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KCEC Elections & Annual Meeting

“Owned by Those We Serve”

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CEO's Message



Participate in the Co-Op Process

One of the great things about belonging to a cooperative is our member's right and responsibility to participate in the decision making process of the corporation. At this important time of year we ask our members to participate in two ways, Board of Trustee's elections and our Annual Meeting.

KCEC Board of Trustees Elections

The Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Trustees is made up of eleven elected members representing five districts on our service territory. The term of service for each Trustee is four years. This year Districts One and Two will hold elections for two positions each. The election for District One will take place Tuesday May 14, 2013 at the KCEC headquarters located at 118 East Cruz Alta Road in Taos. The District Two election will be held at the Village of Questa Offices, 2500 Old State Road 3, on Thursday May 9, 2013. Each election day begins with a business meeting at 9am, followed by the election, which continues until 6pm.

A Committee on Nominations, appointed by the KCEC Board of Trustees, nominates candidates for the open positions. Nominations can also be made by petition from an eligible member residing in Districts One or Two, however no petitions were received. In District One four candidates are running for the two seats. The candidates are incumbents David Torres from Arroyo Seco and Manual Medina from Taos and challengers Rick Chavez from Llano Quemado and Andres Vargas from Taos. In District Two the three candidates for the two positions are incumbents Virgil Martinez from Cerro and Bobby R. Ortega from Questa and challenger Martin Martinez Sr. from Questa.

KCEC Annual Meeting June 8, 2013

Another excellent opportunity to participate in your cooperative is by attending the Annual Meeting. This year the meeting will be held on Saturday June 8, with registration beginning at 8am and the meeting starting at 9:30am in the Taos High School Gymnasium. The KCEC Annual Meeting is an opportunity to keep current with your co-op, recognize community leaders, as well as young people who have excelled this past year. We will have information booths in the lobby area, so you can find out about our Enchanted Light Fiber Optic Communications Project, the Community Solar Program and get energy saving ideas. Of course, we will also have some fabulous prizes provided by our local merchants. We cordially invite you to join us.

Tri-State Rate Increase Update

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) has ruled the suspension of the proposed Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association rate increase will remain in effect until a hearing is held on the matter. At the hearing Tri-State will be required to show the financial necessity of the increase. As of the end of February the rate suspension had saved KCEC members \$330,000 and New Mexico co-ops supplied by Tri-State \$3.9 million. We urge KCEC members to continue to communicate with the members of the PRC. They need to know, with the current economic challenges our communities are experiencing, a rate increase would be very detrimental to individuals and businesses in northern New Mexico. To get e-mail addresses and phone numbers for our PRC members, please go to our website, kitcarson.com and click on the News & Information tab.

Sincerely,
Luis Reyes, CEO

What are they “up to”?

If you are tired of hearing about internet speeds “up to” 10 megabits per second or 20 or more, only to get connected and find that “up to” means 1.5 mbs, relief is on the way. Enchanted Light Fiber Optic Communications guarantees speeds both up stream and down. If you are told you will receive 10 mbs, that’s what you will get...up and down. The contractors are ramping up for the spring, summer and fall construction season for the installation of the fiber optic infrastructure. Kit Carson Co-op is bringing the \$64 million project to connect every home and business member to this state-of-the-art communications resource by the beginning of 2015. Check for updates on kitcarson.com by clicking the Fiber Construction Update link.

The Checks are in the Mail!

Beginning Wednesday May 1, 2013 Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. personnel began returning **\$388,691.18 to our members in the form of Capital Credits**. The KCEC Board of Trustees voted unanimously to retire the Capital Credits for 1980 and 1981 at their meeting on February 26, 2013.

In order to receive Capital Credits members must have received electric service from KCEC during the years 1980 and/or 1981. The Capital Credits will be returned in the form of a check for amounts over \$20 or a credit to the KCEC bill for amounts less than \$20.

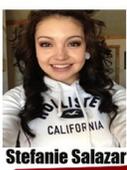
If you have questions about your eligibility or the amount of your Capital Credits, please contact the KCEC Customer Service Department at 575-751-9064.

GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR WINNERS

Each year Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) in conjunction New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NMRECA) hosts the statewide Government-In-Action Youth Tour Contest. This contest was open to all full time junior students within the KCEC service territory. Each applicant submitted a 750 word essay on the following topic:

“If we suddenly lost Electricity as a resource, what would that mean to your current way of life?”

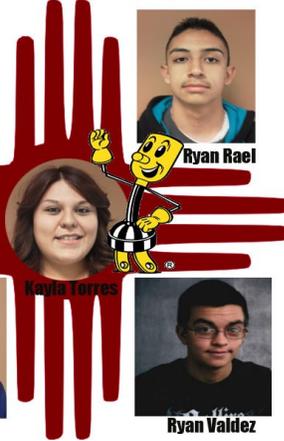
The contest winners receive an all-expense paid trip to our nation’s capital, Washington D.C., to learn about government issues pertaining to rural America and to understand the importance of local electric cooperatives. Students will travel June 15-21, 2013. They will also visit with their legislative leaders and tour sites of historical significance. Kit Carson Electric Cooperative has reviewed the submitted essays and is happy to inform you of the selected winners;



Stefanie Salazar



Ryan Rael



Kayla Torres



Joshua Esquibel



Ryan Valdez

Congratulations to: **Kayla Torres-Taos High School, Stefanie Salazar-Questa High School, Ryan Valdez-Mesa Vista High School, Joshua Esquibel-Penasco High School and Ryan Rael-Questa High School**

Great job on writing your essays, keep up the good work and continue to be leaders. Kit Carson Electric Cooperative is a proud and excited to offer this “once in a lifetime experience” to our winners. Winners will also be recognized at our KCEC Annual Meeting June, 8, 2013 in the Taos High School Gymnasium.

Board of Trustees

Bobby Ortega	President	Questa	District 2
Manuel Medina	Vice President	Taos	District 1
Chris Duran	Secretary	Penasco	District 4
Bruce Jassman	Treasurer	Angel Fire	District 5
David Torres	Trustee	Arroyo Seco	District 1
Peter Adang	Trustee	Ranchos de Taos	District 1
Luisa Mylet	Trustee	Pot Creek	District 1
Virgil Martinez	Trustee	Cerro	District 2
Arturo Rodarte	Trustee	Ojo Caliente	District 3
Ambrose Mascarenas	Trustee	Llano	District 4
Jerry Smith	Trustee	Ocate	District 5

Board Meeting

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

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

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1-800-947-4722

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www.kitcarson.com