




Jemez Mountains Electric
Cooperative, Inc.

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JMEC Newsletter August 2020

A Message From The Board

Dear Consumers,

In this month's newsletter we are excited to announce the JMEC Scholarship Foundation Recipients. 15 scholarships were awarded this year and we were able to increase our scholarship dollar amount by \$1,000.

I am also happy to report on behalf of the Board that we are near completion of our new JMEC headquarters. An official opening date will be announced this month. Please be on the lookout for this exciting announcement on our website and Facebook page.

As has been the status quo these past few months, the Board and I want to assure you that we continue to work through the COVID-19 Pandemic and adhere to the orders of the State of New Mexico and guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), our day-to-day business practices and office closures remain in place until further notice. The Co-op will continue our payment processes and consumer services that are currently available through mail, drop-off boxes, partner banks and online payments. Furthermore, Board of Trustee Meetings will remain closed to the public at this time.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in working with us as we get through the pandemic situation..

Sincerely,

Leo Marquez, President
JMEC Board of Trustees



New JMEC headquarters near complete. See page 2 for full story in this month's edition.

JMEC Solar Residential Loan Program

Jemez Mountains Electric Co-op is pleased to announce that we will begin accepting applications for our Solar Loan Program. JMEC consumer homeowners can apply for low interest loans of up to \$15,000 to install photovoltaic systems. Once the systems are installed, repayment can be tailored to match closely the pre-solar monthly electricity bill, unless the homeowner wishes to pay off the loan sooner. Installations are eligible for the 40% combined federal and state tax credits. Solar providers participating in the program are Positive Energy Solar, Affordable Solar, Sol Luna Solar, and PPC Solar.

Applications will be reviewed and take into consideration consumers with an acceptable credit rating and good-standing with their Co-op payment history. Initial applications will be made through the Co-op, and upon approval, applicants will be referred to Century Bank in Española to complete the loan and administration process.

For more information and details on how to apply, please contact:
Laura Rendon, Executive Assistant, at 505-367-115, lrendon@jemezcoop.org
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Ernesto Gonzales, General Manager at 505-367-115, egonzales@jemezcoop.org

Applications forms may be downloaded from our website at www.jemezcoop.org.

REPORT An Outage 24 HOURS A DAY! Automated OMS (Outage Management System) will track everyone that is out to make sure everyone has power restored. You can report and track the outage three ways:

1. Call the outage hotline at - 1-877-753-0095
2. Online Customer Portal - <https://billing.jemezcoop.org/oscp/>
3. JMEC Mobile App.


Contact Us

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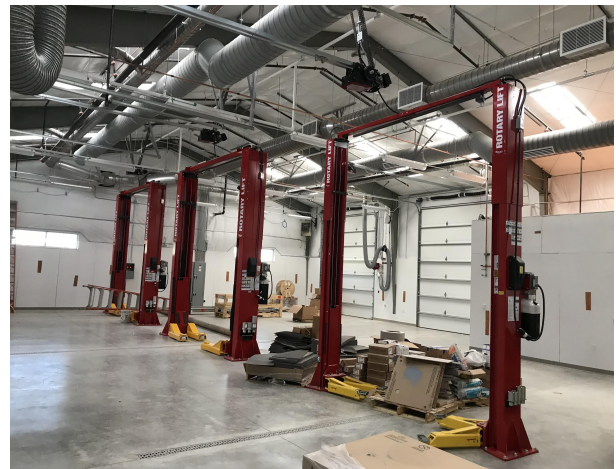
New Office Building Nearing Completion Opening Summer 2020

The new \$10 million Jemez Mountains Electric Co-op headquarters is entering the last phase of construction that is on schedule to be completed by the beginning of September. The new building will replace the current structure that was built in 1961. Demolition of the old building will follow the completion of the project and will include a comprehensive asbestos abatement process. In keeping with our commitment to transparency, we want our consumers to know that these projects are being paid for out of the JMEC general fund. Costs of both projects were thoroughly assessed and determined feasible and fiscally responsible by the Board and the organization. These costs *will not* affect our consumer electricity rates.

The new headquarters incorporates safety, modern efficiencies, solar power and long term sustainability solutions that include a remodel of our routing and wiring system; an efficient and cost effective climate controlled environment; and, a building that is standardized to meet all ADA requirements. The new mechanic shop has been integrated and standardized with a state of the art metering workspace that will sustain well into the future.

The design-build team of FBT Architects and Bradbury Stamm Construction was awarded the project after vetting a very competitive bid process. With a groundbreaking ceremony in May of 2019, FBT Architects immediately went to work beginning with an interview process of all JMEC employees at headquarters that took into account the daily routines and business operations. Through this process the goal was to design a product that created a state of the art building that will support the best working environment and workflow atmosphere based on the needs of our employees and best business practices.

We are very excited to begin daily business operations, but we want to assure you that we continue to take every safe measure in regards to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic issue. Bradbury Stamm has been thorough in all matters of general safety and the monitoring and protection of its employees from the virus. Together we strive to assure a safe opening of the new building and look forward to sharing this moment with our consumers as soon as it is safe and practical.



2020 JMEC Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. is proud to announce the 2020 recipients of the JMEC Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to deserving, qualified high school seniors who plan to pursue studies in the fall semester of their graduation year at a university, college, or vocational school.

In total, the 2020 scholarships award amount of \$4,000 will be given to 15 students who reside within the service area of the Cooperative's member school districts: Cuba Independent Schools, Coronado High School, Española Public Schools, Jemez Mountain Public Schools, Jemez Valley Public Schools, McCurdy Charter School, and Pojoaque Public Schools. In addition, JMEC is pleased to note that this year's amount was a significant increase compared to the 2019 scholarship amount totaling \$3,000.

The Cooperative remains committed to the education of our students and growth of our community.

Celia Chavez
Cuba High School

Aaliyah Salazar, Marissa Toya
Jemez Valley High School

Diego Delgado, Megan Archuleta
McCurdy Charter School

Alysia Martinez, Kennedie Vigil,
Miranda Montoya, Santana Garcia,
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Española Valley High School

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Michaela Martinez, Nadia Lopez,
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Pojoaque High School