
2029	1,155,316
2030	1,162,516
Thereafter	<u>4,925,683</u>
Total minimum lease payments	10,898,992
Amounts representing interest	<u>(952,084)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	9,946,908
Current maturities	<u>(1,071,785)</u>
Noncurrent lease liabilities	<u><u>\$ 8,875,123</u></u>

Other information related to operating leases was as follows as of December 31:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Other information		
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ (1,244,092)	\$ (1,235,945)
Operating cash flows from PPA operating lease	\$ (16,430,154)	\$ (15,259,973)
Weighted-average remaining lease term		
Operating leases	9.16 years	10.18 years
Weighted-average discount rate		
Operating leases	1.88%	1.86%

**Note 19. Other Accrued Expenses**

Other accrued expenses were as follows at December 31:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Accrued taxes	\$ 4,566,039	\$ 4,368,057
Accrued interest	5,115,700	5,376,993
Member refunds	16,242,968	36,789,132
Accrued plant invoices	14,364,623	7,703,925
Accrued fuel expense	-	6,762,202
Derivative liabilities	15,234,194	62,976
Accrued substation invoice	1,311,024	2,841,689
Other	<u>3,915,058</u>	<u>3,958,749</u>
Total other accrued expenses	<u><u>\$ 60,749,606</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 67,863,723</u></u>

**Note 20. Subsequent Events**

Golden Spread's management has evaluated subsequent events from the balance sheet date through April 13, 2026, the date at which the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

# 5-YEAR SUMMARY OF CONDENSED FINANCIAL DATA AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT DATA (000)</b>					
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 604,332	\$ 520,996	\$ 561,493	\$ 749,460	\$ 730,717
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Fuel, Purchased Power and Transmission	\$ 370,802	\$ 291,716	\$ 344,115	\$ 525,722	\$ 530,856
Plant Operations and Maintenance	53,402	48,367	47,688	55,651	50,055
Administrative and General	34,570	34,097	32,888	36,104	32,062
Depreciation and Amortization	49,769	53,661	53,599	49,560	48,631
Amortization of Deferred Charges	17,015	17,015	17,007	17,040	3,945
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	5,766	5,781	5,985	6,265	6,944
Other Operating Expenses	27,624	27,934	25,803	17,523	14,417
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 558,948	\$ 478,571	\$ 527,085	\$ 707,866	\$ 686,909
<b>Operating Margins - Before Fixed Charges</b>	\$ 45,384	\$ 42,425	\$ 34,408	\$ 41,594	\$ 43,807
<b>Fixed Charges</b>	26,232	27,493	27,283	27,155	27,425
<b>Operating Margins - After Fixed Charges</b>	\$ 19,152	\$ 14,932	\$ 7,125	\$ 14,439	\$ 16,383
<b>Nonoperating Margins</b>	9,705	13,650	11,230	3,041	(697)
<b>Net Margins</b>	\$ 28,857	\$ 28,582	\$ 18,355	\$ 17,480	\$ 15,686
<b>CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA (000)</b>					
Utility Plant, net	\$ 833,171	\$ 798,889	\$ 811,645	\$ 826,482	\$ 833,030
Other Property and Investments	22,876	22,158	22,118	22,089	22,314
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investment Securities	279,558	312,400	316,416	208,065	181,380
Restricted Cash	5,807	64	3,204	14,196	-
Other Current Assets	194,085	172,634	154,230	132,445	116,289
Regulatory and Other Assets	41,641	60,030	70,086	85,713	103,487
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ 1,377,138	\$ 1,366,175	\$ 1,377,699	\$ 1,288,990	\$ 1,256,500
<b>Total Members' Equity</b>	\$ 491,180	\$ 481,123	\$ 471,141	\$ 466,486	\$ 462,705
Long-Term Debt, excluding current maturities	\$ 499,479	\$ 504,938	\$ 528,803	\$ 566,913	\$ 603,117
Current Liabilities	214,072	217,680	221,139	173,692	139,266
Deferred Credits	172,407	162,434	156,616	81,899	51,412
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$ 885,958	\$ 885,052	\$ 906,558	\$ 822,504	\$ 793,795
<b>Total Members' Equity and Liabilities</b>	\$ 1,377,138	\$ 1,366,175	\$ 1,377,699	\$ 1,288,990	\$ 1,256,500
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA</b>					
<b>Energy Sales</b>					
Energy Sales to Members (MWh)	11,756,424	10,845,324	9,809,847	8,511,206	7,686,271
Energy Sales to Nonmembers (MWh) (1)	1,073,386	967,912	1,240,601	1,175,976	622,598
<b>Total Energy Sales (MWh)</b>	12,829,810	11,813,236	11,050,448	9,687,181	8,308,869
Member Peak Demand (MW)	1,849	1,897	1,840	1,689	1,654
Member System Load Factor (%)	55.99	54.88	54.36	56.64	53.01
Energy Generated (MWh) (2)	6,145,319	5,724,364	4,335,368	3,212,420	1,729,652
Energy Purchased (MWh) (2)	6,730,035	6,073,135	6,721,262	6,503,263	6,599,163
<b>Average Rate to Members (\$/MWh)</b>	\$ 45.35	\$ 41.95	\$ 51.03	\$ 74.11	\$ 72.88
<b>Average Natural Gas Commodity Price (\$/MMBtu)</b>	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.22	\$ 1.80	\$ 5.70	\$ 4.49
<b>Financial Ratios</b>					
Equity/Capitalization (%)	46	45	44	43	42
Debt Service Coverage (DSC) Ratio	1.69	1.74	1.63	1.60	1.75
Debt/Funds Available for Debt Service	5.48	5.30	6.08	6.64	7.08
Days Cash on Hand	200	268	244	115	104

