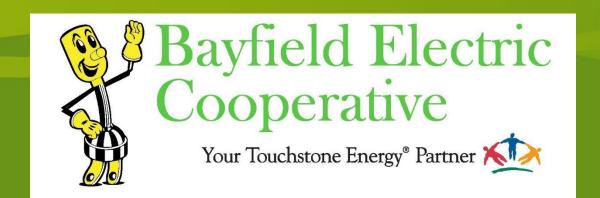
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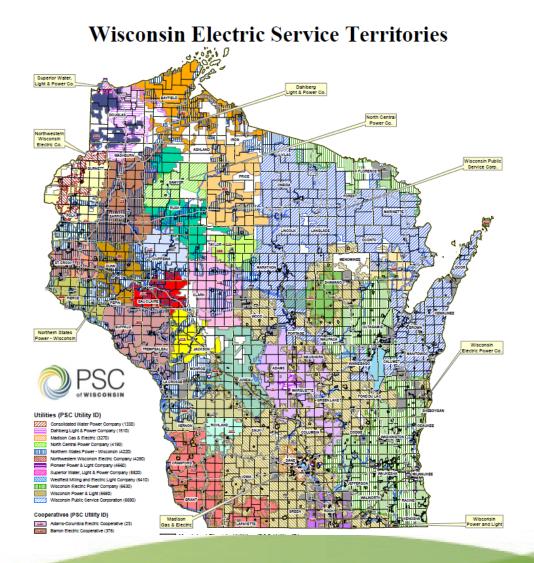
# **About Bayfield Electric**

- The system initially energized on January 25, 1945
- Serve parts of Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Vilas counties in Wisconsin and Gogebic county in Michigan
- BEC has 8503 members and 2,054 miles of distribution lines
  - BEC serves approximately four members per mile of line
  - Investor-owned utilities average ~ 31 customers per mile
  - Municipal utilities average ~ 65 customers per mile
- Wholesale power provided by Dairyland Power Cooperative

# **Wisconsin Service Territory Law**

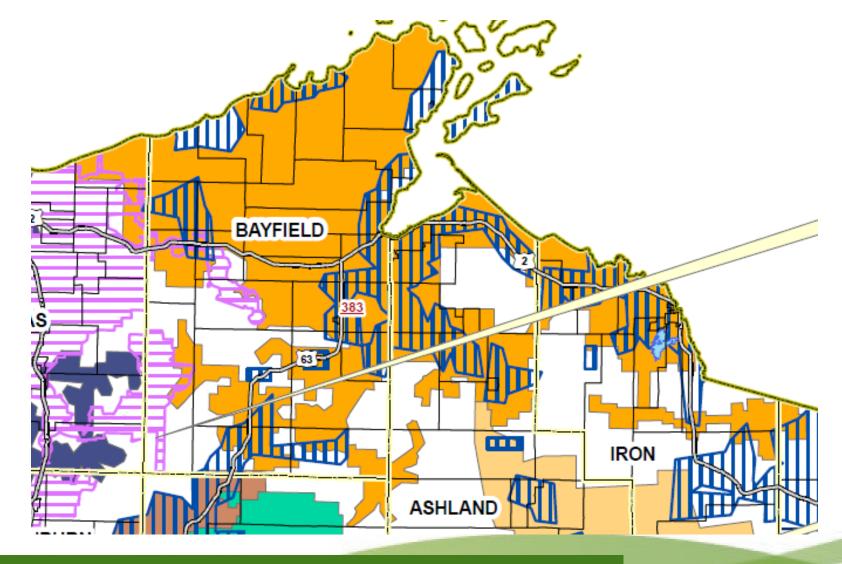
#### The basics

- Wisconsin is not a retail choice state
- Utilities, including cooperatives, must avoid duplication of service. (Wis. Stat. s. 196.495)



### **Overview - Avoidance of Duplication of Facilities**

- Territorial Agreements
- Self Service
- Premises Rule
- Annexation
- 500-foot Rule
- Customer Choice



# Thank You!

