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## CEO'S

# **MESSAGE**

Savings On Your Electrical Bill Are Here

I am pleased to announce that over the past year the KCEC Board and Management have been working on transmission rate negotiations and as a result members will see a savings on the "fuel adjustment" segment of residential electric bills for July and August. The savings will be about 8% based on consumer's usage. Also, KCEC will make the final Tri-State exit payment at the end of July; therefore, in September KCEC members will continue to see a decrease. Consumers will see these

savings when customers need it the most since customers are seeing increases in household goods and other items.

KCEC made the decision to give back to the members by lowering electric bills.

In an effort to keep our members safe from wildfires and continue to deliver reliable electric service, Kit Carson Electric crews have trimmed and patrolled approximately 58 miles of line in the following areas:

Pot Creek to Rock Wall Rock Wall to Mora County line Valle Escondido Questa to Red River Substation Upper Red River Bobcat Pass to Red River El Rito West from CR 111 to El Rito El Rito West CR 110 La Madera to Vallecitos

KCEC continues to trim and cut hazard trees within the forest service with a focus on high fire risk areas. Efforts were successful since no major fire started due to trees falling on electric power lines in the KCEC service territory. KCEC crews will continue to trim trees in the Taos area during the month of July. Over the past couple of weeks, the monsoon season and rain received provided much needed relief. KCEC will continue with its aggressive fire mitigation program during the drought. Please report trees on powerlines to KCEC for fire and outage mitigation.

Firewise Chipper Days will be scheduled as follows:

- Valle Escondido August 15, 2022
- Pot Creek August Date to be Determined
- Hidden Lake August 18, 2022



Kit Carson Internet currently operates 23 Remote Optical Line Terminal's (OLT) in its most rural surrounding areas. Remote OLT's are designed to act as a repeater in locations that exceed more than 12.4 miles from our substations.

> KCI placed the OLT's in certain locations to help strengthen the signal in our fiber optic network and provide broadband speeds.

Over the last year with major storm damages and the age we have encountered degradation in the backup power and on our batteries. KCI has moved forward with a new system that will be more reliable with a backup battery system.

This project is currently 75% complete with the last locations to be completed in the Rio Arriba County area. The new system will allow up to 6 hours of standby power. The project will be complete by July 20, 2022. We appreciate your patience. KCI will continue to provide the best service possible.

Kit Carson Electric

is Generating 100%

of our daytime

power from the Sun



Nathan Montoya, KCI Installer, was recognized at the Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. June Board Meeting for going above and beyond regular duties. On May 10, 2022, Nathan was traveling near Valle Escondido when he observed a fire. His quick actions were recognized for spotting the fire that had started on the side of the road and stopping to extinguish the fire. Nathan realized that fires were burning out of control in other areas and his quick actions may have prevented another forest fire. Thank you, Nathan, for your heroic actions and continued dedication and hard work.

Sincerely, Luis A. Reyes Jr. CEO

## Propane



Kit Carson Propane is having its Annual Customer Appreciation Days. 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 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Price \$1.90 Per Gallon Bottle fill only. Up to 100lb Cylinders No Filling of RV's Allowed

- 7/15/21 Questa Office (2648 HWY 522 Questa)
- 7/29/22 Ojo Caliente Office (35293 HWY 285 Ojo Caliente)

The Taos and Penasco Office Appreciation Days were held on July 1st and July 8th. Thank you to those that came out and filled their cylinders.

Hot dogs & Drinks will be provided Gift for the first 100 customers



#### CURRENT PRICING

\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\* RESIDENTIAL PRICE - \$2.75/gal BOTTLE DOCK PRICE - \$2.15/ gal FIRST FILL (NEW CUSTOMERS) - \$1.99/gal plus free tank rental for one year

## EV Charging

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KCEC) is committed to planning, designing and installing publicly accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Facilities (26) which both share in promotion and development of public access.

EV charging station locations owned by KCEC are as follow:

- NNMC (El Rito) Level 2 Universal (2 charge points)
- Oliver's Store (Ojo Caliente) Level 2 Universal (2 charge points)l
- Questa Library Level 2 Universal (2 charge points)
- Questa Visitor Center Level 2 Universal (2 charge points)
- Red River Convention Center (2) Level 2 Universal (4 charge points)
- Eagle Nest Town Hall Level 2 Universal (2 charge points)
- Sugar Nymphs (Penasco) Level 2 Universal (2 charge points)
- UNM Taos Klauer 3 Tesla (3 charge points)
- ECO Park 2 Tesla (2 charge points)
- Kit Carson Headquarters 1 Tesla and 1 Universal (2 charge points)
- KTAO 2 Tesla and 1 Universal (3 charge points)

### Board of Trustees

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Next Board of Trustee monthly Board meeting will be held
July 26, 2022 at 9:00 am.

## 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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