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CEO'S MESSAGE

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Enters Next Phase of its Efforts Toward 100%

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) is breaking ground on three new photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays in its service territory. This exciting development is part of the co-op's ongoing effort of achieving 100% daytime solar energy by 2022. The new PV arrays will add six additional megawatts (MW) of distributed energy resources (DER's) into KCEC's renewable portfolio. All three renewable projects are expected to be completed by the end of the year, allowing KCEC to reach 50% of its daytime solar energy goals.

KCEC has already developed several solar projects in their territory and are building on a great foundation, completed projects include: one MW solar installations in Eagle Nest, Picuris Pueblo in Peñasco and Tres Piedras, NM. These projects account for approximately ten MW's of PV on their system, accounting for 30% of their daytime summer peak load.

As part of this new phase of development, KCEC and its solar developer, Syncarpha Capital, began construction on a 1.5 MW array in Sunshine, north of Questa, NM. The second site is a 1.5 MW solar array at the Northern New Mexico College in El Rito, NM, and the remaining site is a 3 MW solar array located at the Taos Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in Taos, NM.

Based on KCEC's average residential power consumption, these three arrays will power approximately 3,400 homes. Phase two of the project is expected to bring in \$6.6 million of economic development and associated monies back into local communities. This project will also turn a brown field site into usable land.

In April of 2019, KCEC released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for additional solar projects with the integration of battery storage. The distributed resources will allow for multiple applications, resulting in additional cost savings for KCEC members. The RFP is for the next phase of the projects between KCEC and Guzman Energy, which will begin 2020. The proposed sites for these solar arrays and storage will be in Taos and Angel Fire, NM. This next phase of the KCEC solar plan is expected to be completed in 2021. KCEC will meet the requirements of the New Mexico Energy Transition Act (Bill 489), 19 years earlier than mandated.



KCEC encourages all of our members to enroll in E-billing. Sign up or call a representative today. Members can pay and view their bill online at kitcarson.com

Kit Carson Employees Help Students with School Supplies

The Kit Carson employee community collected over 1,400 items for donations to Taos schools! It was an incredible contribution and collective effort by all Kit Carson Electric, Internet and Propane staff – we are so proud of this effort! Enos Garcia, Arroyo del Norte, Ranchos and Taos Charter schools were designated for the donations which were completely unexpected by the school administrators.

We want to thank KCEC, KCI and KCP teams for donating to the communities we serve.



HIVE Project Wins National Competition

The University of New Mexico-Taos Education and Career Center received a \$100,000 grant August 8th for submitting the winning entry, its Hub of Internet-Based Vocations and Education (HIVE) project, to a nationwide competition.

A partnership of UNM-Taos, KCEC, local business professionals and economic development organizations launched the HIVE project, which aims to build community wealth by helping Taos residents acquire internet-based jobs or build a locally based online business. HIVE's tagline, “Live Local...Work Global,” captures this vision.



Propane

Due to the large volume of calls Kit Carson Propane received in August, orders will be delivered within three weeks of order placement. We cannot guarantee next day route delivery.

The 20% Order Request – It is important for propane orders to be placed when your tank is at 20%. This ensures that you will have enough propane to last until you receive your delivery. Our drivers can only handle a specific number of orders per day depending on the terrain and location of the orders. Ordering at 20% helps to alleviate trip charges and any other incidentals related to an emergency, after hour delivery.

New Customer



CURRENT PRICING

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESIDENTIAL PRICE - \$2.05

BOTTLE DOCK PRICE - \$2.05

FIRST FILL (NEW CUSTOMERS) - \$1.69

TANK LEASE - \$7.00 + TAX PER MONTH OR \$77.00 + TAX PER YEAR

ENROLL IN PAPERLESS STATEMENTS!

Community

The 17th Annual Community Against Violence (CAV) Radiothon fundraiser will be held Thursday, October 10th from 7 am - 7 pm, on KTAOS Radio 101.9. This annual event raises money to support the programs and resources offered in north central New Mexico. You are an important part of our community. Please consider donating by calling the radio station at 575-758-8882 on Thursday, October 10th; mail your donation to CAV, 945 Salazar Rd., Taos, NM 87571; or donate online at TaosCAV.org.

KCEC appreciates the valuable work CAV attributes to the community. KCEC is a proud sponsor and partner of CAV.



WHO WE ARE



John Ortega

John Ortega started with KCEC in October 2006. John began as a tree trimmer and transitioned to Safety Training and Compliance Officer. John conducts safety and compliance trainings and performs crew and office inspections. John also conducts CPR and First Aid for employees and the public. John is an EMT, Questa Village Councilor and a firefighter. John likes to ride his Harley, fish and hunt. John loves spending time with his fiancé Maggie and two puppies Milo and Anthony

Thank You John!

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Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 9:00am in the KCEC Boardroom.



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