



Your monthly report from Your Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Beautiful fall foliage provides a backdrop to SEC Linemen changing a pole in Lemitar last year.

SEC Awards Largest Rebate Check in Co-op's History to Socorro Schools

The energy performance contractor for the Socorro Consolidated schools estimates the schools will save more than \$845,000 over the next 22 years from the recently completed LED lighting project. These savings come in part from the \$51,627 commercial lighting rebate from SEC and the estimated \$794,178 in savings on their electric bills. This rebate is provided by SEC through our wholesale power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State).



Standing in front of the new solar array at Midway Elementary, SEC GM Joseph Herrera presents the \$51,627 rebate check to (far left) Denise Cannon, Socorro Asst. Superintendent, and (far right) Ron Hendrix, Socorro Superintendent.

Tri-State supports SEC through energy efficiency programs designed to promote energy efficiency products, including LED lighting. In 2019, Tri-State and its members rebated \$3.04 million and reduced life cycle energy usage by almost 42.5 million kilowatt-hours.

The rebate check amount is based on the upgrades to LED lighting in the buildings and parking lots of Socorro High, Midway Elementary and Parkview Elementary schools, and the district's Administration Building. The retrofitting of 3,250 lights at these four locations will not only lower the monthly electric bills for the school district but it will also reduce the power supply demands for SEC, helping to keep overall rates low.

The LED upgrade project was part of the district's energy performance contract which also identified other ways to save energy and money. The savings funded other projects such as the installation of dimming, occupancy, and daylight harvesting controls in classrooms. The district was also able to add high efficiency HVAC equipment to replace room-sized evaporative coolers and install new roofing with improved insulation.

To claim a rebate, SEC Member-Owners need to submit a receipt or paid invoice to our main office within 120 days of the product's purchase date. These rebates are exclusive to SEC Members only. Since 1985, SEC and Tri-State have been promoting the efficient use of electricity by paying co-op Members cash when they purchase or install certain energy-efficient appliances, lighting, heat pumps and more.

Rebate amounts vary for SEC's energy efficiency programs. They can be substantial and the energy savings can really add up, just like they did for the Socorro Schools. Scan this QR code for all of SEC's rebate programs on our website at www.socorroelectric.com.



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**SOCORRO ELECTRIC
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Spotlight on TEAM SEC - Meet our Staff, Your Neighbor

Josh Dirmeyer, Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Technician, came to work for SEC in August 2017, bringing with him a great deal of electrical knowledge. Josh is a licensed Journeyman Electrician in New Mexico which he puts to great use in the installation, troubleshooting, and repair of the important metering and communications equipment used in SEC's AMI System.

While Josh provides coverage for SEC's entire service area, he lives in the Datil area with his family. He feels the teamwork and family atmosphere of the cooperative provides the foundation for serving SEC's large and diverse membership. He mentions that the encouragement of other SEC employees and the benefits offered by the co-op, provided the incentives for him to apply at SEC.

Josh is a "trouble shooter" by nature who enjoys the challenges of solving problems while learning the many benefits of the newest of technologies employed by the AMI System. He likes serving the co-op Members by providing accurate metering information as he says that every Member is his neighbor who deserves the best service we can offer. His fellow employees appreciate Josh's ever present grin, his easy going personality and his "can do attitude". Thanks for a job well done Mr. Josh!



Josh Dirmeyer
AMI Technician

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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.

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September 2020 Board Report - the Board met via teleconference....

- approved the retirement of Patronage Capital for the 1993 operating year in the amount of \$362,003.23 to be distributed by year-end 2020.
- received Staff departmental reports & Board Committee recommendations.
- set the next Board Meeting for October 28, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

NOTICE Winter Moratorium Protection

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2020.

To avoid potential disconnection of services, please contact the human services department at **800-283-4465** or the appropriate tribal or pueblo entity for eligibility information for low income heating energy assistance program (LIHEAP).

Your service will not be disconnected from November 15, 2020, through March 15, 2021, if you meet the qualifications of LIHEAP and have no past due amounts or you remain current on any settlement or installment agreement for amounts due as of November 15, 2020.

Members of New Mexico tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the commission's consumer relations division at (888)427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance.

**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**

