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KCEC is 56% Daytime Solar







### CEO'S MESSAGE 2020: Year in Review

Through this COVID Pandemic, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) has become a key component in assisting and helping the communities it serves. KCEC recognized the need for the support, well-being and safety of our residents, family and friends. KCEC has adapted and evolved

into a community driver that extends beyond just providing electricity, internet and propane. We continue to find and create new opportunities for our members while keeping with the same standards for a better quality of life.

During 2020, COVID affected us all in more ways than one. KCEC has adopted new ways of operating and conducting business during the challenges of COVID. This pandemic has created resilience, cooperation and unity between stakeholders in all of Northern NM communities. The collaboration of partners illustrates an impactful, successful model for future community demands.

KCEC's opration hasn't stopped during these different and unsure times. KCEC's largest 3 MW solar array became operational earlier this year, providing 100% daytime solar to more than 1,800 homes. KCEC has finalized its solar array contracts with the Town of Taos, Village of Angel Fire and Taos Mesa Solar. These contracts will ensure KCEC will be more than 100% Daytime Solar by 2022. The new solar array construction will have a battery storage component and start contruction in 2021.

On behalf of KCEC Board of Trustees and employees, we thank you for being a valuable and respected member. This pandemic has made us stronger at helping each other and has revealed the true meaning of communities unselfishly working in unity. This pandemic has prepared our organizations, businesses, governments and residents to push forward into 2021.

For more information on KCEC's accomplishments please visit our website at kitcarson.com

Sincerely, Luis A. Reyes Jr., CEO

" Warmest Wishes for Faith, Hope and Peace for 2021, This Will Be Our Year"

#### Let's Turn Our Communities From Red To Green

Dear Members,

HAPPY NEW

The year of 2020 has demonstrated the

resilience of our communities. We

have supported each other more

than ever. KCEC wants to wish

you a Happy New Year! This

will be our year!

We Can Get Taos Back to Green – We have to work together

As we enter the most important time of the year for our community's economy – winter sports season – it is critical that we all do our part and support local Taos businesses not only stay open, but remain open for a longer time period to allow for and accommodate the tourism we typically see over the next few months.

While our county is currently in the designated level "Red" for COVIDrelated restrictions, if we all take action now we can turn the tide on Coronavirus implications in Taos and

move from red, to yellow, to green – all within this crucial season.

Finally, take advantage of the free testing sites at the Taos Public Health Office, Holy Cross Hospital, or El Centro Family Health Taos Clinic if you have symptoms or were exposed to someone who has tested positive. By knowing who has tested positive and contact tracing, we can significantly limit the spread of the virus.

We all love the Taos community and ask that everyone please support our local businesses in a safe and smart way to help us all get back to normal as soon as possible.

# ✓ Stay home ✓ Wear a mask correctly ✓ Wash your hands often ✓ Limit gatherings ✓ Get tested × 575-751-8951

#### Propane



For the month of January, Kit Carson Propane offers \$2.30 per gallon for Residential and Bottle Dock Customers. Price is subject to change.

**January Month Specials!** 

We Are Committed to You!

We are also offering contactless customer service through our online portal! Customer Service Propane Chat Now Online. Customers are now able to chat with a customer service representative for billing and inquiry questions. Learn more at www.kitcarson.com Please call the office when your tank is at 20% to avoid running out of fuel.

Now that we are entering this winter season, please keep driveways and areas under tanks clear and free from snow and debris.

Safety is our # 1 concern

Please allow 5-7 business days for deliveries to be completed. Registration is fast and easy! Learn more at www.kitcarson.com

#### TANK SETS AND GAS CHECKS ARE FREE OF CHARGE WITHOUT NECESSARY UPGRADES



#### **Taos Feeds Taos**

KCEC was honored to be part of Taos Feeds Taos again this year. Taos Feeds Taos is a non- profit corporation in its 35th year. In December 2020, food baskets were distributed to approximately 1,100 needy Taos county families. This is only possible with the help of the community.

We want to thank everyone that made this possible, especially during COVID. Have A Happy New Year!

#### Board of Trustees

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Next Board of Trustee monthly Board meeting will be held January 26, 2021 at 9:00 am via virtual conferencing.

#### Community

#### **Please Consider Volunteering**

Did you know that Volunteer Firefighters and EMS personnel serve over 50% of the US population? Over the last two years, volunteer firefighting and EMS services have dropped their enrollment by 10%. All of the Enchanted Circle Fire Districts need your help today. All Fire Districts are looking for more volunteers. Being a volunteer firefighter is not just about running into burning buildings. If you think you can run a pump, do traffic control on a motor vehicle accident scene, help with fundraisers, fight wildland fires, or see yourself as a support member, we need you. They do this because they love to help their neighbors and they want to keep everyone safe. If and are interested in volunteering, please call 1-575-737-6469 and we will get you in contact with the department you would like to volunteer.

#### Thank you from all the Enchanted Circle Fire Districts

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

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

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**QUESTA OFFICE:** (575) 586-2113 Closed until further notice. **KIT CARSON INTERNET:** (575) 758-4838 or 1-800-758-4820

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