




Jemez Mountains Electric  
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**NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS FOR JMEC RATE NO. 14  
ELECTRICITY PURCHASES FROM AND SALES TO QUALIFYING FACILITIES**

JEMEZ MOUNTAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (JMEC or Cooperative) will file revisions to JMEC Rate No. 14, under Advice Notice No. 109, on December 31, 2020, with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) for electricity purchases from and sales to customers who own and install qualifying facilities (QFs), as defined in 17.9.570 NMAC (NMPRC Rule 570). First Revised Rate No. 14 – Standard Tariff for Electricity Purchases from and Sales to Qualifying Facilities, will be replaced with Second Revised Rate No. 14 – Standard Tariff for Electricity Purchases from and Sales to Qualifying Facilities and will result in a revision to the terms under which JMEC will purchase and sell electricity to Rate 14 consumers that own and have installed QFs. Second Revised Rate No. 14 does not propose any increase to the rates being charged.

Pursuant to 17.9.540 NMAC of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, JMEC's consumers are notified that:

- a) Second Revised Rate No. 14 is applicable to all consumers within the service territory of JMEC that own and have installed QFs and have executed an interconnection agreement with JMEC for their QF, are provided regular electric utility service under Rate No. 14 on file with the Commission, and are consumers with installed QFs greater than 10 kilowatts (kW) that are currently under First Revised Rate No. 14 – Standard Tariff for Electricity Purchases from and Sales to Qualifying Facilities. The revenue effect to JMEC of the proposed rate changes is revenue neutral.
- b) The proposed changes affect the Rate 14 customers (net metering) only. Currently, JMEC has approximately 297 net metering consumers who receive service under JMEC Rate 14 - Standard Tariff for Electricity Purchases from and Sales to Qualifying Facilities. The billing to JMEC's Rate 14 customers for the recovery of Rate No. 19 - Native American Access Costs Recovery right-of-way (ROW) access costs (Rate 19) will be billed on the basis of total kilowatt-hour ("kWh") consumption at each respective consumer location, including both the kWh furnished by JMEC and the kWh produced by the consumer's QF system. The applicable Rate 19 costs include both Rate Rider No. 2 for system costs and rate riders imposed to recover local Tribal ROW costs. While JMEC is not proposing any change in the current rates, Rate No. 14 net metering customers may experience a change in the total bill as a result of billing on the basis of total kWh consumption for net metering customers. The additional revenues to JMEC from these Rate 14 tariff revisions amounts to \$3,859 on an annual basis based upon 2019 annual kWh sales, which translates into an increase in annual revenue to JMEC of 0.3892%. However, this additional revenue is a pass through for JMEC, which will pay these revenues to the Tribal governments to whom JMEC pays annual ROW access payments. As a result, these proposed revisions to JMEC Rate 14 are revenue neutral to JMEC.
- c) JMEC is proposing that the Rate be effective February 1, 2021.

**IF A HEARING IS HELD BY THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION, ANY COSTS INCURRED BY THE UTILITY MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE UTILITY'S FUTURE RATES, FOLLOWING THE UTILITY'S NEXT RATE CASE**

- d) Any interested person may examine the rate filing together with any exhibits and related papers that may be filed at any time at the main office of the Cooperative, 19365 S.R. 84/285, Hernandez, New Mexico 87537 (telephone 505-753-2105 or 888-755-2105 or [www.jemezcoop.org](http://www.jemezcoop.org)); or on or after the date of filing on the website of the Commission, at <http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us>, where such documents may be found through the "Case Lookup EdoCKET" link, using, for example, the "Company Search" function to find recent Advice Notices filed by the Cooperative or using date filed parameters to search the New Documents List on EdoCKET's main page.
- e) The proposed new rate will go into effect automatically and without hearing by the Commission unless one percent or twenty five (25) members of JMEC's affected customer rate class, whichever is less, file a protest with the Commission no later than twenty (20) days after JMEC has filed the schedule proposing the new rates and the Commission determines there is just cause for reviewing the proposed rates on one or more of the grounds of the protest. Procedures for protesting a proposed rate or rates are set forth in 17.9.540 NMAC, NMPRC Rule No. 540, a copy of which can be obtained upon request from or inspected at JMEC's offices located at Chama Highway, P.O. Box 128, Española, New Mexico 87532 (telephone 505-753-2105 or 888-755-2105) or on JMEC's website; or from the Commission's website through the "Electric Coop Rate Increase Procedures" link on the far left. A form and instructions for protesting cooperative rates are available on the Commission's website through the "Forms" link also on the far left. Pursuant to the requirements of NMPRC Rule 540.11, persons protesting the change in Rate 14 must, along with other required information, identify the proposed rate or rates being protested.

**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.

**Have a question? - Contact Us** Toll Free: 1-888-755-2105  
Española Office, Jemez Springs Office, and Cuba Office





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f) Prior to filing a protest with the Commission, a Cooperative member should attempt to resolve any grievance by presenting your objections to the new rate, in writing, and allow JMEC seven (7) days in which to attempt a resolution of your objections or otherwise respond.

g) The proposed Rate will purchase the QF produced kWhs at the most current avoided cost rate filed with the Commission pursuant to NMPRC Rule 570.11 on an annual basis. JMEC's Rate 14 filing will request a variance from NMPRC Rule 570 to allow for the annual purchase of the excess kWhs and payment under the provisions of its Second Revised Rate No. 14. For 2020, the filed avoided cost rate is \$0.02841/kWh.

h) There are no changes being proposed in any of the rates of Jemez consumers. As described in (b), Jemez will bill the charges to approximately 297 Net Metered consumers under Rate Riders No. 2 through No. 7 based on total consumption of the consumers, as authorized by Rate No. 19. All rate classes are billed the same factor as applicable in the location within the Jemez system. The table below reflects the total kWh consumption and the kWh consumption produced by the consumer:

Table with 7 columns: Total kWh Consumption, kWh Produced by Consumer, Rate 19 Recovery Rate, Additional ROW Cost Recovery, Actual ROW Cost Recovered, % Additional Recovery. Rows include Rider #2 Total system Costs, Local Tribal ROW Costs, and Riders #3 through #7.

Coop Board Initiates Financial Review

The Board of Trustees took action at the September board meeting to initiate a financial assessment of the Co-op's financial position and stability.

Given the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Public Regulation Commission restrictions, and load-losses impacted by business closures, the Board action is a response to reported losses in revenues over the course of several months in 2020.

The assessment will include an evaluation of lost revenues and the possible effects COVID-19 may be having. The standard cost of service study conducted annually will be the standard metric for the financial assessment. Results of the assessments shall be completed timely and presented to the full Board for further action.

Board Trustee Crawford Offers Guidance On Rooftop Solar Systems

The most important reason to go solar, in my opinion, is to reduce your carbon footprint, which is something many homeowners can do now without waiting for government policy changes. In September, my photovoltaic system produced 1.02 MWh of power, reducing my carbon footprint by 1554 pounds, the equivalent of saving 18 trees.

My system covers most of my farm and domestic needs and charges the battery of my electric car for a third or more of my driving in Northern New Mexico. I have also reduced electric consumption by installing a heat pump domestic water heater and heat pump heaters/coolers for my guest house and bedroom and studio.



Homeowner solar rooftop picture, Photo courtesy of Mr. Stanley Crawford, JMEC Board Trustee.

