

Co-op CORNER

October 2025



SEC Employees (L-R): Nik Landry, Norman Finley, Michael Trujillo, Zach Ortega pictured with Tri-State Mobile Substation

National Co-op Month - SEC Celebrates Partnership with Tri-State G&T

Hello Valued SEC Members,

At YOUR Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC), we know that not everyone can attend our Board of Trustees meetings or watch the recorded sessions. That's why we're sharing a highlight this month that celebrates the strength of collaboration —our longstanding relationship with Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State), will now continue through 2066 with the recent approval by the SEC Board of Trustees to extend the Wholesale Electric Service Contract.

In today's rapidly changing world—shaped by inflation, shifting supply chains, technological advances like Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the ongoing transition to renewable energy—rural cooperatives thrive by working together. Our partnership with Tri-State helps ensure that SEC remains agile, informed, and equipped to meet both current and future energy needs.

As a not-for-profit cooperative, Tri-State's mission is to provide member systems like SEC with reliable, affordable, and responsible electricity, guided by cooperative principles. Their diverse energy mix—solar, wind, natural gas, and coal—balances reliability, affordability, and the pursuit of a cleaner energy future. Collectively, Tri-State members create the largest electric cooperative footprint in the nation.

Here are a few ways Tri-State's commitment to its members shines through:

- 7 years of stable, lower wholesale rates for members (2017–2023) (reductions of 2% in both 2021 & 2022).
- 1,000 MW of new wind and solar resources added between 2021 and 2025.
- \$2 million invested in electric-vehicle charging infrastructure, helping connect and modernize rural communities.

Direct Benefits to SEC Members:

- From 2013–2019, Tri-State provided \$87,816.40 in rebates through the "Electrify and Save" program.
- From September 2020–2025, Tri-State has provided \$232,412.29 in energy-efficiency rebates.
- In total, SEC members have received \$320,228.69 in rebates, helping lower costs and improve energy efficiency.
- Support for STEM programs & community education initiatives.
- Access to mobile substations for emergencies and planned maintenance.
- Engineering expertise, including support for substation transformers testing.

At SEC, we believe in the power of partnership. Our collaboration with Tri-State reflects our shared commitment to keeping the lights on, investing in innovation, and supporting the communities we serve. Together, we're building a future that is reliable, affordable, and sustainable—for all of us.

Thank you for being part of this cooperative journey.

Respectfully, Manny (575) 835-8145



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Calling All Area High School & Homeschooled Sophomores and Juniors! NRECA Youth Tour Deadline is Fast Approaching!

How would you like to spend one life-changing week in our nation's capital! Join young leaders from across the country as you spend a week in Washington DC. Here are some things you can expect during your time in DC:

- Develop life-long friendships and connections with delegates from across your state and across the country!
- Meet with your US Representatives and Senators. - Visit historic monuments and memorials.

This is an essay contest (500 words minimum) that is judged anonymously. Visit Socorro Electric Cooperative's website at: <https://www.socorroelectric.com/youth> for applications & more information.

- **Deadline to Return Application into SEC's office is November 20, 2025.**
- **New Mexico Capitol Day** (NMREC Headquarters): Monday, June 16, 2026.
- **NRECA Youth Tour** (Gaylord, D.C.): June 16, 2026 - June 21, 2026.
- **Return travel to New Mexico:** June 21, 2026.

Funding for the Youth Tour Program comes from the SEC Foundation



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Check out the SEC App!



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
7 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.

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SEC Hires Construction Contractor - Check for Official SEC Signage

NOTICE: SEC has engaged the services of T&D Con, LLC from Albuquerque to assist with the increasing demand of electric line construction projects. This company is a certified electric line construction contractor and all of their trucks will have the blue signs that say "Contractor for Your SEC" for easy identification.

September 2025 Board Report - the Board

- updated "Authorized Users - SEC Foundation Homestead Account".
- ratified action taken at April 30, 2025, Regular Meeting to approve extension to WESC with Tri-State G&T.
- approved 2026 Financial Audit Engagement Agreement with BSGM.
- approved the 2026 Medical Health Insurance Plan with NRECA.
- set the next Board Meeting for October 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

**SAFE, RELIABLE,
AFFORDABLE
ENERGY.**

**THEN. NOW.
ALWAYS.**

The energy landscape
may be changing, but
we'll never lose sight of
who we're working for.



**OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH
WE'RE PROUD TO SERVE OUR MEMBERS**