(1) Includes energy and ancillary services sales

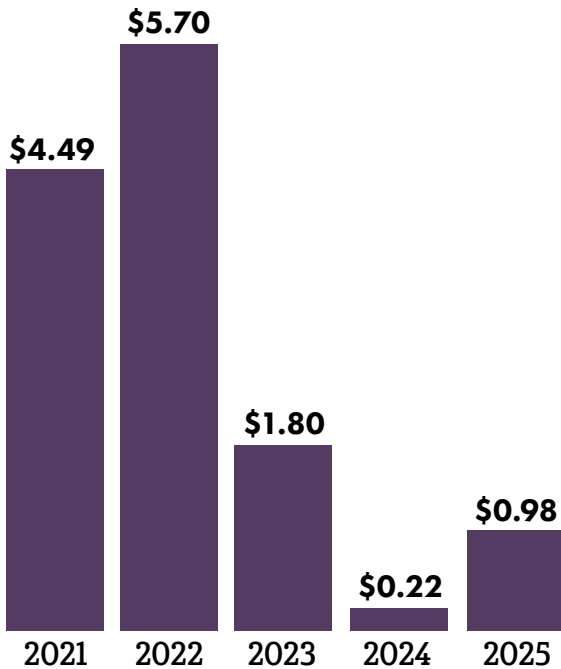
(2) Includes ancillary services for Member load

# ENERGY AND FINANCIAL CHARTS

## AVERAGE NATURAL GAS COMMODITY PRICE

(\$/MMBtu)

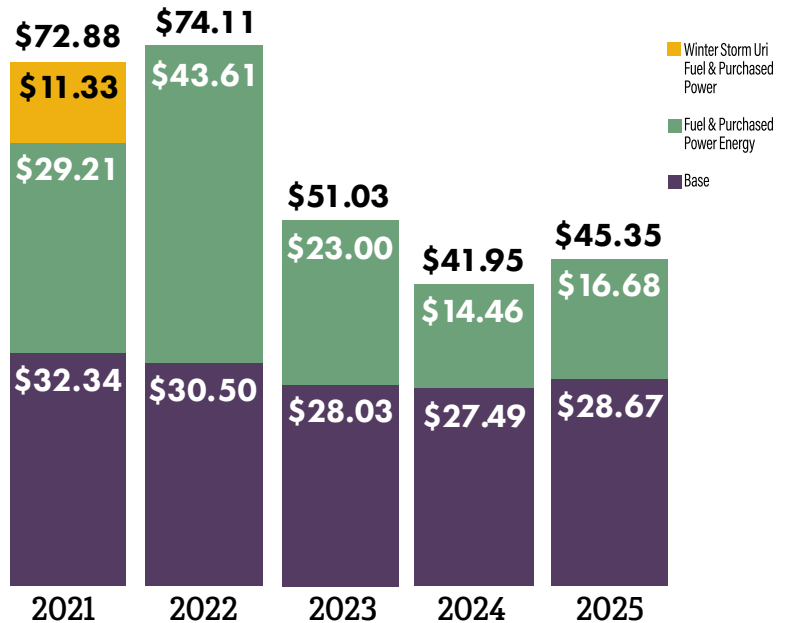
Natural gas prices have a direct effect on Members' rates.



