

You have a  
**choice** for  
the future.



and it's  
**renewable.**



**Q. What is Evergreen?**

**A.** Evergreen is a voluntary renewable energy (green power) program available to your home, farm or business through your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative, a member-cooperative of the Dairyland Power system. Evergreen is for those who want to do more to support renewable energy generation.

**Q. Where does Evergreen renewable energy come from?**

**A.** Evergreen renewable energy comes from the wind and waste-to-energy sources such as landfill gas and livestock manure. We purchase energy produced from highly-efficient wind turbines. Waste from landfills and livestock confinements is converted to bio-gas that is used to generate renewable electricity.

**Q. Does my local Touchstone Energy Cooperative receive renewable energy from other sources?**

**A.** The Dairyland Power system is an active and aggressive supporter of renewable resource development. Dairyland's renewable resource portfolio is diverse – wind, hydro, and bio-mass. Dairyland continues to pursue additional renewable energy resources that are reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible.

**Q. Aren't you required to produce a certain amount of electricity from renewable energy resources?**

**A.** Some states require that a specific percentage of a utility's energy sales come from renewable energy resources. Our wholesale power supplier, Dairyland Power, is meeting those directives. Your investment in Evergreen results in the generation of renewable energy above and beyond state requirements.



Renewable Energy from  
Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative



### **Q. How does Evergreen work?**

**A.** It's simple. In addition to your normal, monthly electric bill, you volunteer to pay a small, additional charge each month to offset the additional cost it takes to support renewable energy generation. There are no other requirements. There is nothing to hook up. And, you will continue to receive the same reliable electric service.

### **Q. What are the benefits of participating in the Evergreen renewable energy program?**

**A.** By participating in *Evergreen* you are investing in the future of the environment for your children and grandchildren. As our investment in renewable energy generation increases, it helps us conserve our fossil fuel resources such as coal and natural gas for the future. Your purchase of one 100 kilowatt hour (kWh) block of *Evergreen* renewable energy each month for one year has the same environmental benefit (CO<sub>2</sub> reduction) as planting one-half acre of trees or not driving a car 2,400 miles. (source: EPA)

### **Q. How much does Evergreen cost?**

**A.** *Evergreen* is affordable. In addition to your regular electric bill, you volunteer to pay only \$1.50 more for a block of 100 kilowatt hours (1.5 ¢ per kWh) each month. A block of 100 kWh represents about 10% of the average residential monthly electric usage (1,000 kWh). Buy more blocks and do even more to support renewable energy.

### **Q. Why does Evergreen cost more?**

**A.** Renewable energy costs a little bit more to produce than energy produced from conventional generation resources. *Evergreen* is for those who want to support renewable energy and are willing to help pay for the extra costs associated with its production.

### **Q. What do you do with the proceeds from the Evergreen program?**

**A.** Payments are used to cover the additional costs required to provide energy from renewable energy resources and to administer a green power program.

### **Q. How do I know that I am getting my electricity from renewable energy sources?**

**A.** All power generation facilities that generate electricity, whether from renewable or conventional resources, are connected to the power grid. All power that is generated flows into this pool. In turn, electricity flows from the pool to serve homes, farms and businesses. Thus, the actual electricity that serves your home or business may or may not come from renewable resources. However, the renewable energy that you purchase will increase the amount of renewable energy flowing into the pool and reduce our dependence on electricity generated from other sources.

### **Q. How can I participate in the Evergreen program?**

**A.** You can participate in *Evergreen* by contacting your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative.



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**For their future.**