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MESSAGE

CEO'S

Kit Carson Is Installing Nine Additional EV Charging Stations.

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc (KCEC) is installing nine additional EV charging stations in the Enchanted Circle to complement KCEC's regional beneficial electrification plan for a greener, cleaner future. KCEC commends the hard work by the municipalities, tribes, governments, and Enchanted Circle COAD members to aid the transition to EVs in Northern NM. Not only will EV's reduce our carbon emissions, but they will also provide a new opportunity for rural communities to invest in less carbon-efficient vehicles.

The KCEC Board of Trustees unanimously approved the nine additional EV chargers to KCEC's current EV infrastructure. The future of transportation is shifting towards a carbon-free environment that relies on EV vehicles, charging stations and new cars with an extended battery range. The addition of the new stations will create the opportunities for locals and businesses to invest in EV's.

KCEC wants to thank the Town of Taos, EC-COAD members, Renewable Taos, Taos County, Village of Red River, Village of Eagle Nest, Village of Questa, Village of Angel Fire and other critical stakeholders for their cooperation on the EV project. The participation and buy-in from these entities plan to introduce electric vehicles to their fleets, will create a regional carbon reduction footprint.

Sol Luna, a local solar installer and KCEC partner, will utilize local labor force to install the EV charging stations in KCEC's service territory. KCEC's overall Beneficial Electrification Plan will import and introduce new economic development opportunities to the region and fill the demand for long-range electric vehicle drivers.

Once the EV installation is completed, KCEC will have 19 EV charging stations with 28 charging points for the communities to use. In May of 2020, KCEC received a New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) grant award, in the amount of \$200,119, this is one of 43 projects throughout the state from the Volkswagen Settlement Fund. The grant is meant to initiate an EV charging station network in the state and the Enchanted Circle.

Sincerely, Luis A Reyes Jr., CEO

185 DAYS TO GO BEFORE KCEC IS 100% DAYTIME SOLAR

PROPANE

PRICING

\$2.30 A GALLON **June 2021**

OF

STUDENTS

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Do You Need Help Paying Rent and Electric Bill? WE CAN HELP.

The state of New Mexico will grant approximately \$170M of federal aid to New Mexicans for rental and utility assistance to households experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) will administer the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) in partnership with the City of Albuquerque. New Mexicans can apply for assistance at www.RentHelpNM.org

PREVENT ELECTRIC DISCONNECTIONS

Any account holder who is having a challenging time paying their electric bills can make a payment arrangement with Kit Carson Electric Cooperative.

Delinquent accounts without an executed and written payment arrangement will be disconnected per the NMPRC disconnection rules. We want to help you. Please call us at (575) 751-9064 or 1-800-944-8159 to set-up payment arrangements.

KIT CARSON INTERNET ASSISTANCE

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program) launched on May 12, 2021. At this time, consumers can apply for the program through the National Verifier at GetEmergencyBroadband.org. Please call 575-758-4838 for more information. Low to moderate income are eligible for assistance to pay for monthly internet service. Restrictions apply.

Propane

June Customer Appreciation Day

Kit Carson Propane is having its Annual Customer Appreciation Day. We want to thank our customers for their continued support. Please join us at the following times and locations. The event each day will be from 9:00am-3:00pm

- 6/14/21 Ojo Office (35293 HWY 285 Ojo Caliente)
- 6/15/21 Questa Office (2648 HWY 522 Questa)
- 6/16/21 Penasco Office (15491 ST RD 75 Penasco)
- 6/17/21 Taos Office (201 Cruz Alta Rd Taos)

Price \$.99 Per Gallon Bottle fill only. Up to 100lb Cylinders No Recertifications Allowed During This Time No Filling of RV's Allowed



Down Power Line Safety

When lines from a utility pole fall to the ground, touch a guardrail or land on a car, please remember:

- Stay away from downed power lines at least 30 feet or more
- Always assume downed power lines are energized and dangerous
- A downed power line touching a fence or guardrail can energize it for several thousand yards and pose a hazard to anyone coming into contact with these structures.

Report downed lines immediately. Call KCEC outage number at (575) 758-6100 which is avalable 24/7/365. If you see someone injured after touching a downed power line, call 9-1-1 for help

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Next Board of Trustee monthly Board meeting will be held July 29, 2021 at 9:00 am via virtual conferencing.

Community

Wildfire Preparedness Tips

In and around your home

- Clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house. Learn more about the basics of defensible space on the Firewise website.
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Remove flammable materials (firewood stacks, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. Prune trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger.
 Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.

Learn more about how to protect your home and property at www.firewise.org.



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