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Welcome Back to *enchantment*



Welcome back to enchantment, the monthly magazine of the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (we refer to it as the statewide association). Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., (JMEC) rejoined the statewide association after a nearly five-year absence.

As a member of the statewide association, JMEC has in one organization the skills and services of what would be the equivalent of four or five senior staff professionals. Most important is its thorough, professional safety program that extends the good work of our own Jim Wiseman who in

addition to responsibilities for safety training, also has long been tasked to run the Jemez Springs office, lead the book study portion of our apprentice lineman program and more – too much for one individual! Our linemen risk their lives for JMEC members every day and we must prioritize their safety.

Other senior roles the statewide takes on for its members is advancing legislation that represents the needs of our members, leadership development for staff across multiple departments that gives us access to the top thinking of our peers and helps assure your cooperative is run according to best practices, student development with the Youth to Washington program, training programs that focus in on specific skill development such as transformer hookups, and the enchantment magazine where we bring you our updates and you can read of other energy, safety, community news.

JMEC is the largest electric cooperative in New Mexico and can play an influential role in matters important to the future of our not-for-profit organization as members of the statewide. **We are grateful to have the resources of the statewide available to our team and members and look forward to many good things to come.**

More Americans Connect with Community-First Organizations

Increasingly, more Americans seek to do business with mission-focused organizations and 42 million of us accomplish that in part as members of electric cooperatives.

The electric cooperative model is so unique. Born out of a critical need in rural communities for access to electric power, these residents came together to create their own provider, taking the place of privately or investor owned power companies who didn't see enough profit in stringing distribution and transmission lines across miles of often rugged terrain with not enough users per mile of line.

Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., is one of more than 900 electric cooperatives providing electricity in grids that cover half and more of the country. The model, about 75 years old, is thriving. That likely has to do with its sole focus – serve the community.

While it is often, even usually, more costly to serve fewer people across greater distances, the cooperative model helps keep rates competitive with profit-driven private electricity providers. Our members have an influential voice in our operation; they elect our board who, in turn, offer governance and policy that serve our membership.

Any excess revenue is either returned to members as capital credits or reinvested in the cooperative's people, processes or product.

There is a lot to love about the cooperative model. JMEC works hard to return the affection.



Cuba Solar Goes Online Soon

Construction completed in November 2021 on the 2.5 megawatt solar array located behind JMEC's Cuba office and will go online this year, fulfilling Rose-Anne Martinez-Lemke's wishes that her land be used to serve the members of the cooperative and that it would be by employing solar. JMEC entered into a purchased power agreement with Cuba 2.5 ac LLC, a solar company based in Albuquerque, to purchase all of the power produced by the array for the next 25 years to serve Cuba and surrounding communities during the day. **The system will produce enough renewable energy to power the needs of about 1,000 homes.**



Remember - Rebates Can Be Yours, Within 30 Days of Purchase!

Residents and commercial members alike can benefit from JMEC's Energy Efficiency Rebate Program through Tri-State. For residential users, the program offers rebates to members and the consumers we serve for a number of household items that are energy efficient – air conditioners, clothes washers and dryers, dish washers, heat pumps, refrigerators, water heaters as well as off-peak electric heat, LED light bulbs and fixtures and low-income weatherization.



The rebate amounts range from \$20 per dish washer to \$90 per hybrid heat pump clothes dryer but you must submit for the rebate within 30 days of purchase. Commercial rebates also are available through Tri-State and are offered for commercial lighting retrofits, electric motors, LED new commercial construction / pole-mounted lighting (street and parking lot) / refrigerator case lighting, and refrigerator case/cooler EC motor retrofit.

Check out the links and forms on JMEC's website rebate page or contact Tony Martinez, 505.367.1164 or tmartinez@jemezcoop.org.

Jemez Employee of the Month, Jacob Anderson

When you work for the largest electric cooperative in the state of New Mexico that has more than 4,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines threaded throughout a 7,000-square-mile service, what is one of the things you learn quickly if you happen to be a second year journeyman lineman trainee like Jacob Anderson? "Long drives. Hours and hours every day!"

Anderson came to Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. in 2017 as a laborer. He started as an apprentice in 2019.

"I was working with an electrician and also knew a journeyman who talked about being a lineman so, I applied when an opportunity came open," he said. "It's really rewarding. We go to a lot of different places and do a lot of different jobs. We are always going somewhere new."

That was one thing that surprised him – where the power lines go. Everywhere – throughout the mountains, canyons and washes. Anderson said it can be challenging to get to all the places where the work – outage restoration,

line construction, prepping materials and equipment for the lineman and more – takes them but he enjoys it.

A resident of Cuba, Anderson lives there with his "very significant" other, Victoria, and their one-year-old daughter, Mya. When not driving the JMEC lines he likes to hunt, fish, watch movies and spend time with his family.