## AVERAGE SYSTEM SERVICE RATE TO MEMBERS

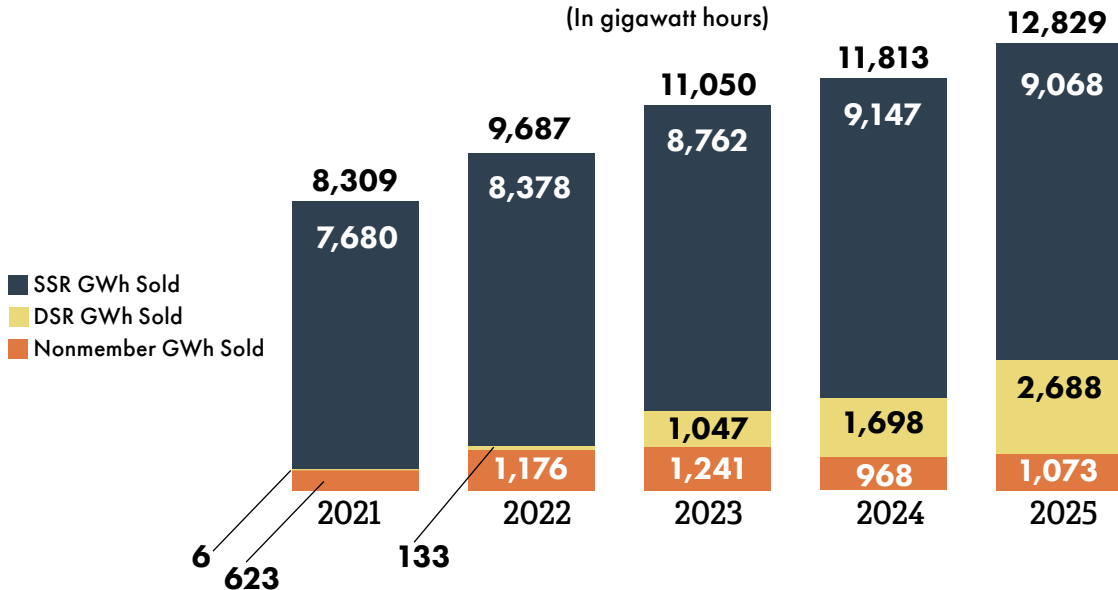
(\$/MWh)

Average rate to Members increased in 2022 due to natural gas prices and increases in transmission rates. Average rate to Members decreased in 2023 and 2024 due to lower natural gas prices.



## SALES BY RATE TYPE

(In gigawatt hours)



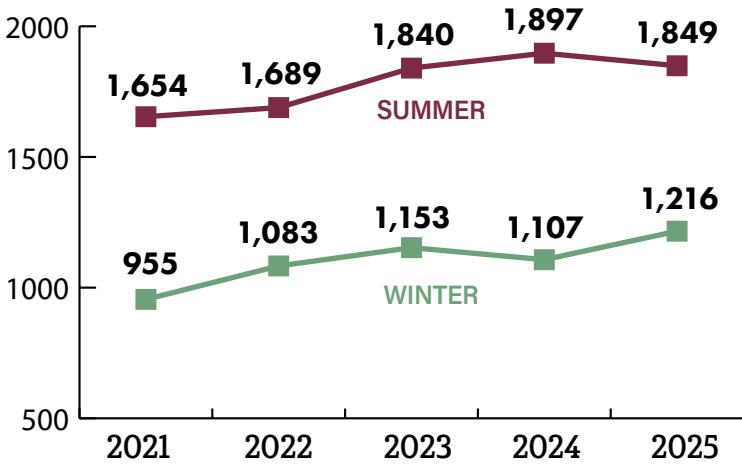
Golden Spread offers two types of service to Members:

- Sales made under the System Service Rate (SSR), which rely on all of Golden Spread's resources, including its power plants.
- Incremental sales are made under the Dedicated Service Rate (DSR), which uses specific assigned resources that match the load commitment. The majority of DSR sales are to mega-consumers and to South Plains Electric Cooperative for load that was previously served by Brazos Electric Cooperative.

