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Electric Cooperative • Internet • Propane

AUGUST 2023 100% Daytime Solar

**August Pricing** \$2.60/gal for Residental \$2.55/ gal for Bottle Dock

"Owned by those we serve.

**KCEC has saved members** \$12,311,506 since July 2022



# **CEO'S** Message

## **Energy Independence**

When I talk about achieving energy independence for our member owners, I'm declaring that no community should be dictated what source of power generation they have to consume – and no group should be beholden to another group charging them ever-escalating and opaque pricing.

Our cooperative, was criticized by some for our decision – at the urging of our members - to forge our own roadmap to energy independence. It was critical that we restore our community members with local decision-making control over power choices. It was a path not traveled by many at the time. But we knew that by exiting our contract with our incumbent wholesale power provider, securing alternative sources of reliable wholesale power, and repaying our fair portion of G&T cooperative debt which kept all existing members whole, that we could get to a better place we call energy independence. For us, energy independence has delivered three key things: Savings; Solar and Storage; and a better

long-term energy Strategy.

I am proud to say that today, we are exactly where we wanted to be when the KCEC leadership team - as directed by our member-owners - charted a course for energy independence. Having finished repaying our G&T exit costs in 2022 - and making rapid progress on our local renewable energy generation plans – we're now enjoying the benefits of energy independence and all the options for the future that comes with it. I hope that other electric cooperatives who have been weighing the benefits of reclaiming their energy independence will take our story to heart. I believe there is a groundswell of interest among our nation's cooperatives to find a cleaner, more affordable energy future that is anchored in local decision-making and control. We've created the blueprint for cooperatives reshaping their futures, and it's a blueprint we are happy and eager to share with others.

Sincerely, Luis A. Reyes Jr., CEO

For in depth information on KCEC wholesale savings, retail savings, solar plus storage solutions and future-ready energy strategy go to kitcarson.com



# It's Your Turn for a Good **Connection!**

Do you own a business or work somewhere where you need reliable internet? Are you frustrated with the circling and slow speeds? Kit Carson Internet is ready to help improve your internet at work. Now that the

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kids are back in school it is time to focus on the adults. Improving your internet at work will save you time, headaches and money.

Did you know Kit Carson offers phone and internet services for businesses? You can keep the same catchy phone number you've had for years, or we can help issue you a new one!

If you want to keep your number we contact your current phone

provider and transfer or "port" that number over to our Kit Carson network. It is a seamless and effortless process for you; all you have to do is say yes!

Our phone service runs on a VOIP system or Voice Over Internet protocol. Translation: the phone transmits your voice over the internet.

We at Kit Carson know how important reliable and fast internet are to your business. We are so committed to our service we added a new team member to our Internet team. Meet Gretchen Geary, Kit Carson Internet's new Sales and Marketing Coordinator. She will be out meeting businesses and attending events reiterating to you how valuable Kit Carson Internet is to your business and helping answer any questions you have about speed, technology, price and more.

Please feel free to reach out to Gretchen for any questions about your internet needs. 575-779-8181 or gretchen@kitcarson.com



#### Propane

**New Customer Special!** For the month of August new customer applicants will receive their first delivery at \$1.95 per gallon. Application must be turned in by August 31st to receive the discount. Stop by and pick up your application and join our Kit Carson Propane family!

At Kit Carson Propane we are happy you're a part of our family and we want to reward you! Tell everyone: friends, neighbors, and family about Kit Carson Propane, and receive fifty dollars (\$50) off your bill for every successful referral! All they have to do is include your information when applying. The best part – there's no limit on referrals, so the more successful referrals the more dollars off your bill!

**Bottle Dock Program.** – Fill 9 cylinders and receive the 10th FREE. Stop by the office, fill your cylinder, and pick up your punch card!

Kit Carson Propane is proud to announce an annual coloring contest for our youth. Qualifying applicants must be between the ages of 2 - 17. Stop by the office and pick up a coloring page. Five (5) applicants will be selected and win a \$20 gift card. Please submit coloring page by August 31, 2023.





Member Residential \$2.60 per gallon Bottle Dock \$2.55 per gallon

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Next Board of Trustee monthly board meeting will be held August 25, 2023, at 9:00 am.

#### Community

# Volunteers Needed for the Paseo Project!

Do you want to take part in one of Taos' most fun and engaging arts events of the year? Do you want to connect with the community and Artists local and from afar? Do you want to spark joy and dedicate some time to helping others do the same? You're in luck because PASEO 2023 - September 15 & 16 - will be here before we know it, and we need your help! Sign up to volunteer with us at forms.gle or reach out to Contessa@paseoproject. org / 575.224.2144 to learn more.





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