



Inviting Our Membership for Input on Forensic Audit

On December 13, 2021, the Board of Trustees of Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., (JMEC) issued a press release announcing Board approval to retain a forensic auditing firm to conduct a forensic audit of the cooperative to make certain JMEC is performing to the expected best practices.

This audit will examine specific financial practices of the organization and, as with any audit, return with findings and recommendations for action. The JMEC Board of Trustees must work with the selected auditor to define its final scope and propose a reasonable timeframe for its completion.

Although the JMEC leadership has submitted issues for the audit, the Board of Trustees is also inviting any JMEC member to submit subject matter for consideration of inclusion in the forensic audit.

Please contact our office for specific guidelines associated with member submissions. We thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

**Board of Trustees, Jemez Mountains Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**

Dennis Trujillo, Board President

Holiday events

JMEC was delighted to participate in two wonderful holiday events at the end of the year – the 25th Annual Electric Light Parade in Española and Cuba Cares Community Christmas event. Both held on December 11, there was a lot of prep and all-hands on deck for each!

The JMEC team was busy for weeks coming up with ideas, gathering materials and then decorating the cooperative's float which looked great in the parade! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on this fun event. There was a terrific turnout for the parade as well as the other full-day activities at Plaza de Española

including the arts and crafts fair and Christmas tree lighting with Mayor Sanchez.

Meanwhile in Cuba, JMEC staff (joined by Board of Trustees member Dolores McCoy!) helped out at one of the event tables, handing out more than 90 hot chocolate gift packets, candy and giveaways to tons of excited kids. The afternoon festivities included pictures with Santa, bingo, face painting, carnival games, raffles and more!

It is holiday traditions like these that help make our communities so special!





JMEC Employee of the Month, Angel Trujillo

Angel Trujillo, work order clerk in JMEC’s Espanola engineering department, is busy closing work orders, coordinating with stakers, keeping her Excel spreadsheets in order, talking with members, working with linemen and with the warehouse on materials, completing monthly reports for accounting – the usual million things. She was a big help on the HQ Open House keeping snacks well supplied and giving members tours. She also brought creative ideas, ran errands and helped decorate alongside her coworkers the JMEC float that was part of the annual Christmas on the Plaza, Electric Light Parade Dec. 11. Like her regular job, that was hard work but fun.

“A friend of mine where I used to work told me about the co-op, saying it was really cool,” Trujillo said. “I decided to give it a try!” Four years later, she is still going strong. She took on the role in engineering earlier this year after three and a half years working in the cashiering department. “As a work order clerk you need focus, good math skills and an attention to detail,” Trujillo said. “I am still learning!”

When not at the office Trujillo lives in Truchas with daughters Miquela, 17, and Alicia, 14. In her free time, she likes to hunt for deer and elk, fish and camp alongside her boyfriend Darryl. **Thanks for all you do for us, Angel!**



Late this year, JMEC rejoined the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (the statewide) to take advantage of the vast array of professional services it provides that we could not reasonably afford to staff for on our own – extensive safety and technical training, protecting our legislative interests, professional development for multiple departments, youth programs and more.

One of the benefits is the monthly magazine, *enchantment* (*it is all lowercase on purpose!*), which members will start to receive in 2022. It has undergone some upgrades since many of you last received it such as going from a newsprint format to a slick magazine. You will see our news, much the same as you have in La Luz, on the two page center spread in the magazine.

This January issue represents the last for La Luz. We will next see you in enchantment!

Training Comes Courtesy of NM Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Some of our JMEC team got to go to Transformer School last month. It’s more exciting than it sounds and the cooperative team is thrilled about this and other training that will get underway now that JMEC is once again a member of the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (the statewide).

Working with transformers – a component that increases or decreases voltage level from one circuit to another circuit – is pretty involved! There is a lot of know about just this one piece of equipment. Think of all the other electrical equipment, servicing and situations for which a combination of training and skill development along with experience can go far to help keep our linemen safe and our system reliable.

There will be professional development and training available to other JMEC departments as well – from accounting to engineering – all with an eye toward building a team that has access to and employs the industry’s best practices on behalf of our members.



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