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Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Charges to Finish Line in Completing Installation and Activation of Grant-Awarded Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations across Northern New Mexico

EV charging stations funded by New Mexico Department of Transportation electric vehicle charging station grant program and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Taos, New Mexico - Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KCEC) announced the completion of the installation and activation of eight new EV charging stations in the KCEC service territory. KCEC is believed to be the first New Mexico cooperative to execute and complete an EV project utilizing grant dollars awarded by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to cooperatives in 2022 for qualifying EV projects.

KCEC had proposed EV projects in order to receive \$800,000 in grant funds appropriated to the NMDOT Level 3 Direct Current (DC) Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Program by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Section 9901 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

The EV DC fast charging stations have been installed at host entities and are open for charging business. Their respective locations are:

- Shuter Library of Angel Fire, Angel Fire, NM
- Red River Convention Center, Red River, NM
- El Rito Northern New Mexico College, El Rito, NM
- Picuris Administration Building, Penasco, NM
- Questa Village Hall, Questa, NM
- Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs Resort & Spa, Oja Caliente, NM
- Taos Plaza, Taos, NM (2)

KCEC began establishing EV charging stations throughout its service area in 2019 as part of its plan to be among the cleanest, most cost-effective electric cooperatives in America. With the new charging sites, KCEC has 36 total EV charging stations with 58 charging points and will expand its contribution toward New Mexico's statewide objective to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by the year 2030. KCEC is also looking to expand its EV charging station footprint.

The EV grant award and its successful project implementation are the latest in a string of milestones KCEC is meeting in partnership with its wholesale power provider, Guzman Energy, including achieving 100% daytime solar power.

“We want to thank the NMDOT for their commitment to partner with KCEC to provide our members with expanded clean energy economy services that improve quality of life and economic opportunity in our region,” said Luis A. Reyes, Jr., CEO of KCEC. “We are grateful to our engineering and installation teams for their hard work driving these projects to completion, and are happy to say to our community and our valued New Mexico tourism visitors that we are open for expanded EV charging business!”

About Kit Carson Electric Cooperative

Formed in 1944, Kit Carson is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative in northern New Mexico and is the second-largest cooperative in the state. Kit Carson is one of 16 electric cooperatives that serve rural New Mexico communities, serving nearly 30,000 members in Taos, Colfax and Rio Arriba counties. To learn more about Kit Carson, visit www.kitcarson.com.



Pictured: KCEC DC level 3 EV fast chargers are adjacent to the Taos Plaza in Taos, NM. KCEC has 36 EV chargers with 58 charging points in its service territory.