## COINCIDENT DEMAND

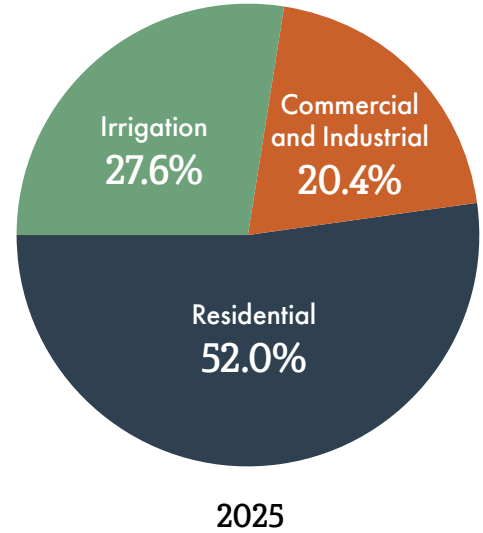
(Megawatts)

Peak loads are affected by weather conditions, commodity prices and general load growth in the Members' service territories.



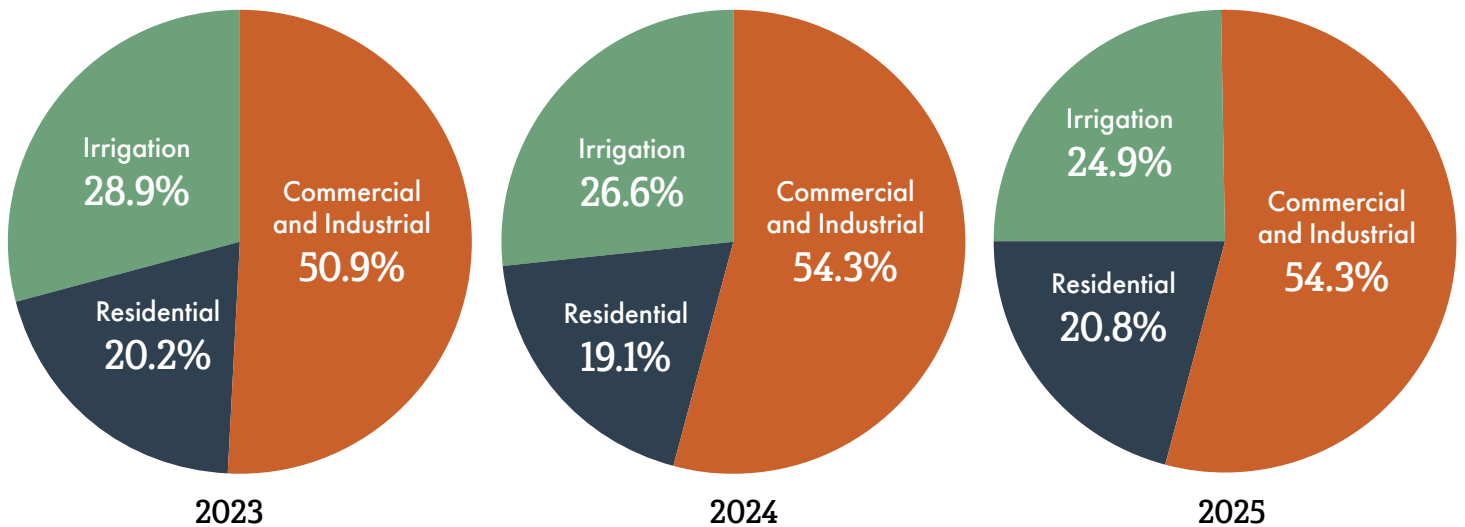
## SYSTEM SERVICE RATE CLASSIFICATION

The composition of Member-Consumers by rate classification remains stable from year to year.



## USAGE BY SYSTEM SERVICE RATE CLASSIFICATION

Weather conditions affect the mix of energy sales by classification – particularly the level of irrigation sales, which has ranged from 24% to 30% of total sales in the last few years.



