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CEO'S MESSAGE



Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc Receives

2015 Cornerstone Award

Kit Carson Electric was awarded the prestigious 2015 Cornerstone Award. The award was presented in Austin, TX on April 15th, at the Broadband Communities Magazine Annual Summit. The award was given by a panel of judges including editors, analysts, fiber to home experts and other industry leaders.

The Cornerstone Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by private developments, municipalities, communities, companies, and individuals in delivering broadband over fiber for the benefit of the end user. The awards have included recognition for the most notable deployments of Fiber-to-the-Home and next-generation access technologies in the U.S. and abroad.

"Kit Carson won the award because of its leadership and vision in bringing a Fiber to the Home network to its customers," said Scott DeGermo, CEO of the Magazine. "And because electric co-ops are expected to become major deplorers' of fiber to the home networks in the future, this award highlights Kit Carson's exemplary and intelligent risk taking, outstanding professionalism and dedication to the best interests of the co-ops' customers and the greater community."

The judges specifically recognized Kit Carson's infrastructure as an improvement that will drive economic growth for businesses, households, community institutions and two Native American Pueblos. In addition, the judges noted Kit Carson's planned smart grid, with an advanced metering infrastructure and real-time detection of power outages.

KCEC Also Awarded The 2015 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award



The Governor's Environmental Excellence Award is given to support, recognize, and celebrate the hard work of those New Mexicans dedicated to restoring and protecting the natural heritage and environmental health of our state. The new program is a cooperative effort of the New Mexico Environment Department, Energy Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Office of the State Engineer, and Office of the Governor.

On Earth Day, April 24th, Kit Carson Electric was awarded the Governors Environmental Excellence Award in Energy Conservation by Governor Susana Martinez for outstanding stewardship, conservation and positive impact on the environment. Receiving the award on behalf of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative were Board of Trustee Members and CEO, Luis Reyes.

"It's truly an honor to receive statewide recognition in excellence for our commitment to improving the environment with responsible stewardship of resources," said Luis Reyes, CEO. "Our projects offer energy diversity and focus on sustainability, and we look forward to continuing with this goal and providing excellent service; while helping our customers have more positive impacts on the environment, and improving energy efficiency."

"These awards offer an important and unique opportunity to honor New Mexicans who lead the way in safeguarding our state's abundant natural resources," Governor Martinez said of the awards in a release. "I'm so proud that so many New Mexicans share this commitment, and I'm honored to recognize these individuals for their outstanding accomplishments."

Kit Carson Electric was recognized for their energy diversity and use of sustainable energy, as ten of their current projects are solar-based, with 10% of Kit Carson's total electric capacity being derived from solar.

Sincerely,
Luis A. Reyes Jr., CEO

KCEC ANNUAL MEETING

It's that time of the year, Annual Meeting Time! On behalf of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. we would like to personally invite you to join us June 13, 2015 at the Taos High School Gymnasium. We look forward to gathering with you; to catch up and hear what you have to say. It is also a great opportunity to learn about the programs offered by Kit Carson Electric.

Kit Carson Electric continues their dedication in providing safe, reliable and affordable electric service, and encourages you to take part in helping us improve how we deliver that service. So make it a point to join us on June 13, 2015 at our Annual Meeting.

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Taos High School Gymnasium

Your participation means a lot; your attendance makes a difference.

Meeting will start at 9:00a.m. (Only members may register)

Highlights of Proposed Bylaw Amendments are as follows:

- *Reduce quorum requirement from 3% to 2%.
- *Change Annual Meeting date from **June to April** in an effort to increase member participation.
- *Give Board the ability to establish **early voting procedures**.
- *Eliminate the Nominating Committee associated to the Trustee election process; therefore, **streamlining the method to run for Trustee**.

Notice to include all proposed bylaw amendments will be mailed and posted on kitcarson.com.

*Prizes include: A Two-Burner Camp Chef Grill,
an iPad Air, a 39" Television &
\$250 Cash Prizes per District!*

GRAND PRIZE - Used Vehicle!
\$20.00 Credit Applied to Electric Acct.
Kids Program!

MEET YOUR KIT CARSON EMPLOYEES



Thank You!

KCEC members meet Carmella Suazo. Carmella was hired in August of 1989 as a Secretary for the Administration Department. Carmella's current position with the cooperative is Administrative Assistant. She is the go to person for anything employees or members need assistance with. Some of her other duties include supervision of the Administrative Department, maintaining and recording of all minutes of Board Meetings, Staff Meetings and Office Meetings, process consumer payments received by mail, and preparations for District/Annual meetings.

Carmella has been with KCEC for 25 years! Thank Carmella for all of her hard work and dedication. We are proud to have her on our team. Please congratulate Carmella on her loyalty to KCEC.

We appreciate you Carmella!

Carmella Suazo

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bobby Ortega	President	Questa	District 2
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Chris Duran	Secretary	Penasco	District 4
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Luisa Mylet	Trustee	Pot Creek	District 1
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Arturo Rodarte	Trustee	Ojo Caliente	District 3
Ambrose Mascarenas	Trustee	Llano	District 4
Jerry Smith	Trustee	Ocate	District 5

BOARD MEETINGS

**The Board of Trustees meet the last Tuesday
of the month at 9:00 am in the cooperative boardroom.**

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