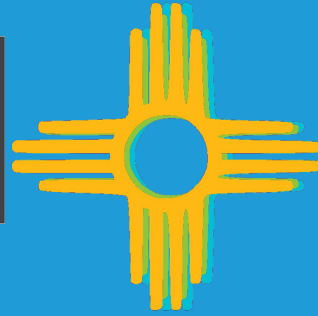


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CEO'S Message

KCEC's Reflects on 2022 Accomplishments and Challenges. Charging Up for 2023!

As we reflect on 2022, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative and our communities have faced many challenges; inflation, winter squalls, supply chain issues, labor shortages, deadly wildfires, and the aftermath effects of COVID-19. Although we face many challenges, there have been many successes in 2022. KCEC would like to thank members, businesses, and employees for another successful year. KCEC has accomplished many trend-setting goals throughout the year that have advanced a small rural co-op in Northern NM to be a leader in renewable generation, battery storage, cybersecurity and broadband integration. The goals set forth by the members and Board of Trustees are paving the way for future generations to live a better quality of life.

Gas prices, groceries and necessities continue to increase. In July of 2022, KCEC made its last Tri-State Exit Fee Payment to its wholesale provider Guzman Energy. Since then, KCEC has saved members approximately \$6.5 million on their electric bills. Kit Carson Internet (KCI) continues to provide the highest-speed broadband connectivity to northern NM at competitive prices.

KCEC has worked to ensure all members benefit from clean, renewable resources. On November 1st of 2022, the Taos Mesa Solar Array & Battery Storage Facility went into operation to make all KCEC communities 100% Daytime Solar! The Taos Mesa Solar Array has approximately 44,000 solar photovoltaic solar panels (15 MW) and 10 Tesla battery storage Megapacks (12.5 MW) that provide local generation and battery storage. The Taos Mesa Facility is the most extensive Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in New Mexico. KCEC is also finalizing the Angel Fire Solar Array and Battery Facility, which includes 7.5 MW solar and 3.75 MW battery storage. The Angel Fire Facility should be operational in January 2023. KCEC has installed solar facilities since 2005 and continues to expand our solar fleet.

Safety, maintenance and reliability of our infrastructural system remains the top priority. The Calf Canyon Hermit Peaks fire has displayed the fire risks and dangers associated with living in highly dense forested populated areas. KCEC has an all-year-round tree trimming and maintenance program that increases forest fire mitigation and system reliability. Substations and electrical equipment are inspected annually and KCEC's maintenance program includes the conversion of gasoline chainsaws and equipment to electric-safe devices.

Cybersecurity education and awareness are vital in protecting confidential information and infrastructure against cyber threats. KCEC created a cybersecurity awareness culture within our company and community by implementing the seven layers of cybersecurity. KCEC continues to focus on training and communication throughout our company and community by conducting cybersecurity workshops and creating steps to enhance cyber security at our workplace, home, and, most importantly, our community.

KCEC and our communities continue to show the strength of unity as we enter 2023. Access to affordable high-speed internet is crucial for rural economies to survive. KCI has approximately 11,700 customers who rely on high-speed broadband services for work, school, connecting with family, or watching their favorite show. KCEC stays very active in finding and receiving federal and state grants to help members get connected at little or no cost. KCI was recently awarded the RUS/USDA ReConnect grant for 23.6 million dollars to help KCI connect more customers in Northern NM. KCI is upgrading equipment and creating direct circuit paths for system reliability and stability. Please help us get you or your family members connected with high-speed internet. KCI is learning that high-speed connectivity is equally essential as electricity and is taking the proper procedures to have a 24/7/365 response. KCI wants to thank you for trusting us as your Internet Service Provider.

In conclusion, KCEC and its family of companies are growing to facilitate the future of Northern New Mexico. Change is occurring daily and KCEC is strategically preparing for the demands and needs of the future. From implementing 28 electric vehicle charging stations for the adoption of EVs to the proposed 115 kV Green Chile Transmission line for lower transmission rates and the ability to export our renewable resources to other communities. KCEC values our communities and works harder each day to provide our families the better quality of life they deserve. We at KCEC, your local cooperative, want to wish our members many blessings and a Happy New Year.

Propane

KCP has continued to deliver Propane to the surrounding areas and works hard to meet the demand of our customers. We offer flexible payment options and an in-house assistance program (Neighbors helping Neighbors). During 2022 KCP hosted four community events offering a discount on cylinder fills in July and a special discount for our residential customers in August.

KCP opened the Penasco location during the Calf Canyon fire to assist the community, donated to the Paseo Project and Eaglefest, and sponsored the Balloon Fiesta, an event at the Rodeo, Archery buckles for the kids, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and Faralito lighting in the plaza.

KCP continues to grow and provide friendly customer service. We are grateful to be your local propane provider and look forward to providing excellent customer service and competitive prices for the years to come.



CURRENT PRICING
****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****
 RESIDENTIAL PRICE - \$2.95/gal
 BOTTLE DOCK PRICE - \$2.65/gal
 FIRST FILL (NEW CUSTOMERS) - \$1.99/gal



KCEC Trivia Extraganza

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KCEC's
 Trivia
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TRIVIA

Introducing KCEC Trivia Extraganza! This new and exciting trivia helps members learn more about their local electric, internet and propane cooperative!

If you answer all correctly, then you will be sent a bonus question and/or entered into a drawing to win our weekly & monthly KCEC Prize. Good Luck!

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Community

Happy New Year Kit Carson Internet Customers



Happy New Years to all,

It is with much gratitude that Kit Carson Internet would like to thank each one our consumers and our employees for making 2022 a fantastic year. With all the uncertainty in 2022 and during COVID our employees showed up day in and day out to ensure that you the consumer would receive the best service possible.

It is because of that dedication that Kit Carson Internet continues to grow exponentially. In 2022, Kit Carson was awarded a grant from RUS/USDA for Reconnect III in the amount of 23.6 million dollars. This grant will help expand our reach to other parts of Northern New Mexico Rural communities that are in need of broadband services. As this project gets underway, we will continue to elaborate on the project and milestones completed.

What to expect from KCI in 2023, circuit reliability and diverse path, upgraded electronics, and a 24x7 mindset growth. 2023 will be our best year yet. Once again, we would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.



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