



## A Message From The Board

### Electricity for All

Members: Because electricity is so abundant, we don't think much about it. In fact, most of us don't think about it until the power goes out or when our bills are paid. Because of what has been going on for over a year now, most families have been spending more time at home and of course using more energy. We all expect endless power supply with uninterrupted service every day, and we really don't stop to reflect on how electricity powers our lifestyle every single day. I was reading an article a few months ago where I learned that our electricity remains a great value nationwide. Compare it to your rent, medical care, education and even cable or satellite TV!

As a cooperative, we work to keep the cost down while continuing to provide service reliability. This cooperative will continue to strive to reduce interruptions while working on our backlog of aging infrastructure. This cooperative will continue to improve our operations to ensure our members a smarter grid while exploring renewable energy options wherever possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

Dennis Trujillo, Board President  
JMEC Board of Trustees

## Congratulations 2021 JMEC Scholarship Award Recipients

Congratulations! On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire staff of JMEC, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize you for your achievements. We hope that the way ahead is even brighter with this scholarship helping with your future success. Jemez Mountains Electric Foundation, established in 1969, has been able to award \$72,000 to the 18 amazing seniors of the graduating class of 2021.

### Espanola Valley High School

Anita De Agüero  
Janessa Palomares  
Sophia Sena  
Jasmaine Baca  
Kianna Duran  
Jacquelyn Gonzales  
Gerardo Sanchez

### Pojoaque Valley High School

Kylie Bird  
Ayana Aguirre  
Arieal I Tapia  
Leah Trujillo  
Analyssa Gomez  
Alicia Quintana

### Coronado High School

Santiago Chacon  
Andres T Chacon

### Cuba High School

Jacquelynn Sanchez

### Jemez Valley High School

Louis Bailey Shije

### McCurdy High School

Avanecia Maestas

## JMEC Employee Of The Month

The JMEC Employee of the Month recognition program is back and we look forward to sharing the excellent work and achievements of our team.

May 2021 Employee of the month is Eva Marie DeAgüero.

Eva has dedicated the last 26 years of her working life to making sure her department has always run as smoothly as possible. Eva is always quick to pick up the slack under any circumstance. Even after her retirement she has agreed to stay on to help the transition and once again has good-naturedly helped keep things running (more than most of you will ever know). As a peacekeeper, problem solver and teacher who is always cheerful and understanding you can imagine how grateful we are. We want to thank her two beautiful daughters Anita and Leah and her awesome husband Adam for sharing her time with us. Thank you Eva and the DeAgüeros!



Eva DeAgüero receives Retirement Plaque from Michael Hastings, JMEC General Manager.


## JMEC Taps The Sun

Jemez Mountains Electric Coop is fast approaching the 5% cap on renewables imposed by its contract with Tri State Generation and Transmission, which supplies the bulk of its power. The Alcalde solar array, fully operational after its tracking system was redesigned following a major wind storm, generates 2.4 megawatts of electricity. The Cuba solar array, to be completed later this year will generate 2.5 megawatts, leaving 2 megawatts for future projects, such as the one proposed on the Jacona Land Grant, in addition to the 1.7 megawatts available for community solar arrays. Community solar arrays were approved by the 2021 NM Legislature.

The 5% cap, however, does not apply to residential rooftop solar arrays, of which Jemez now counts 420 installations with a capacity of 2.4 megawatts. The power generated from these small arrays does not incur demand or transmission costs.



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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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## JMEC Continues Commitment To Resolve Past Due Accounts

### Let JMEC Help You Resolve Your Past Due Account and Avoid a Disconnect

Is your JMEC account past due? Our customer service representatives are standing by to help!

JMEC understands the hardships brought on by the pandemic that many of our members have experienced. While the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission's prohibition on disconnections expired May 4 of this year, JMEC has added another 30-day grace period.

This 30-day period starts from when a member with a past-due account receives a hand-delivered disconnect notice from one of our meter readers – either presented in-person to the member or left at the residence if our member is not at home.

At the end of this 30-day grace period, members who have received this notice must pay their past-due amount or have worked with our customer service representatives to set up an installment payment agreement.

### Financial Assistance May Be Available

With the disconnect notice the meter reader also will deliver an easy-to-complete Pandemic Relief Temporary Arrangement form. Members can complete the form while the meter reader is with them and let the meter reader turn it in for them or drop it off or mail it to a JMEC office. Be sure to let JMEC know if you have applied for this assistance as doing so provides some added protection from a disconnect.

### Help JMEC Help You Avoid a Disconnect

Before the 30 days have passed since you received the hand-delivered disconnect notice either:

1. **Enter into an installment payment arrangement** with JMEC to resolve your past-due account. To do so, call or email one of

JMEC's customer service representatives:

<b>Local Offices</b>	<b>Main Number</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>
<u>Espanola Office</u>	505-753-2105	
David	505-367-1149	<a href="mailto:dviera@jemezcoop.org">dviera@jemezcoop.org</a>
Kenny	505-367-1108	<a href="mailto:kserna@jemezcoop.org">kserna@jemezcoop.org</a>
Manny	505-367-1109	<a href="mailto:mmartinez@jemezcoop.org">mmartinez@jemezcoop.org</a>
<u>Cuba Office:</u>	575-289-3241	
Ruby	505-367-1185	<a href="mailto:rchacon@jemezcoop.org">rchacon@jemezcoop.org</a>
Stacie	505-367-1184	<a href="mailto:smaestas@jemezcoop.org">smaestas@jemezcoop.org</a>
<u>Jemez Springs Office:</u>	575-829-3550	
Nora	505-367-1170	<a href="mailto:ntosa@jemezcoop.org">ntosa@jemezcoop.org</a>

2. **Pay your past-due amount** - To do so, contact one of our customer service representatives, go online to [www.jemezcoop.org](http://www.jemezcoop.org) and to my account for customer login, use the night drops outside each office, use the smart phone app or call the automated phone system, 1-855-479-3686.

Cuba, Jemez Springs and Espanola offices business hours are Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Lobbies are still closed at the time of this writing.

## Senator Heinrich Visits JMEC's Westside Members

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) teamed up with JMEC to provide CARES Act funding for an exciting project connecting 24 families on the Navajo Nation to get electricity in their homes for the first time.

In early May, U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich stopped by the home of Cora Charley, a JMEC member by Turtle Mountain that was one of the CARES Act funding recipients to be connected to the electric grid. Now that Cora has electricity, her grandchildren are able to stay with her and have the capability to access school online. Sen. Heinrich expressed his gratitude and recognition of the Navajo Nation and the joint effort of NTUA and JMEC to bring electricity to these families. Thank you Cora for sharing your story!

JMEC and NTUA are working towards future opportunities to deliver electricity to more families with the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, a relief package that provides funding in several areas including state and local aid.

