

KCEC Monthly Newsletter



April 2025 Edition

Message from the CEO

KCEC Wildfire Mitigation Update & Fire Mitigation Resources for Members

Taos, NM—Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) appreciates the recent precipitation in the area; however, as we enter the high-fire-risk season, the likelihood of fire remains elevated. Additionally, extreme winds have increased, reaching speeds of 45 to 75 mph within KCEC's service territory. As of March 26, 2025, the US Forest Service fire danger status for the Carson National Forest is set to MODERATE. After the current snowfall and the beginning of the fire season, this is very alarming for KCEC. KCEC is monitoring the weather and will take appropriate action as the winds continue to affect our communities.

We acknowledge the ever-present risk of a fire igniting at any moment, reminding us of the unpredictable nature of wildfires. By implementing a comprehensive, community-wide wildfire mitigation strategy, we can significantly enhance our preparedness. The more proactive and vigilant we are in our efforts to prevent and manage these blazes, the better equipped we will be to safeguard our homes, natural landscapes, and, most importantly, each other. Together, we can create resilient and thriving communities ready to face such challenges.

KCEC owns or operates 20 solar arrays across its service area to ensure its system's reliability. This year, KCEC is constructing the second-largest solar array in its fleet in Amalia, NM, adding 8.75 MW of solar generation. Once completed, KCEC's total solar generation will be approximately 50 MW. Additionally, KCEC has three battery storage microgrid projects scheduled to begin construction this year, which will help support the system during extreme weather and emergency events.

KCEC and Kit Carson Internet have dedicated crews focused solely on electric and internet maintenance. Most of the KCEC service territory is heavily forested and filled with large trees over 100 feet tall. These trees pose a high risk of uprooting and falling on utility lines, which can increase the likelihood of power interruptions.

For further information, please contact CEO Luis Reyes at lreyes@kitcarson.com or COO Richard Martinez at rmartinez@kitcarson.com. Visit us at kitcarson.com for full press release.



Luis A. Reyes Jr.
Chief Executive Officer



Sign up to receive text messages regarding outages and updates at www.kitcarson.com

KCEC is 100% Daytime Solar

"Owned By Those WE SERVE"

\$2.76/gal for Residential
\$2.70/gal for Bottle Dock
*Prices subject to change

April Propane Pricing

KCEC Closed Offices



KCEC, KCP and KCI Offices will be closed on the following days in April:

Friday April 18, 2025, in observance of Easter.

April 23, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for KCEC Employee Safety Day. All offices will open at 10:00 a.m.

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Kit Carson Propane

KCP is currently facing a staffing shortage. To avoid any disruptions in your propane service, please monitor your tank levels and schedule your delivery when the gauge reads 40%. This will allow our drivers time to complete a timely delivery. Additionally, please remember that calling us before reaching empty can help you avoid a \$50 run-out fee. There are also after-hours service charges of \$125 for members and \$175 for non-members.

We are currently hiring Service Technicians and Delivery Drivers. To apply, please visit our website or email your resume to jtorres@kitcarson.com or svigil@kitcarson.com.

Our KCP Ojo Caliente location is open on the first Friday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We provide bottle dock service, cylinder purchases, payment processing, and delivery scheduling. Please note that this location does not accept cash payments.

Kit Carson Propane is now accepting applications for our 2025 Vocational Scholarship. For more information and to apply, please visit our website, stop by our office, or give us a call. The application deadline is April 11, 2025.

If you have leased a propane tank from Kit Carson Propane and are planning to sell your home, please remember that the tank cannot be included in the sale. To verify the ownership of your propane tank and avoid any billing discrepancies after the sale, please contact our office today. We are here to help!

Thank you for your continued interest in KCP's annual customer sale. We understand that customers look forward to a discount on their propane purchase. Unfortunately, KCP has made the difficult decision to postpone the yearly customer sale. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving you in the future.

Prices for our propane and services may change without prior notice.

Member Residential \$2.76 per gallon

Bottle Dock \$2.70 per gallon



Kit Carson Internet

The weather is warming up, and the ground is thawing. KCI has started underground construction in most locations.

Spring is here, and what better way to kick off your spring cleaning by upgrading from your slow internet connection to KCI fiber broadband?

With KCI, you'll enjoy:

- No Contract
- No Activation Fee
- Fast Speeds for all your online tasks

Find out how KCI can assist you in your serviceable location today. Call 575-758-4838 or visit www.kitcarson.com.

KCI wants to emphasize the importance of safety during the windy season. During this time of year, winds can become extremely strong, causing cables or power lines to become detached from poles and dangle dangerously low or even touch the ground. Please remember:

- Do not touch any fallen lines or attempt to clear them from the area. Always treat every line as if it is live.
- If you see a tree branch on a power line or communication line, do not attempt to remove it.
- If you observe a broken pole, do not move it, whether it's on a fence or a house. The potential for the power line to still be live is always present.

In these situations, call Kit Carson immediately. Stay safe and enjoy the beautiful springtime!

Community

Save the Date: KCEC Amalia NM Solar & Battery Facility Groundbreaking Ceremony

Let's Celebrate Earth Day Together! KCEC invites you to the groundbreaking ceremony for the Amalia II Solar & Battery Facility. This project, in partnership with the Rio Costilla Cooperative Livestock Association, will feature an 8.75 MW solar array along with 8.75 MW / 17.5 MWh of battery storage.

Amalia I began commercial operations in May 2012, providing 1.25 MW of solar power generation. The Amalia II facility will be the second-largest solar installation, expanding KCEC's local solar power generation capacity to approximately 50 MW. Details, directions & invitation to follow. Contact msantistevan@kitcarson.com for more information

Date : Earth Day April 22, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m. -1 p.m.

Place: Amalia, NM



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Next Board of Trustee Monthly Board Meeting will be held April 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.