# MEMBER COOPERATIVES' INFORMATION

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

## 2025 SUMMARY

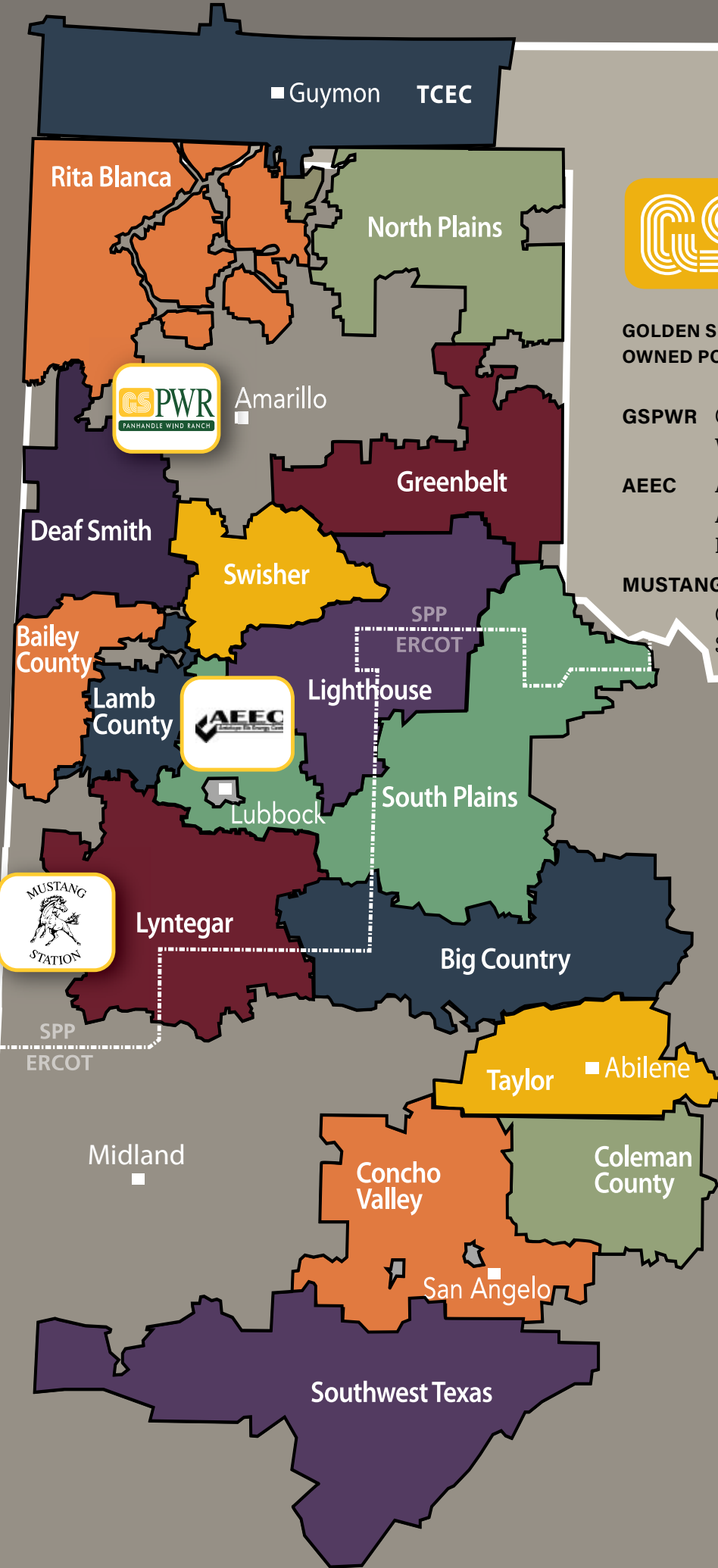
	BAILEY COUNTY	BIG COUNTRY	COLEMAN COUNTY	CONCHO VALLEY	DEAF SMITH	GREENBELT
Number of Employees .....	44	63	37	64	50	35
Total Services in Place .....	9,083	13,628	9,138	21,272	15,338	7,058
Miles of Distribution Line .....	2,787	5,387	3,822	4,463	4,578	2,640
Miles of Transmission Line .....	174	75*	46*	36*	128	45*
Peak Demand (kW - NCP) .....	77,157	101,970	52,463	109,907	191,206	40,636
Sales (MWh) .....	314,611	362,521	240,341	604,326	724,167	217,183
Net Utility Plant .....	\$ 27,046	\$ 103,479	\$ 23,947	\$ 119,973	\$ 47,499	\$ 47,699
Assets .....	\$ 103,012	\$ 143,213	\$ 42,056	\$ 190,567	\$ 135,270	\$ 73,106
Margins Plus Equities .....	\$ 52,461	\$ 76,554	\$ 29,417	\$ 66,933	\$ 117,241	\$ 35,232
Revenues .....	\$ 28,042	\$ 41,578	\$ 17,068	\$ 48,682	\$ 48,671	\$ 21,622
Cost of Purchased Power .....	\$ 16,269	\$ 19,015	\$ 9,916	\$ 28,416	\$ 33,460	\$ 11,748
Interest on Long-Term Debt .....	\$ 1,557	\$ 1,986	\$ 443	\$ 4,103	\$ 147	\$ 1,505
Net Margins .....	\$ 5,403	\$ 3,182	\$ 1,715	\$ 2,105	\$ 5,896	\$ 1,614
DSC .....	2.78	2.31	3.00	1.68	11.79	1.85
Equity Ratio (%) .....	56.00%	53.45%	69.95%	35.12%	87.00%	48.19%

