

# GETTING CONNECTED

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## CEO's Message

### Happy Holidays from Your Electric Co-op



At this very special time of year our thoughts turn to our friends and family. At Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) we employ over 120 of your friends, family members and neighbors. From all of us, including our elected

board of trustees, the management and our staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

### Enchanted Light Fiber Optic Project Continues through winter

The KCEC Enchanted Light Fiber Optic High Speed Internet Project will continue construction through the winter months. This means over 150 of our extended KCEC family members will continue to receive paychecks through the holiday season and beyond.

Much of the 515 miles of underground construction has already been completed. This was a priority as the colder winter temperatures bring frozen ground that can't be trenched effectively. Since our winter has so far been mild underground crews will continue to work until conditions make it impossible to proceed. The 1,300 miles of overhead lines can still be installed except during severe winter conditions. This means, although progress might not be as rapid during the winter, the project will be moving forward.

Work crews are currently in Angel Fire, Black Lake, Hidden Lake, Taos Country Club, Taos Pines, Weimer Foothills, Arroyo Hondo, Arroyo Seco, Valdez, Questa, Amalia and Costilla. We welcome questions in regard to the construction and will always do our best to answer them. Of course, the big question is...when? As in, when will I receive fiber optic service at my home or business? Unfortunately, this is a question we can't answer accurately at this point due to unknown factors such as the weather.

We do commit to provide fiber optic service to every home and business receiving electric service from KCEC as quickly as possible.

### Use Your KCEC Coop Card this Holiday Season



One of our priorities at KCEC is to encourage economic development. One of the best ways for all of us to do our part is by shopping within the communities in our service territory during the Christmas Season. To make it easier and save you money too, we are introducing the KCEC Co-op Connection Card. The card is free and can be picked up at the KCEC main office on Cruz Alta, as well as many fine merchants in our area. When you have your card just show it at participating businesses and they will give you a discount. It's as simple as that! There is no charge to the business for participating. Discount offers are listed on our website [kitcarson.com](http://kitcarson.com) and on the national site [coopconnections.com](http://coopconnections.com).

If you have questions about the KCEC Co-op Connections card or would like to sign up a business to offer a discount, contact Steve Fuhlendorf at (575) 758-2258 ext. 143 or e-mail [sfuhlendorf@kitcarson.com](mailto:sfuhlendorf@kitcarson.com).

Sincerely,  
Luis Reyes, CEO

## The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Do you want to give a unique gift that will keep on giving for 50 years? How about a solar panel from the KCEC Community Solar array? The panels are the perfect gift since there is no assembly required, home or business owners (or renters) don't need to decide where to put them, they go with everything and one size fits all. The only thing you need to decide is how much of the lucky recipient's electric bill you want to offset with efficient solar power. The panels are only \$845 each and are maintained to produce power for 50 years. The investment in KCEC Community Solar panels is returned through energy savings in about 12 years. Here's how it works:



- Go to our new, easy to navigate website, [kitcarson.com](http://kitcarson.com). Click on KCEC Solar on the upper right portion of the home page.
- Click "Get Started". You will be asked your zip code. From there you can click on "How much can I save?" You will see a simple calculator where you can enter either the amount of your energy bill in dollars or in kilowatt hours for the year. Both can be found on your KCEC bill. The calculator will then tell you how many panels it will take to offset your bill, so you can give yourself the gift of clean renewable energy, or that of the person for which you are purchasing the panel\*.
- You take it from there. Either offset part or all of the electric portion of the bill.
- Best of all, low interest financing is available.

It's a great way to invest in clean, renewable energy, save money and make someone very happy every time they receive an electric bill for the next 50 years.

\*Solar panel gifts can be given by non-KCEC members, but must be received by an active KCEC member, who must complete CEC agreements.



### Holiday Hours

**Christmas Eve: Open 8:30am to 4:30pm**

**Christmas Day: Closed**

**New Year's Eve: Open 8:30am to 4:30pm**

**New Year's Day: Closed**

### Choose Wisely this Holiday Season

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree will stay green longer, reducing the risk of fire. On artificial trees, look for a "fire resistant" label.

### Board of Trustees

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### Board Meeting

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

## Contacts:

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**Customer Service Fax:** (575)758-4611

**Administration Fax:** (575) 758-4890

**Automated System:** (575) 751-8132

**Power Outages/Service Interruptions:** (575) 758-6100

**Emergency Line-locates:** NM One Call 1-800-321-2537

**Questa Satellite Office:** (575) 586-2113-Call for office hours

**Peñasco Satellite Office:** (575) 587-1900-Call for office hours

**New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission (PERA Building):**  
1-800-947-4722

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**[www.kitcarson.com](http://www.kitcarson.com)**