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CEO'S Message

\$10 Million Award for KCEC & Taos Pueblo Community Project

Taos, New Mexico - The United States Department of Energy Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations announced a \$10 million award to Taos Pueblo, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) and International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology (ICAST) as part of the federal governments commitment to fund 17 projects across the U.S. to expand access to renewable energy on Native American reservations and in other rural areas.

The award for the solar and battery storage system on Pueblo Tribal lands aims to lower tribal energy costs and deliver positive economic impacts. This significant award centers around a tribally owned project that will pass benefits directly to tribal members and diversify economy beyond tourism. In addition, this match will lower energy costs and enhance energy resilience during outages for Taos Pueblo Tribal members.

This project seeks to install a 5 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) and 10 MWh battery storage system located on Taos Pueblo lands and strives to eliminate an estimated 279,210 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year over its 25-year lifespan and facilitate a 33% reduction in energy costs for 2,500 rural, Taos Pueblo Tribal members. Taos Pueblo, as owners of the project assets, will receive income over the project's generating life, which it anticipates passing on to Tribal citizens through a direct credit of approximately \$700 per household annually.

As part of its Community Benefits Plan, this project plans to partner with UNM-Taos to aid in local workforce training, as well as provide apprenticeship opportunities for Taos Pueblo community members. Additionally, the project's lead applicant, ICAST, and the Town of Taos have solidified their partnership through a Good Neighbor Agreement, outlining measures to address potential impacts on the city and its residents through active engagement with city officials and community leaders.

KCEC is extremely grateful to the U.S. Department of Energy for recognizing our continued commitment and willingness to support Tribal energy sovereignty and always aiming to help low income communities while building renewable energy assets.

For full release, go to kitcarson.com

Sincerely, Luis A. Reyes Jr.

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Completes PPA for Amalia II Solar Array in Northern New Mexico

KCEC and Guzman Energy announced the execution of a Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) for a 10.98 MWdc solar array with 8.75 MW / 17.5 MWh of battery storage. Named Amalia II, the renewable energy facility will be constructed in Amalia, NM.

The Amalia II solar with battery storage site is targeted for completion in the second quarter of 2025. The first phase, Amalia I, began commercial operations in May 2012 and provides 1.25 MW of solar power generation. The Amalia II facility will be the second largest solar facility in the 50 MW KCEC local solar power generation footprint.

A unique aspect of the Amalia II renewable energy generation project was the coordination between KCEC and the Rio Costilla Cooperative Livestock Association (RCCLA).

The RCCLA membership of local ranching, farming and hunting families owns and manages the land, known as Rio Costilla, where the Amalia II array is sited. Known as the “caretakers of the land”, RCCLA's mission is to sustain and grow the abundant wildlife population in the area. Located near the Sangre de Cristo mountain range, Rio Costilla is noted for spectacular mountain views of Latir, Mount Blanca and Ortiz Peaks. The siting of the array was done in coordination with RCCLA in order to preserve the beauty of the land, not impede wildlife migration, and create the future possibility to leverage the array site for agrivoltaic use.





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Spring is right around the corner. The days are warming up and getting longer; Kit Carson Internet plans to start excavating and digging sooner than expected. We encourage you to submit your application for service to get in our queue.

If you have electric service with Kit Carson Electric and are curious about Kit Carson's Internet services, please call one of our representatives for more information. We are happy to answer any questions regarding services that can help you and your family with high-speed internet!



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