

KCEC Monthly Newsletter



February 2026 Edition

Message from the CEO

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Solar & Hydrogen Project in Questa Continues to Move Forward in 2026

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) reaffirmed that the Questa Hydrogen and Solar Facility remains on track, following major progress in planning, safety, engineering, and environmental permitting in 2025. With critical milestones completed and additional steps now underway, the project is moving toward construction readiness as development continues into 2026.

Over the past year, KCEC has achieved substantial progress in securing funding and advancing project planning. In January 2025, KCEC secured approximately \$231 million through the USDA Rural Utilities Service's New ERA program to support the development of 104 MW of renewable energy capacity, including a hydrogen facility and associated solar arrays. In April 2025, KCEC initiated a formal Hydrogen Safety Assessment with ENTRUST Solutions Group to help develop the safety protocols and risk management systems required for safe operation. KCEC completed water testing through New Mexico State University to verify suitability and support responsible operational planning as the project advances. KCEC also finished vetting major project technologies, including electrolyzers, hydrogen storage systems, compression technology, and fuel cell and generator components, to ensure the selected solutions aligned with federal standards and Rural Utilities Service requirements.

The project represents a major economic opportunity for Questa and the region. It is expected to create more than 350 construction jobs and sustain numerous long-term operational roles. An independent analysis estimates a \$298 million regional benefit in the first five years, including roughly \$206 million directly benefiting Questa. The project would also generate about \$44 million in new tax revenue.

KCEC anticipates reaching full construction readiness by mid-2026, with the project currently projected to break ground in June 2026. The hydrogen hub is targeted to be operational by the second quarter of 2028, following construction, system integration, and extensive safety verification and testing. The proposed Village of Questa-owned 50 MW solar array is also expected to begin construction in 2026, with a projected completion date of November 2027, helping deliver long-term local returns while supporting regional energy stability and economic growth.

See the full press release at kitcarson.com



Luis A. Reyes Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

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KCEC is 100% Daytime Solar

"Owned By Those WE SERVE"

**\$3.25/gal for Members
\$2.85/gal for Bottle Dock**
*Prices subject to change

February Propane Pricing

KCEC Office Closed



Presidents Day 2026

KCEC offices will be closed on Monday, **February 16, 2026**, in observance of Presidents' Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Thank you, and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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Kit Carson Propane

As we continue through the season, the entire team at Kit Carson Propane (KCP) extends our sincere gratitude for your continued loyalty and business. Serving your home and local community's energy needs is a privilege we don't take lightly. We are proud to be your reliable, local propane partner.

We are excited to announce the KCP Scholarship, specifically designed to support students pursuing education in the trade fields! KCP recognizes the vital importance of skilled trades in our community and is committed to investing in the next generation of technicians, electricians, plumbers, and more. This scholarship is available to local students dedicated to trade school or vocational programs.

We encourage all eligible students to visit our website or contact our office for application details, deadlines, and eligibility requirements. Investing in our local talent is an investment in our shared future!

To ensure you always have the propane you need, especially during peak demand, please call us to place your order when your tank gauge reaches 20%. Calling us when your tank is at the 20% mark allows our team ample time to schedule and deliver your refill efficiently, preventing the inconvenience and potential risk of running out completely. Running out of propane may require an emergency service call, leak testing, and relighting, which can result in additional costs and delays. Help us serve you better by calling early!

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



Kit Carson Internet

Why More Families Choose Kit Carson Internet

Big companies treat you like a number. We treat you as a neighbor. When you choose Kit Carson Internet, you're choosing a local company that's committed to our community and stands behind our service.

- Local team
- Local accountability
- Local pride
- Local customer service

We're here to help you get connected and stay connected.

Support You Can Count On — **24/7/365**

Internet issues don't wait for business hours, and neither do we. Kit Carson Internet operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

That means you're never stuck wondering:

- "Who do I call?"
- "When will someone answer?"
- "How long will this take?"

You'll always have help when you need it.

Don't Wait — Let's Get Your Internet Fixed Today

If your current internet isn't delivering what you pay for, now's the time to switch.

Call Kit Carson Internet today and let us help you choose the best internet option for your home or business. Start the year connected. Stay connected all year long.

KCEC Board of Trustees

Achieve Your Future, with a 2026 KCEC Scholarship

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative is proud to support students who are ready to take the next step toward college or a career in the trades. Whether you're heading to a university, trade school, or vocational program, there's financial support available to help you succeed.

- Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your education and your future.
- Kit Carson Electric and Propane scholarships available
- See full details and apply at kitcarson.com/community/scholarships
- Deadline to submit: Electric - March 31, 2026, Propane - April 10, 2026

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