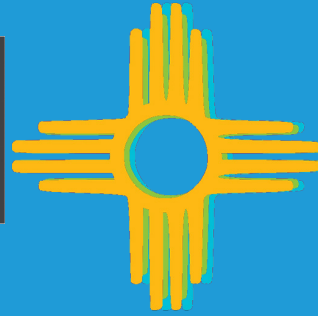


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“Owned by those we serve.”

## CEO'S Message

### Kit Carson NM Electric Cooperative Completes First Phase of Energy Independence Transition Plan

After a six-year process, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) has reached a significant milestone in its plan to become one of the cleanest, most cost-effective energy cooperatives in America. KCEC has made the final payment on the \$37 million it was charged to exit its decades-long contract with Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State) in order to stabilize and lower rates while shifting to more renewable, locally-generated power.

#### A Distribution Cooperative Exit

Since 2013, KCEC's member owners have been set on creating change. At that time, the coop had experienced 12 wholesale power rate increases in 13 years, was serving a costly, fossil-heavy power mix to its members, and its ability to self-generate renewable power was capped at 5%. KCEC sought price stability, lower cost of power, the ability to serve additional renewable energy resources, and to restore local decision-making ability to better serve its member owners.

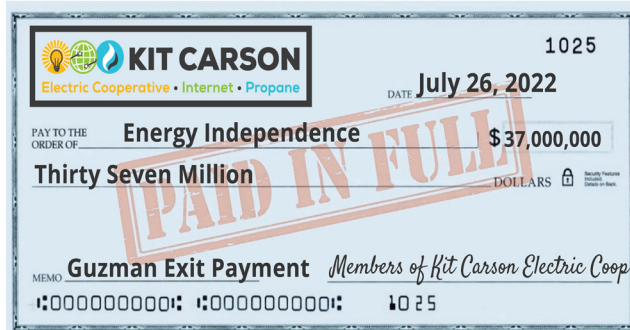
KCEC partnered with Guzman Energy, a wholesale power provider to help finance the exit cost and signed a new, 10-year wholesale power supply contract. The agreement with Guzman Energy provides for lower, fixed wholesale power rates – estimated to save the coop \$50-70 million over the term of the contract; no limits on local renewable energy generation; and a return to local decision making that is focused on members and local economic growth.

#### Phase 1 Transition Delivers Cheaper, Cleaner Power Milestones

In the first six years since the shift, not only has KCEC made the final payment on the exit cost, but it has also achieved the following milestones:

- KCEC has lower power rates than any Tri-State member coop and has some of the lowest power rates among all NM coops
- Total 41 MW of distributed solar, local power generation throughout KCEC's service territory
- Reaching its goal of providing 100% of daytime energy through solar power
- Developed 16.25 MW of accompanying battery storage for reliability and resiliency
- Progress toward New Mexico's statewide objective to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by the year 2030

Looking ahead to Phase 2, KCEC will continue to work with Guzman Energy on developing modern, resilient and renewable energy initiatives. KCEC is putting 40 electric vehicle charging stations in place to help reshape the local energy economy in the vision of its member-owners. It will also continue to expand distributed energy resources along with local storage. For more information, please visit [kitcarson.com](http://kitcarson.com).



Kit Carson would like to share these security hints & tips with our members

### 1. Cybercriminals love weak passwords! Protect yourself with these best practices:

- **DON'T** share your password
  - **CHANGE** your password regularly. Make passwords **HARD** to guess
  - Use a different password to each app and website
- ### 2. Stay Secure at Home
- Update software and enable automatic updates where available
  - Think before you click
  - Keep your work-related data separate from your personal data
  - Remain skeptical of all requests for sensitive information

### 3. Protect your personal information

- Don't enter your login credentials unless you are certain that a website or app is secure
- A password manager can help keep track of all your passwords
- Multi-factor Authentication (MFA) can add another layer of security

Visit

[www.KnowB4.com](http://www.KnowB4.com)

for more information and tips to keep your privacy safe.

## Propane

Kit Carson Propane is offering \$2.75 per gallon for the month of September. Call (575)758-7757 to schedule your delivery.

**Kit Carson Propane is accepting application for Operations Manager, Deliver Driver, and Service Tech. Come join our team!**

New Customer Referral Program- Earn a \$50 credit when you refer a friend or family member. They must purchase 100-gallons or more of propane. Upon purchase confirmation KCP will apply a \$50 credit towards your next purchase. There is no limit!

Flexible payment options available. Call the office for more details.

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### CURRENT PRICING

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RESIDENTIAL PRICE - \$2.750/gal

BOTTLE DOCK PRICE - \$2.25/gal

### Kit Carson Internet is proud to continue offering ACP benefits!

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

#### Who Is Eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program?



Visit: [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://AffordableConnectivity.gov) or stop by Kit Carson Internet office for more information. This program will help reduce your monthly internet bill if you qualify.

## Board of Trustees

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September 27, 2022 at 9:00 am.

## Community



Take Action! 2022 is the 20th year for Community Against Violence's (CAV's) Annual Radiothon/Fall Fundraiser! We need your help more than ever to keep programs and resources available for all who need them in our northern communities. You are an important part of this.

Please donate to support critical services by calling the KTAOS radio station at 575-758-8882 on Thursday, October 13th from 7 am to 7 pm, mail your donation to CAV, 945 Salazar Road, Taos, NM 87571; or donate online at [TaosCAV.org](https://TaosCAV.org).

KCEC is a proud supporter of CAV and other community programs and events.



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