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CEO'S MESSAGE

The 2019 Legislative Session

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees voted to leave the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association in December 2018. One impact of this decision was that Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) would need to take a more active role in the 2019 legislative session. The type of legislation KCEC is supporting is based on years of experience in conjunction with the new emerging electric utility business model. KCEC is ahead of the curve and proud that New Mexico is taking a leading role in the promotion of renewable energy.

As background, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, “on Tuesday, January 29th, formally ordered that New Mexico will join the U.S. Climate Alliance, fully embracing the goals set by the 2015 Paris Agreement, aligning New Mexico with the U.S. governors and states that have committed to a climate-conscious future and moves to protect people, natural resources and cultural heritage. The governor also ordered the creation of a New Mexico Climate Change Task Force, calling on all state agencies to contribute to a statewide climate strategy and incorporate climate mitigation and adaptation practices into their programs and operations.”

Two weeks before the governor made this announcement, KCEC helped to organize the first public dialogue with members of the soon-to-be task force here in Taos. State Land Commissioner, Stephanie Garcia Richard, James Kenney, secretary-designate of the New Mexico Environment Department, Mark Gaiser of the state's renewable energy program at NM EMNRD and Erin Sanborn joined me to discuss the future partnerships that will be required as New Mexico develops a renewable energy transition plan.

Specific legislation we are watching and working to pass are:

1. Change the Protest Rule at the NMPRC so that transmission customers have an avenue to protest potentially unfair rates.
2. The regulatory environment with leadership at both the state and NMPRC levels, can pass legislation that ensures the new business model will keep rates stable, set policies supporting emerging technologies such as Power Storage, Electric Vehicles and Behind the Meter Applications, change the rules to allow decoupling and establish the ability to charge different rates within a class; e.g., a low-income tax credit for residential customers.
3. KCEC is encouraging the legislature to pass a very strong Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and model what KCEC is doing by hiring local companies to build renewable energy resources for economic development. Important progress is being made in this area and it appears that a strong RPS will pass.
4. KCEC is in support of Community Solar and Community Choice Aggregation. It has jumped the first hurdles and is on track to pass.
5. KCEC is encouraging the legislature to fund the deployment of electric vehicle charging stations into the statewide transportation system. This has strong support across the state among all types of utilities.
6. KCEC's division, Kit Carson Internet, is seeking opportunities for last mile broadband funding. This requires embracing the need at both the state and federal levels. KCEC is working to develop the commitment to a long-term economic development built on high-speed fiber optic and wireless communications infrastructure. KCEC supports the facilitation of partnerships with cities and counties for a statewide high-speed fiber optic network.

Needless to say, if I have not been around as much, it is because I have been working on these issues with the Board of Trustees. The finish line is March 16, 2019.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Reyes, Jr., CEO

Kit Carson Internet

Kit Carson Internet serves thousands of customers including members who reside in areas where broadband was not available or service was limited.

Today's fast-paced and exciting world requires that individuals, families and businesses be able to communicate rapidly in ways never dreamed possible. Computers and the Internet have become irreplaceable tools for personal correspondence, student research and a vast array of business applications. As we look to the future, Kit Carson Internet will continue to expand its services to other territories and will continue to be a leader in the telecommunications industry.

As we continue to deploy fiber optic services to residents and businesses, Kit Carson Internet will embrace the spirit of the Cooperative model in delivering products and services to those that are under-served, in offering the best quality of life services in the telecommunications industry at the most affordable prices possible.

To sign up for service, please visit our website at www.kitcarson.com and click on Kit Carson Internet, Plans and Pricing and Sign Up! To speak to a Customer Service Representative call 575-758-4838

Residential Pricing

40 Mbps - \$46.95 / Month
60 Mbps - \$56.95 / Month
110 Mbps - \$106.95 / Month

Residential Telephone Pricing

Residential Line - \$38.87 / Month
Second Line - \$10.00 / Month

\$10.00 Discount when bundled with internet service

*All prices + taxes & fees

Business Pricing

40 Mbps - \$79.95 / Month
60 Mbps - \$99.95 / Month
110 Mbps - \$139.95 / Month
110+ Mbps - Upon Request

Business Telephone Pricing

Business Line - \$51.06 / Month
Second Line - \$10.00 / Month

*All prices + taxes & fees

Propane

PROPANE FUN FACT

When propane is stored in your tank it's a liquid under high pressure. It must be vaporized and expand to be used as a fuel. But as temperatures drop, so does pressure in the tank to the point where eventually, under conditions of extreme cold, pressure may be too low to effectively power your larger propane equipment.

SAFETY TIPS

To avoid any problems with your propane appliances, do the following:

1. Order propane when your tank is no less than one-quarter full, or 20%.
2. Clear snow/ice away from your tank quickly.
3. Keep regulator free of snow or ice and never pour water on it.
4. Turn down the thermostat in your home. Decreasing the temperature in your house will lessen the time your system/appliance operates, permitting the pressure in the tank to build.

CURRENT PRICING

subject to change

RESIDENTIAL PRICE - \$2.40

BOTTLE DOCK PRICE - \$2.40

FIRST FILL (NEW CUSTOMERS) - \$1.89

TANK LEASE - \$7.00 + TAX PER MONTH

CALL OUR OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR E-STATEMENTS

We converted to a new billing software system in January; therefore, our online system is currently not operational. We appreciate your patience and understanding during the conversion.

Solar

Installing Solar Panels on Your House?

**Please Contact
KCEC First! (575)-758-2258**



As we start the New Year, KCEC is progressively advancing toward its goal of 100% daytime solar by 2022. The status of KCEC solar arrays, with up to six megawatts of battery storage, and the schedule for solar array installation can be found on our website: www.kitcarson.com

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Next Board of Trustee monthly Board meeting will be held
March 26, 2019 at 9:00am in the KCEC Boardroom.

Honoring Employees



Joyce Archuleta is in her 23rd year of support to Kit Carson Electric Cooperative and our members. In that time her skill and ability has been recognized and rewarded through opportunities to steadily advance throughout the organization. She has greatly enjoyed getting to get to know our members as a Receptionist, Cashier, Customer Service Representative, Collections Representative and Collections Supervisor. Her current role as Executive Secretary now provides new challenges and learning opportunities through a broad view into the functions of running an electric cooperative as a business.

Joyce commutes from Cerro where she has shared 39 years with her husband and is close-by her daughter and son-in-law. After the birth last year of her first grandchild Joyce finds a renewed commitment to making the world a better place. Her fellow work colleagues certainly know that she makes Kit Carson better too! Thanks Joyce for your deep commitment and support to Kit Carson!

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Contact Us

MAIN OFFICE (575) 758-2258 or 1-800-688-6780

CUSTOMER SERVICE : (575) 751-9064 or 1-800-944-8159

CUSTOMER SERVICE FAX: (575) 758-4611

CUSTOMER SERVICE EMAIL: csr@kitcarson.com

ADMINISTRATION FAX: (575) 758-4890

AUTOMATED SYSTEM: (575) 751-8132

POWER OUTAGE/SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS: (575) 758-6100

EMERGENCY LINE-LOCATES: 1-800-321-2537

QUESTA OFFICE: (575) 586-2113 Open 8:00 - 4:30 on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except holidays).

KIT CARSON INTERNET: (575) 758-4838 or 1-800-758-4820

KIT CARSON PROPANE : (575) 758-7757

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATORY COMMISSION (PERA Building): 1-800-947-4722