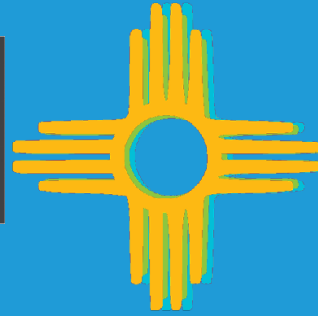


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## CEO'S Message

### Guzman Energy Secures 15-Year Contract Extension with Kit Carson Electric Cooperative!

Guzman Energy and Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) announced the extension of their Wholesale Power Supply Agreement to continue through June 30, 2041. Established in 2016, the Guzman Energy partnership with KCEC provides KCEC with fixed wholesale power rates delivering savings and member rate stability. The existing contract enabled local decision-making for KCEC to expand local solar power generation and storage operations to reach the goal of generating 100% summer daytime solar energy.

#### Key aspects of the contract extension include:

- 15-year extension of exclusive wholesale power provider contract
- Increased wholesale power savings: including the projected savings of the contract extension, the Guzman Energy – KCEC wholesale power partnership is expected to save KCEC \$150 million to \$170 million over the total lifetime of the contract
- Fixed wholesale power rates delivering power cost stability for cooperative members
- Flexibility to add local, renewable power generation resources, including a commitment to the exploration of green hydrogen development in the KCEC service territory
- Continued goal to increase KCEC's access to renewable energy; for the contract extension period, it is estimated that 60% of KCEC's retail load is served by renewable resources. As a result, KCEC will exceed the NM Energy Transition Act (ETA) statewide renewable energy standard of 50% by 2030 target.
- Guzman Energy continued investment in the KCEC Community Fund Scholarships.

Under the current contract with Guzman Energy, KCEC is 100% summer daytime solar and an estimated 60% of KCEC's retail power load is generated by renewable resources. KCEC has completed 41 megawatts of distributed solar energy resources and 16.25 megawatts of accompanying battery storage through the current contract.

The new contract extension between Guzman and Kit Carson will allow KCEC to build twice the amount of solar and battery energy resources it currently has. It also includes a 20-megawatt green hydrogen facility for power generation.

Sincerely, Luis A. Reyes Jr.,

## KCEC's February Update on Initiatives and Challenges

KCEC is working on the following initiatives and projects:

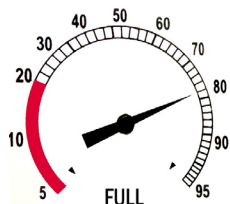
- The Taos 15 MW Solar & 12 MW Battery Storage Facility is operational and generating energy for our communities as of November 1, 2022
- The Angel Fire 7.5MW Solar & 3.75 Battery Storage Facility construction is complete. The facility is expected to be commercially online by February or early March 2023.
- KCEC continues to focus on maintenance and tree-trimming efforts for reliability and resiliency. This month, KCEC is working in the Taos area.
- KCEC continues to face supply chain issues regarding electrical, internet and propane equipment. The country is having nationwide challenges with domestic and international imports of goods.
- The first KCEC EV DC Fast Chargers are online at the Taos Municipal Parking lot (adjacent to Parr Field) and Angel Fire Country Club. These are the first DC fast chargers in Northern NM.
- Legislatively, KCEC is focusing and strategically advocating on the bills impacting our local communities. KCEC has a strong presence at the NM legislature, ensuring our local rural communities receive fair and equitable representation at the state level.
- KCEC Donates \$10,000 to the Cañon Mutual Domestic Water Association to help with infrastructure costs to provide safe drinking water to members in the Cañon area.

In conclusion, KCEC will continue to update members on initiatives regarding KCEC in complete transparency as we move toward a better future. For more information, please visit us at [kitcarson.com](http://kitcarson.com)



## Propane

Be sure to check your gauge more often in the winter months and place an order within enough time for us to deliver propane to you. Please feel free to call the office at 575-758-7757. Propane can efficiently power any home propane appliance from space heaters to fireplaces.



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**This is how your gauge appears when your tank is empty. Do not let your tank get this low. Please call KCP to refill your tank.**



**When your tank is below 20%. You are due for a propane delivery to avoid running your tank empty.**

Please call Kit Carson Propane offices for any questions or concerns or you can visit us at [www.kitcarson.com](http://www.kitcarson.com)

### Why I Enjoy Working at KCEC



I've been with Kit Carson Electric for 21 years and 7 months. I enjoy working with Kit Carson Electric because it is a wonderful place to work. KCEC has provided me the opportunities to advance in the company and has a big part in the person I am today. I can provide for my family and it allows me to live close to my parents and grandparents. I am blessed to be part of Kit Carson Electric.

**Ophelia Trujillo**  
Accountant

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## Community

### Kit Carson Internet Update



KCI is starting the New Year strong and in full swing. Although the moratorium on the "No Dig" KCI is identifying all the aerial drops that the crews can complete.

KCI is also utilizing this time to complete a long list of maintenance items in the field before the moratorium is lifted and our contractors can resume digging. In the meantime, please continue to apply for service so we can assess your property for a fiber optic drop.

If you need help with all your new devices that require more bandwidth, please reach out to see how we can help you. Multiple TVs, computers, or new cameras are fine; we can get you the right package.

If you require assistance paying your Internet bill, please call our customer service team or research Lifeline or the Affordable Connectivity Program for that information. There are options available.

Please call offices for any questions, or go to [www.kitcarson.com](http://www.kitcarson.com) for more information



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