



*Your monthly report from Your Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

The Fall foliage frames a SEC lineman repairing a street light at the intersection of 6th and Manzaneras in Socorro.

## SEC WEATHERS WORLDWIDE SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

Current worldwide supply chain issues seem to be a constant topic of discussion on the nightly news, in corporate boardrooms, and even with folks concerned about gifts for the upcoming holiday. At this time, SEC is not being impacted by supply chain issues for construction activities or outage repairs. Unfortunately, future increases in material costs will eventually impact the cost of all new line extensions to our Members.

We reached out to one of our material suppliers who shared the following information and comments: "There have been two major components influencing the price increases. Raw materials and freight. Items impacted the most were commodities from Asia and those with a high content of steel, copper or aluminum.

We feel we have seen most of the impact of freight increases as those from Asia seem to have leveled off and fuel costs seem to have peaked. The price increases seem to have peaked as well but the cost of raw materials is harder to guess.

Lead time for transformers and cable will not shorten during 2022 and most manufacturers are projecting continued long lead times in 2022.

Overall we are expecting price increases in the 10% - 12% range next year."

Material Type	Cost Increase: Dec 2020 to Dec 2021	Lead Time: Dec 2020	Lead Time: Dec 2021
<b>Wood Poles</b>	15% -18%	2 - 4 weeks	8 - 10 weeks
<b>Wire/Cable:</b>			
Copper Wire	50% - 90%	2 - 3 weeks	2 - 3 weeks
Aluminum Overhead	30% - 40%	1 - 2 weeks	24 - 26 weeks
Guy Strand	25% - 35%	1 - 2 weeks	6 - 8 weeks
<b>Transformers:</b>			
Single Phase - Pad Mount	35% - 40%	12 - 16 weeks	40 - 50 weeks
Three Phase - Pad Mount	30% - 40%	14 - 16 weeks	35 - 40 weeks
Single Phase - Pole Mount	25% - 35%	10 - 12 weeks	30 - 40 weeks
<b>Conduit</b>			
PVC	100% - 125%	1 - 2 weeks	12 - 14 weeks
Metal	30% - 40%	1 - 2 weeks	4 - 6 weeks
<b>Pole Line Hardware</b>	30% - 50%	2 - 4 weeks	10 - 15 weeks
<b>Insulators / Arresters</b>	10% - 15%	2 - 4 weeks	12 - 16 weeks
<b>Fuses / Connectors</b>	10% - 15%	1 - 2 weeks	3 - 4 weeks

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## Spotlight on TEAM SEC - Meet our Staff, Your Neighbor

Rodney Marable, Apprentice Lineman, joined SEC in August 2020 after spending the summer months of May through July as an intern with SEC. The completion of his internship at SEC was the final requirement he needed to receive his Electrical Lineworker Certificate from the Doña Ana Community College (DACC) in Las Cruces.

Rodney went to DACC upon his graduation from Silver High School in Silver City where he enjoyed playing baseball. He had decided that a trade would be the best career choice for him and the program at DACC offered him a jump start on becoming a Journeyman Lineman.

At DACC he received his Commercial Drivers License and gained experience in climbing poles. To receive his Journeyman certificate, he will have to complete the 4-year Merchants Apprentices Program involving coursework and field work.

A project he is working on is the complete restoration of the 1979 Pontiac Trans Am that his grandfather gave him on his 5th birthday! Rodney is stationed at our Socorro Office and we are proud to include him as a part of the Socorro Electric family!



**Rodney Marable**  
Apprentice Lineman

### CONTACT US

#### WEBSITE

[www.socorroelectric.com](http://www.socorroelectric.com)

#### PHONE

800-351-7575 or 575-835-0560

#### PAYING YOUR BILL

You can make your payment over the phone by check or major credit card, 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week with our IVR phone system at no charge.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### REPORTING AN OUTAGE

Before reporting a power outage, please check the circuit breakers in your house first. If you still do not have power after checking your breakers, please call

**(575) 835-0560, (800) 351-7575 or 855-881-8159.**

If you get a busy signal, it is an indication that someone else is experiencing an outage as well; however please continue to call, this will help us pinpoint the problem.

#### MEMBER SERVICE/BILLING

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#### ACCOUNTING

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### November 2021 Board Report - the Board met virtually.....

- Received a report on submissions for the Broadband Feasibility Study RFP that SEC had recently issued.
- Received departmental reports from Staff and recommendations from Board Committees.
- Set the next Board Meeting for December 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

### Call 811

### Before You Dig

Socorro Electric Cooperative reminds you to use caution while working outdoors, especially around power lines. Overhead and underground power lines can pose a danger.

The national Call Before You Dig number, 811, was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. Failing to call 811 and making risky assumptions can be life-threatening.

Every digging job requires a call-even small projects such as planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for large fines and repair costs.

One call to 811 automatically notifies all 811 members-including electric utilities, natural gas providers and communication providers who may have underground lines at your work site. 811 members will mark the horizontal path of their underground facilities. This simple service protects you from personal injury and protects the utility's underground facilities from being damaged. You can also visit the 811 website at [www.NM811.org](http://www.NM811.org).



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**