

KCEC Monthly Newsletter



May 2025 Edition

Message from the CEO

KCEC Officially Breaks Ground on Amalia II 8.75 MW Solar & 8.75 MW/17.5 MWh Battery Energy Storage Facility

Amalia, NM – Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) has officially broken ground on the highly anticipated Amalia II Solar & Battery facility. Nestled close to the stunning Sangre de Cristo Mountain range, the Amalia II project will contribute an impressive 8.75 megawatts (MW) of solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation, along with 8.75 MW and 17.5 megawatt-hours (MWh) of advanced battery storage. This significant addition will be placed adjacent to the existing 1.25 MW Amalia I solar facility, effectively elevating KCEC's total solar generation capacity to approximately 50 MW and 25 MW of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), positioning it as the second-largest solar installation within the cooperative's service territory. The project is expected to start construction in June 2025.

KCEC is collaborating with esteemed partners, including the Rio Costilla Cooperative Livestock Association (RCCLA), Luminace, and Guzman Energy, to bring this initiative to fruition. Under a comprehensive 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), KCEC will procure energy generated by Luminace, a leading renewable energy developer known for its commitment to sustainable energy solutions. Additionally, Guzman Energy, the cooperative's wholesale energy supplier, will manage all aspects of energy operations, including the strategic oversight and dispatching of the innovative BESS.



The Amalia II facility will enhance solar energy generation and increase battery capacity in the region. It will also play a crucial role in wildfire mitigation, improving the reliability and resilience of the local energy grid. Additionally, KCEC is working on three BESS microgrid projects and focusing on green hydrogen production to overcome the challenges of energy generation during non-daylight hours.

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

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KCEC is 100% Daytime Solar

"Owned By Those WE SERVE"

\$2.81/gal for Residential
\$2.77/gal for Bottle Dock

**Prices subject to change*

May Propane Pricing

Wildfire Mitigation



We invite all members of our communities to participate! Taos County, UNM Taos, and KCEC acknowledge the significant threat that wildfires pose to our communities and prioritize wildfire preparedness as a primary concern. It is essential for all entities within the Enchanted Circle to collaborate and actively engage in these critical discussions.

Enchanted Circle Wildfire Preparedness Series: Session 2 & 3

Date: May 1st, 2025 & May 29, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

**Location: UNM Taos, Bataan Hall
121 Civic Plaza Dr, Taos, NM
87571**

For more information regarding panelists and topics, visit kitcarson.com



Kit Carson Propane

KCP is currently experiencing a staffing shortage. To avoid any disruption to your propane service, please monitor your tank levels and schedule a delivery when the gauge reads 40%. This will give our drivers sufficient time to ensure timely delivery. Please note that calling before a run-out can help you avoid a \$50 run-out fee, as well as after-hours service charges of \$125 for members and \$175 for non-members.

KCP is currently hiring for Service Technician, and Delivery Driver positions. To apply, visit our website or email your resume to jtorres@kitcarson.com or svigil@kitcarson.com.

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 annual customer sale. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving you in the future.

Your safety is our priority at Kit Carson Propane. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office.

Please note that prices for our propane or services are subject to change at any time. Such changes may occur without prior notice. Thank you for your understanding.

Member Residential \$2.81 per gallon
Bottle Dock \$2.77 per gallon
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Kit Carson Internet

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If you're looking to enhance your lifestyle with a whole-home Wi-Fi system tailored to your specific needs, we invite you to contact Kit Carson Internet. Our knowledgeable team is dedicated to finding the ideal solution for your home or business. We have successfully connected thousands of satisfied customers. Don't hesitate to contact us for insights, personalized recommendations, or helpful tips to enhance your Wi-Fi experience.

We pride ourselves on continuously training our staff to remain at the forefront of the ever-evolving technology landscape. This commitment ensures that we stay up-to-date with the latest advancements and can deliver the best service possible.

For inquiries, please call 575-758-4838 or visit us at our welcoming office at 116 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM.

Sign up for your Fiber Optic drop at www.kitcarson.com to begin your journey toward superior connectivity. Join us in transforming your internet experience! Funds for free drops still available. Please call KCI offices to see if you qualify.

Community

Save the Date:

2025 KCEC Annual Meeting June 14, 2025

PLEASE JOIN US!

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

TIME: REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 A.M. MEETING STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

WHERE: TAOS HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 134 CERVANTES ST, TAOS, NM 87571



Only members may register and participate. YOUR participation makes a difference.

Be part of KCEC's future! Members are eligible for prizes and giveaways!

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Next Board of Trustee Monthly Board Meeting will be held May 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.