

GETTING CONNECTED

“Owned by Those We Serve”

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CEO's Message



Please Help Us Keep the High Speed Internet Project Moving Forward

We appreciate all the support we have received for the Enchanted Light High Speed internet Project. About 100 local workers are continuing with the infrastructure installation phase. We have crews working on the underground portion of the project in Arroyo Hondo, Angel Fire, Los Cordovas and the Weimer Foot-hills area. This is a huge project as we follow the path of electric lines, both underground and overhead, that took 70 years to put in place. We will be bringing fiber optic technology to the doorstep of every home and business with electric service in our service area, which includes all of Taos County and parts of Rio Arriba and Colfax Counties. As I have mentioned before, this will be an open access network, so any of the internet service providers (ISP's) that agree to share the network with us will be able to provide the service from the outside of the home or business to your receiver (modem, etc.) that will bring the signals to your electronic devices.

- Will bring \$64 million into our community
- Is currently employing 100 local laborers
- Will ultimately employ 300 in the construction phase alone

- Will bring Taos into the 21st century in technology, allowing locals to compete nationally and globally
- Will provide us with better education for our children and better health for our community
- When the project is built KCEC members will own it. It will keep our \$'s local rather than paying an out of town corporation.

The reasons for the protest vary from, “We don't need it” to “We don't trust the Kit Carson Board” to “It will bring more people to Taos.” In spite of the small minority of our members that have trouble coming to grips with the positive aspects, the facts remain clear the Enchanted Light High Speed Internet Project is coming at the right time to create economic development in north central New Mexico.

Judging by the literally hundreds of calls we have received from around the Enchanted Circle from people wanting to sign up to be first on the list to be connected to fiber we realize these protesters are a small percentage of our membership. However, the Public Regulation Commission (PRC) DOES NOT know that, because they have been receiving phone calls from these protesters.

Here's how you can help:

- **Attend the public meeting with the PRC on Wednesday October 17, 2012 at 5:30pm in Rio Grande Hall on Civic Plaza Drive.**
- **Pick up the phone or e-mail today and tell the PRC you support the Taos Fiber to the Home project. (PRC commissioner's contact information is on the back page of this newsletter)**

Sincerely,
Luis Reyes, CEO

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Solar Array Dedications

Federal, state and local officials gathered August 29, 2012 to dedicate new solar arrays at Taos Charter School (left) and the Blue Sky Energy Array near the Rio Grande Gorge. The TCS Array is New Mexico's first Community Solar Project, allowing KCEC members to buy panels and have the electricity produced applied directly to their energy bill. It has a capacity of 98.7 kilowatts and the Blue Sky Energy Array will add 1.25 megawatts to our renewable energy portfolio.

Pictured from left: PRC Commissioner Douglas Howe; Clean Energy Collective (TCS array owner) CEO Paul Spencer; representing Senator Tom Udall, Michele Jacquez-Ortiz; representing Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, Jennifer Mnazanares; TCS board member Mary Emery; TCS student, ?; KCEC board president, Bobby Ortega; KCEC CEO Luis Reyes; KCEC board members, Art Rodarte, Ambrose Mascarenas and Francis Cordova.



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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meet the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00am in the cooperative boardroom.

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