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YOUR MONTHLY REPORT FROM SOCORRO ELECTRIC

SEC to bring Broadband infrastructure to Magdalena!

On November 10, 2022, the governor's office announced the recipients of \$38.6 million in funding through the Connect New Mexico Pilot Program. The funds are the first wave of \$123 million to be delivered through the Connect New Mexico Pilot Program to bring statewide broadband access across New Mexico. Initial grants were awarded with projects supporting scalable broadband infrastructure that will serve their communities for decades.



The announcement of the grant was presented to SEC on November 29, 2022 in the Magdalena Village office.

Pictured left to right: Ron Burnett, District 5 SEC Trustee, Luis Aguilar, District 3 SEC Trustee, Leroy Anaya, District 3 SEC Trustee, Chairman Antonio Ray Martinez, District 5 Socorro County Commissioner, Joseph Herrera, General Manager of SEC, Inc., Kelly Schlegel, Broadband Director from the State of New Mexico, Robert E. Castillo, General Manager of Continental Divide Electric, Richard J. Rumpf, Magdalena Mayor, and Nicholas Maestas, Field Representative from the Office of the US Senator Ben Ray Lujan

Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC) is one of four recipients being awarded this grant to support broadband infrastructure in Magdalena. SEC has partnered with Continental Divide Electric Cooperative to provide Red Bolt Broadband internet. SEC will receive \$5.09 million from the Pilot Program and will match the funding with \$2.38 million for a total project budget of \$7.47 million.

SEC and Continental Divide Electric are grateful to receive the grant from the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) and the state's Connect New Mexico Pilot program. This pilot project is a game changer for the Village of Magdalena and Magdalena Municipal School District as it will greatly improve connecting with telehealth services, homework & schooling for students/teachers, small businesses, and overall online access.

Approximately 300 homes, businesses, and institutions which are currently underserved will see an increase in speeds from less than 25/3 Mbps to symmetrical 1 Gbps, and potentially faster in the future, as demand for high bandwidth-consuming applications grows. This project will foster momentum to build throughout the areas of SEC service territory with future proof technologies like fiber-to-the-premises.

In applying for, and receiving, this grant SEC and Continental Divide Electric Cooperative continue the tradition of cooperation among cooperatives in bringing critical services to the underserved.

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Follow these tips to help you stay warm and safe this winter!

Safe Electricity shares the following tips for using space heaters and electric blankets:

- Review and follow all manufacturer directions.
- Plug space heaters and electric blankets directly into outlets; avoid using an extension cord.
- Always remember to turn off space heaters and electric blankets when not in use. Never leave one of these devices on unattended or after going to bed.
- Many fires start when flammable products are placed too close to heating devices, such as space heaters. Space heaters should be kept at least 3 feet from flammables.
- Place space heaters out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, non-flammable floor surface — NOT on carpets, furniture, or countertops.
- Be aware of pets and children near heating appliances. Pets should never be allowed to sleep on top of electric blankets.
- Keep space heaters and electric blankets away from water. If they become wet, do not turn them on to dry.
- Regularly examine cords to make sure there is no cracking or fraying. Do not use damaged appliances. Inspect electric blankets to ensure they are not worn or damaged. They should not have any charred or dark areas.
- Store your electric blanket in a manner which avoids creasing. If it cannot be stored flat, loosely fold or roll the blanket in a cool, dry closet.



Another \$10,458 rebate check for Socorro County!



L to R: County Manger Michael Hawkes, Socorro County Facilities Director Qualyn Crespín, SEC Member Service Manager Marilyn Madrid, and SEC Director of Communications and Public Affairs Ellena Tapia

Socorro County Building	Rebate Amount
District Attorney's Office	\$601
Annex Building	\$3,101
County Managers Office	\$269
Courthouse	\$2,567
Detention Center	\$2,023
DWI Compliance	\$358
Socorro Senior Center	\$1,629
TOTAL	\$10,548

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Source: EnergySavers.gov

Your home works hard for you. Consider giving it an energy checkup. Hire a professional energy auditor to diagnose where your house could be losing energy and where you can start saving money. Auditors check for air leaks, inspect insulation, survey heating and cooling equipment and more. After making efficiency upgrades, you could save 5-30 percent on your energy bills!



November 16, 2022 Board Report - the Board

- received departmental reports from Staff and recommendations from Board Committees.
- discussed 'Dark Sky' night covers for Magdalena street lights that are on back order.
- discussed the Connect New Mexico Pilot Project Grant

Meetings are normally on the 4th Wednesday @ 2 p.m. of each month. Please visit the website for specific meeting dates/times as they may vary with holidays, etc.

Board Meeting Minutes, Agendas, Videos, and Policies are posted here:
<https://www.socorroelectric.com/board-resources-agendas-minutes-meeting-videos>

Upcoming SEC Holidays:

- Christmas - Dec. 26
- New Year's - Jan. 2
- Martin Luther King Jr. - Jan. 16