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## **March 29, 2020 Power Outage Affects Members in Lower Los Colonias, Upper Los Colonias and Highway 64 West**

**March 29, 2020 at 9:45 pm Taos, NM** - Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc (KCEC) experienced a power outage affecting members in the following areas: Lower Los Colonias, Upper Los Colonias and Highway 64 West in the Taos area. The cause of the outage was metallic helium party balloons that were tangled in the power lines forcing safety breakers to trip. The outage led to the failure of an equipment switch impacted members in the area.

KCEC crews were dispatched to fix the fault shortly after 9:45 pm. KCEC crews worked diligently to repair the equipment failure. The approximate time of repair was one hour and 30 minutes.

“During this COVID pandemic, KCEC wants to ensure our members the safety, resiliency and reliability of the services we provide. The reason of the outage was beyond KCEC control but rest assured KCEC will take every outage and inquiry seriously. We are committed to our members during this pandemic.” Says Luis A. Reyes Jr., CEO of KCEC.

**For more information on Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, visit us at [kitcarson.com](http://kitcarson.com)**

### **About Kit Carson Electric Cooperative**

Formed in 1944, Kit Carson is a member owned electric distribution cooperative in northern New Mexico and is the second largest cooperative in the state. Kit Carson is one of 16 electric cooperatives that serve rural New Mexico communities, serving nearly 30,000 members in Taos, Colfax and Rio Arriba counties. To learn more about Kit Carson, visit [www.kitcarson.com](http://www.kitcarson.com).