

KCEC Monthly Newsletter



October 2024 Edition

Message from the CEO

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Selected as Finalist for \$95.6 Million Award from Empowering Rural America (New ERA) Program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service for Innovative Green Hydrogen Energy Project in New Mexico

Funding award to advance project repurposing wastewater to generate green hydrogen clean energy; believed to be first end-to-end clean powered green hydrogen production plant in the U.S.

Taos, New Mexico – The Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) has announced it is a finalist for a \$95.6 million funding award from the New ERA Program through the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The funding is for the KCEC Questa Green Hydrogen Project, an innovative clean energy project benefiting the entire KCEC service territory in northern New Mexico while repurposing reclaimed water from a closed mine.

"I worked hard to pass the transformative clean energy investments in the Inflation Reduction Act so we could achieve our ambitious climate goals while creating good-paying careers and substantially lowering utility costs for hardworking New Mexicans," said Senator Martin Heinrich. "This includes the new Empowering Rural America Program that aims to dramatically expand clean power generation and delivery to rural communities like the ones in Northern New Mexico served by the Kit Carson Electric Coop. I'm pleased to see Kit Carson's application for this program advance. I will continue working to deliver strong investments to communities all across our state to build a cleaner, healthier, and more affordable energy future."

Today's funding announcement is in addition to a \$500,000 award KCEC received from the United States Department of Energy earlier this year to fund planning and safety studies for the proposed green hydrogen project.

KCEC has worked methodically on its energy transition strategy over the past decade. In 2016, the KCEC Board of Trustees voted unanimously to aim for 100% daytime solar by 2022 while lowering and stabilizing electric rates to its members. Both goals have been achieved as part of KCEC's partnership with wholesale power provider Guzman Energy. KCEC and Guzman Energy continue to work together on KCEC's plans for a resilient, distributed, next-generation power system. Currently, KCEC operates 41 MW of distributed solar resources and 16.25 MW of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) across its service territory.



For full press release, please visit www.kitcarson.com. For any questions or concerns, please contact CEO Luis Reyes at lreyes@kitcarson.com

Luis A. Reyes Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

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\$2.35/gal for Bottle Dock

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Kit Carson Propane

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At Kit Carson Propane, we consider you a valued member of our family. That's why we want to show our appreciation with our referral program. Spread the word about Kit Carson Propane to your friends, neighbors, and family, and for every successful referral, you'll receive fifty dollars (\$50) off your bill. There's no limit on referrals, so the more successful referrals, the more you save!

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

Flexible payment options are available. Ask about our Neighbors helping Neighbors program. Call the office for more details.

Staying safe with propane is important. When propane is used properly, it is one of the safest fuels. Never use outdoor propane appliances indoors or enclosed areas. Using outdoor propane appliances in areas that are not vented can result in carbon monoxide. If you smell propane and suspect a leak, do not turn on the light switch or use any power source. Shut the tank off and call Kit Carson Propane. We care about your safety and will send a certified technician to check for leaks. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Member Residential \$2.45 per gallon
Non-Member Residential \$2.50 per gallon
Bottle Dock \$2.35 per gallon



Kit Carson Internet

Football season is here, and we can help you stream your favorite teams at Kit Carson Internet. No more missing the big game or the big plays due to buffering. You can even watch multiple games at once with no slowdown. If you need to upgrade your package to stream and check your stats for your fantasy football league, please call our team to see how we can help connect you or upgrade your current package.

This is also true for students and teachers who need to do research. We are just a click away from providing you with a service that responds to your click.

We want to thank you all for your patience during our end-of-summer maintenance, which we conduct on an annual basis. We are nearing the end of this year's major maintenance items that must be addressed. It is critical that we complete this maintenance to help ensure that we operate year-round and serve your needs.

Kit Carson Internet is ready to assist small businesses, small commercial establishments, restaurants, and anyone else in need of improved day-to-day operations through internet access or phone service. As a local internet provider, we are just a phone call away and ready to help you take the next step in improving your access and receiving broadband access. Take advantage of your local presence and reach out to see how we can help you and the many improvements we can offer as a member and a company. Call our offices for more information.

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



Community

KCEC Supports Taos Feeds Taos! Consider Donating to the Annual Taos Feeds Taos Project



Dear Taos Feeds Taos Supporter:

Your past support of our program is greatly appreciated. Taos Feeds Taos is operated fully by volunteers. For the past three years we have distributed vouchers to our clients that are redeemed at Super Save. It has been a huge success. We have received much positive feedback from the receivers of the vouchers.

Your contribution is as important as ever with the high price of food and basic living expenses for our clients. Without your support our services to the community would not exist. We hope to distribute vouchers that value at \$125 worth of groceries. Please consider donating to the annual Taos Feeds Taos project. We assist all of Taos County, Costilla, Amalia, Cerro, Questa and in the South all of Peñasco and surrounding areas. Thank you.

Francis A. Cordova, President

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