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## **Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Partners with Taos Community Foundation to Provide Additional Food Voucher Assistance for Federal Employees Separated from Employment**

Taos, NM – In these uncertain times for federal employees locally and across the nation, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) and the Taos Community Foundation (TCF) are joining forces to support local federal employees who have been separated from employment. KCEC and TCF understand the financial challenges these individuals and their families face. We are dedicated to assisting our local communities and their families during this challenging period.

“Our communities are directly impacted by decisions made at the federal level. As a community, we need to address the effects of these federal cuts and support those affected. We can do a lot of work locally to create a positive impact. Our partnership with TCF shows our communities and members that we can achieve great things when we work together. Our members deserve a better quality of life for their families, and we are here to support them,” says KCEC CEO Luis A. Reyes.

The Taos Community Foundation is collaborating with KCEC to provide grocery gift cards to eligible individuals. TCF’s mission is to understand the needs of our communities and offer support for their improvement. “We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to assist those impacted by the recent federal cuts. Many individuals facing job separation have families relying on them for essential support. Our partnership with KCEC highlights the increasing need for community collaboration. At TCF, we have an open-door policy and are here to help our communities in any way possible,” says CEO CJ Grace.

KCEC will not disconnect electric, internet, or propane services for federal employees who are separated from employment; however, to avoid disconnection of service, it is essential to contact KCEC, KCI and KCP to establish a payment arrangement.

Federal employees must submit a copy of their separation of employment letter in person or by email to [csuazo@kitcarson.com](mailto:csuazo@kitcarson.com). KCEC’s “Members Helping Members” program will assist federal employees and their families with a one-time \$80 credit toward their electric bill.

Kit Carson Internet (KCI) and Kit Carson Propane (KCP) will assist federal employees who are separated from employment with a one-time \$50 credit toward their KCI internet bill or KCP propane bill. To be eligible for the credit, the federal employee must be listed in an electric, internet, or propane account. KCEC encourages all those affected to submit their letter of separation from employment. For KCI one-time credit, submit a copy of the separation of employment letter in person or email to Nadine Varela, KCI Assistant Manager, [nvarela@kitcarson.com](mailto:nvarela@kitcarson.com). For KCP one-time credit, submit a copy of the separation of employment letter in person or email to Shannon Vigil, KCP Manager, [svigil@kitcarson.com](mailto:svigil@kitcarson.com). We thank you for being a valuable member and appreciate you.

KCEC understands the value of community and the importance of our members. To be eligible for one-time credits, please respond to KCEC, KCI and KCP by **March 31, 2025**.

If you want more information about this topic, please get in touch with customer service at 575-751-9064 or via email at [csr@kitcarson.com](mailto:csr@kitcarson.com).

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### **About Kit Carson Electric Cooperative**

Formed in 1944, Kit Carson is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative in northern New Mexico and the state's second-largest cooperative. 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](http://www.kitcarson.com). Kit Carson Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

### **About Taos Community Foundation**

Taos Community Foundation (TCF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting local nonprofits, addressing community needs and promoting positive changes to nurture a strong and vibrant community in Taos New Mexico, and throughout the surrounding areas. For more information, please email [info@taoscf.org](mailto:info@taoscf.org) or visit <https://www.taoscf.org>