	LAMB COUNTY	LIGHTHOUSE	LYNTEGAR	NORTH PLAINS	RITA BLANCA	SOUTH PLAINS
Number of Employees .....	40	45	113	58	36	158
Total Services in Place .....	11,659	9,547	26,042	7,814	9,949	90,994
Miles of Distribution Line .....	3,260	3,595	6,824	3,615	3,532	10,342
Miles of Transmission Line .....	39	94	122	278	56	123*
Peak Demand (kW - NCP) .....	84,300	595,297	236,134	118,114	208,075	386,789
Sales (MWh) .....	344,889	220,953	981,118	377,256	1,030,197	1,860,930
Net Utility Plant .....	\$ 44,730	\$ 66,011	\$ 210,036	\$ 83,548	\$ 100,036	\$ 385,624
Assets .....	\$ 90,011	\$ 110,455	\$ 330,254	\$ 133,822	\$ 168,913	\$ 556,362
Margins Plus Equities .....	\$ 58,356	\$ 1,349	\$ 169,964	\$ 68,220	\$ 140,267	\$ 245,239
Revenues .....	\$ 28,547	\$ 27,292	\$ 89,053	\$ 34,258	\$ 63,175	\$ 177,578
Cost of Purchased Power .....	\$ 16,695	\$ 29,660	\$ 46,811	\$ 20,115	\$ 45,317	\$ 111,587
Interest on Long-Term Debt .....	\$ 1,091	\$ 1,689	\$ 6,120	\$ 1,846	\$ 392	\$ 9,489
Net Margins .....	\$ 2,684	\$ 595	\$ 16,068	\$ 3,617	\$ 13,068	\$ 14,045
DSC .....	3.08	1.55	2.98	2.20	10.22	1.66
Equity Ratio (%) .....	64.82%	53.94%	51.46%	51.00%	83.04%	44.08%

	SOUTHWEST TEXAS	SWISHER	TAYLOR	TCEC	TOTAL
Number of Employees .....	51	39	87	95	1,015
Total Services in Place .....	15,804	9,828	21,912	22,848	301,914
Miles of Distribution Line .....	5,507	3,714	5,215	4,938	74,219
Miles of Transmission Line .....	1	145	34*	1	1,397
Peak Demand (kW - NCP) .....	45,365	45,356	184,737	151,115	2,628,621
Sales (MWh) .....	313,803	136,243	558,158	886,976	9,173,672
Net Utility Plant .....	\$ 71,256	\$ 42,994	\$ 194,816	\$ 258,424	1,827,118
Assets .....	\$ 101,221	\$ 76,157	\$ 249,134	\$ 341,363	2,844,916
Margins Plus Equities .....	\$ 66,350	\$ 45,979	\$ 100,053	\$ 127,512	1,401,127
Revenues .....	\$ 28,742	\$ 16,798	\$ 72,082	\$ 100,089	843,277
Cost of Purchased Power .....	\$ 16,056	\$ 8,201	\$ 33,655	\$ 55,773	502,694
Interest on Long-Term Debt .....	\$ 756	\$ 882	\$ 5,454	\$ 9,013	46,473
Net Margins .....	\$ 5,630	\$ 1,158	\$ 8,308	\$ 9,050	94,138
DSC .....	7.10	1.12	2.00	1.66	3.56
Equity Ratio (%) .....	65.54%	60.37%	40.00%	37.00%	56.31%



**GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
OWNED POWER GENERATION FACILITIES**

- GSPWR** Golden Spread Panhandle Wind Ranch (Units 1-34)
- AECC** Antelope Elk Energy Center  
Antelope Station (Units 1-18)  
Elk Station (Units 1-3)

