

KCEC Monthly Newsletter



July 2024 Edition

Message from the CEO

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Prepares Forest Fire Prevention Measures

Taos, New Mexico – In an effort to prevent multiple tree contacts Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KCEC) is working on a preventative effort designed to mitigate or negate potential fire caused by downed power lines or trees coming into contact with our electric infrastructure. This complements our current year-round tree trimming program, but we need to address this effort aggressively but strategically because of the fires surrounding us and the continued drought.

KCEC will be taking a proactive approach by placing protective devices on non-reclose (the device will act like a fuse and will only have one operation versus four) in forested areas. This may cause frequent and more prolonged power interruptions since, in the event of an outage, the protocol will be to patrol the affected area before restoring power.

While this approach may temporarily delay some other daily functions of the cooperative, such as processing new work orders, we want to assure you that we are also developing a plan to address the most urgent new connections that need to be completed. Construction projects will take longer to complete as KCEC manages crews to help implement preventive measures. KCEC will prioritize and adjust plans accordingly as conditions change. We will provide periodic updates as the summer and wildfire season progresses.

The areas that will be on non-reclose (the device will act like a fuse and will only have one operation versus four) are as follows:

- Upper Red River Valley • Taos Canyon and Valle Escondido • NM 518 Corridor – Vadito eastward to the Mora County line • Chamisal • El Valle • Cabresto Canyon in Questa • Vallecitos, Canon Plaza, Petaca, Las Tablas, La Madera • Ute Park and Green Mountain • Elizabeth Town and Iron Mountain • Idlewild, Lakeview Pines, Black Lake area (Black Lake Resorts and Hidden Lake)
- San Antonio Mountain, Los Pinos

KCEC is committed to keeping you informed and updated. We will continue to inform and update community members of any future planned outages and information regarding the extreme wildfire conditions. Rest assured, KCEC has crews on standby to address power disruptions. To receive further information, please contact me at lreyes@kitcarson.com or Richard Martinez, COO, at rmartinez@kitcarson.com.



Luis A. Reyes Jr.

Chief Executive Officer

KCEC has Saved Members
\$20,000,000 On Their Electric
Bills Since August of 2022!

KCEC is 100% Daytime Solar

"Owned By Those WE SERVE"



July Propane Pricing

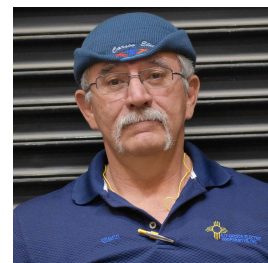
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Congratulations Glen Romero!

We want to congratulate Glen Romero on his 28 years of service with KCEC! Glen was the Meter Department Supervisor, ensuring KCEC's metering system read accurately and performed correctly. Glen started in July 1996 as a tree trimmer and worked his way to Meter Department Supervisor. Glen was promoted to Meter Department Supervisor on October 9, 2006. He was a Marine and is married to Teresa, his high school sweetheart. Thank you, Glen. Enjoy spending time with your family.





Kit Carson Propane

Propane News

We are excited to announce the opening of our Ojo Caliente location. Our new operating hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are providing bottle dock service, cylinder purchases, payment processing, and delivery services. This location will not accept cash payments.

Join Our Team! We are hiring a full-time Customer Service Representative (CSR) for the Taos location, a part-time CSR for the Ojo Caliente location, and a full-time driver to service the Ojo Caliente service area. We encourage you to visit our website and apply!

Our Customer Sale will begin on July 15th and end on August 15th. Please make sure your account is current to be eligible for the promotional sale. Need assistance? We offer flexible payment options and the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program. Call the office for more details. The sale price for existing customers will be \$1.75 per gallon for residential only.

Kit Carson Propane cares about your safety. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.



KCP Customer Sale July 15th - August 15th!

Member Residential \$2.55 per gallon
Non-Member Residential \$2.60 per gallon
Bottle Dock \$2.45 per gallon

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE.

Community

KCEC SEEKS TO IDENTIFY MEMBERS WITH ELECTRIC-DEPENDENT MEDICAL NEEDS

As part of our proactive action plan, we are currently attempting to identify KCEC members who require electricity or the internet to power medical devices or medications. Your communication with us is vital. We encourage you to contact KCEC if you or a family member have a medical device or medication dependent on electricity or the internet.

All information collected is private and confidential. KCEC wants to make better decisions regarding internet and electric planned outages. Please contact KCEC if you or a family member have a medical device that requires electricity or the internet.



Kit Carson Internet

KCI Named Best of Taos

Kit Carson Internet is ready to help small businesses, restaurants, and those who require improvement in their day-to-day operations. As a local internet provider, we are just a phone call away to help you take the next step in improving your access and receiving broadband services.

Please take advantage of internet service offered by a local company and reach out to see what we can do for you and the many improvements we continue to make for our customers.

If you live in a multi-dwelling unit (MDU) and need a much improved Wi-Fi connection for the complex or are part of an HOA looking to make broadband improvements, please reach out to us and speak with our engineering team to see how Kit Carson Internet can help.

Kit Carson Internet understands the importance of our local businesses. We offer high speeds and dependable services needed to process payments, run security systems and offer fast wifi to customers. Call our offices today for more information.

**LOCAL ADVANTAGE:
FAST AND RELIABLE
INTERNET SOLUTIONS
FOR YOUR BUSINESS.
Experience What Makes
Us the Best of Taos**



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