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District 5 - La Mesilla, San Pedro & north up to Alcalde

Secretary, John Ramon Vigil

District 4 - Santa Clara Pueblo north to Medanales including Lyden & La Canova west of the Rio Grande River

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Bruce Duran, District 6 - Nambe, Pojoaque, surrounding areas located in Santa Fe County

Marissa Maestas-Muller, Trustee-At-Large - represents the entire cooperative area at large

Join Us for JMEC's Annual Meeting!

Pursuant to the bylaws of Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 28, 2022, at the La Luz Campground, located in the beautiful Jemez Mountains, La Cueva, New Mexico.

Our annual meeting is a time to celebrate the achievements of the past year as well as share with you the major challenges ahead that your board of trustees, representing each of you in your respective districts, is facing as we work together to guide your not-for-profit electric cooperative in the coming year.

There will be plenty of time to see other JMEC member friends or meet new ones and enjoy family fun – good food, games and prizes, one of which is the Grand Prize, a new side-by-side ATV!

Sincerely,
Board of Trustees, Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Dennis Trujillo, Board President

ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, August 28

Location: La Luz Campground

Registration: 9 am – 12 pm

Lunch: 11 am

Meeting: 1 pm, *right after District 1 Meeting*



JMEC Members in Districts 1, 5 and 6 – We Need YOU!

JMEC needs its members in these three districts to come, register and vote on three needed bylaw changes. You will be eligible to win a retired JMEC vehicle or a 75" TV, at this meeting. And can put your name in for a drawing at the August annual meeting for a new ATV!

DISTRICT 5 - Sunday, August 14

Location: Ohkay Casino Hotel, *with the band Cuarenta y Cinco*

Registration: 10 am – 1 pm

Lunch: 1 pm, BBQ on site

Meeting: 2 pm

Quorum needed: 345

DISTRICT 6 - Saturday, August 27

Location: Pojoaque Middle School Auditorium

Registration: 11 am – 2 pm

Lunch: 1 pm

Meeting: 2 pm

Quorum needed: 271

DISTRICT 1 - Sunday, August 28

Location: La Luz Campground

Registration: 9 am – 12 pm

Lunch: 11 am

Meeting: 12 pm, *right before the Annual Meeting*

Quorum needed: 111



JMEC's Employee Spotlight is on: Ruby Chacon



As member service collector, Ruby Chacon is a diplomat. Knowledgeable and empathetic, patient with a great attention to detail, she knows how to both help and hold accountable members who have fallen behind on their electric service bill.

Chacon, who works out of the Cuba office, recently took on additional duties associated with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) which, for eligible applicants, can pay past due bills for up to the 12 previous months and three months into the future on their account.

"Ruby is extremely well organized and is always willing to assist as needed," said Patricia Martinez, Cuba office manager.

"She has taken on the ERAP application process, doing a fantastic job contacting and informing members not only about ERAP assistance but all assistant programs available. Her work has resulted in ERAP aid of nearly \$50,000 to our members with past due accounts. She is an exceptional team member and offers excellent customer service to all"

Chacon, a native of Cuba, joined JMEC in 2014. She said the job is not easy but it is one she has grown into and says it can be very rewarding. "You have to have a friendly attitude and take the time to hear each member out to understand their situation," she said. "Every call is unique and it is really gratifying when you can help people."

When not working, Chacon says she spends as much time as possible with her family – her husband, Eddie, of 33 years; daughter, Nicole, who with her boyfriend, Felipe, have two "handsome little boys," Brody & Brayden. Her other daughter, Janice, and husband, Johnny, live in Colorado and they see each other as much as they can.

Thank you for all you do, Ruby!

JMEC Submits New Rate Increase Proposal

As ordered by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC), Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., (JMEC) filed an amended rate increase application June 10, 2022, using the most recent 12-month period, with an updated cost of service study.

The rate increase would amount to \$11.28 more per month for the average (722 kWh) residential member – making it the third lowest among all 11 New Mexico electric cooperatives served by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. The overall system increase is 11.65 percent.

Even with the increase, JMEC's rate per month for the average (722 kWh) residential member would be the third lowest among all 11 New Mexico electric cooperatives serviced by Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Inc.

That is higher than the 9 percent increase in the application JMEC filed in December 2021, which used the pre-pandemic 2019 12-month period as its test year, reasoning that the cooperative's 2020 pandemic-year

consumption data was not "normal" – it showed drastically higher use by residential members and similar lower use by the commercial classes. Any rate increase based on that period would be less favorable to residential members.

The original cost of service study accompanying the December 2021 filing indicated JMEC needed an overall increase of about 11 percent, however, the board of trustees approved a lower rate request (9 percent) at that time.

It will have been 10 years since the last rate increase went into effect. The cooperative has lost money the last two years, is far behind on basic maintenance and facility investment required by insurers and does not meet the safe and reliable operating standards regulators require, and members deserve.