**MUSTANG STATION**  
Combined Cycle (Units 1-3)  
Simple Cycle (Units 4-6)

**MISSION**

Delivering **COST EFFECTIVE**, **COMPETITIVE** and **RELIABLE** **POWER** to provide a secure energy future for generations to come by:

- Creating opportunities
- Cultivating cooperation
- Navigating industry risk

**VISION**

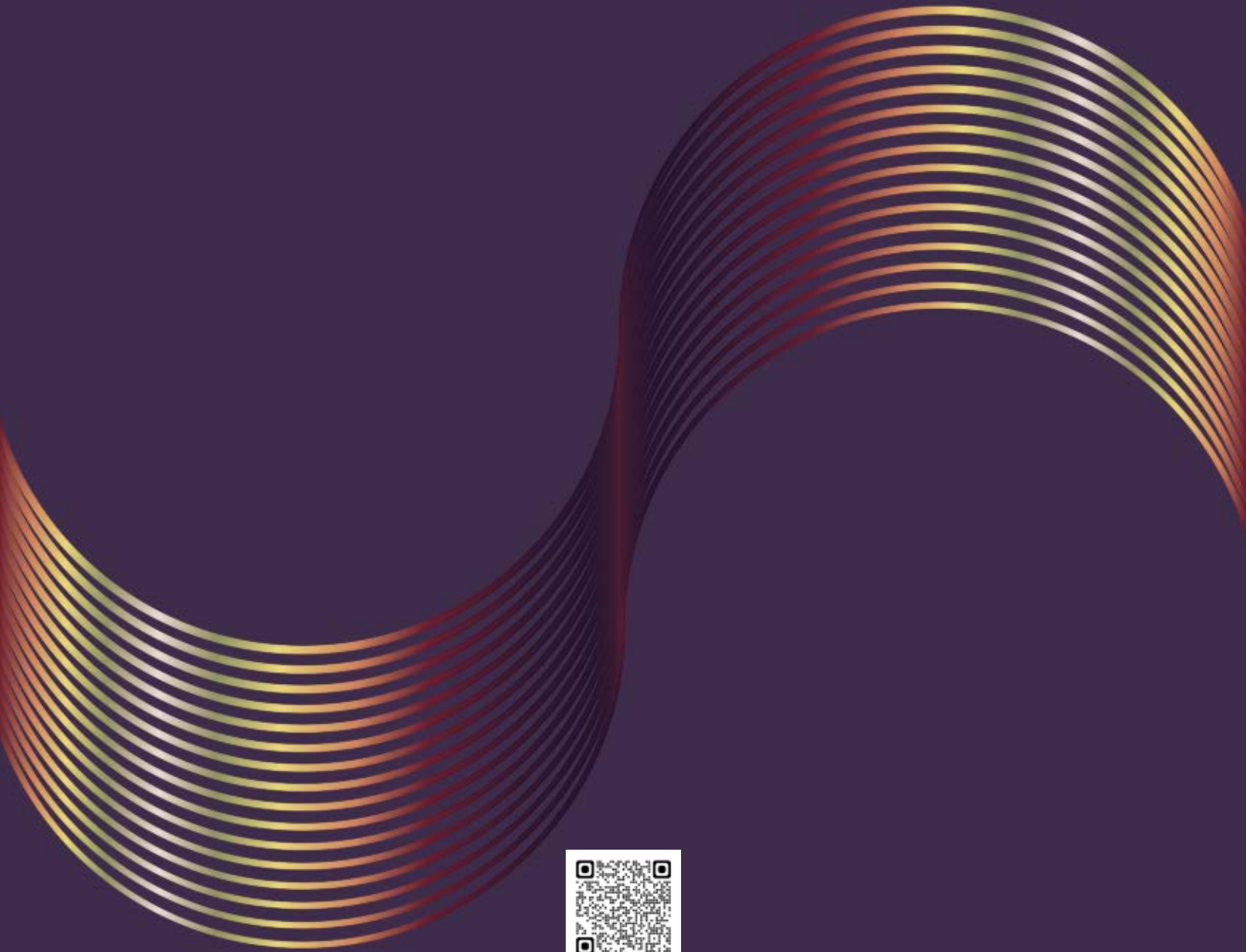
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**VALUES**

**INTEGRITY:** Do the right thing for the right reason

**COOPERATION/SERVICE:** Collective service that is greater than individual efforts

**RESPECT:** The Golden Rule



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