



*Your monthly report from Your Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

SEC crews working in the snow to restore power to Datil and Quemado area during the most recent snow storm on 1/24/2024.

## SEC Foundation Accepting Scholarship Applications!!!



### DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2024

*\$8,000 Scholarships to be Awarded for 2024-25 School Year*



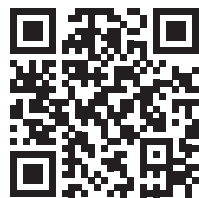
For many years, the funds provided by the SEC Electric Foundation have been indispensable in assisting high school graduates from our service area pursue their dreams of higher education. We are pleased to announce that this benefit, available only to SEC Members, is still going strong!

The scholarship program provides awards for \$1,000 per semester which are renewable up to 8 semesters, for a total potential award of \$8,000! To renew the scholarship for each subsequent semester, the recipients will need to maintain a 2.50 cumulative GPA (on a 4.00 scale) and be enrolled as a full-time student each semester.

The scholarship funds are not an operating expense of Socorro Electric, as the funds come from unclaimed patronage capital refunds from prior years. Many times, our Members leave our service area before receiving these refunds and we are unable to locate them. We attempt to reach these members for 3 years, after which time any unclaimed funds are deposited into the SEC Foundation.



Scan Me for  
Application.>>



**SEC  
Foundation**  
Giving our youth the power and support  
to achieve their educational dreams.

Further details about the scholarship program and an application form can be found on our website by scanning the QR code on the left. Scholarship applications can also be obtained from your local high school counselor or at the SEC offices at 215 East Manzanaras in Socorro.

## Spotlight on TEAM SEC - Meet our Board, Your Neighbor

Eileen Latasa was appointed to SEC's board of trustees on January 31, 2024 and seated on February 28, 2024 during SEC's regular board meeting. Trustee Latasa has been a member of SEC since 1971 and is a former employee of SEC retiring in May of 2016 after 18 years.

Born and raised in Socorro and moved to Magdalena as a teen, Trustee Latasa's career at SEC was being the secretary to the General Manager which encompassed being the secretary to the board of trustees. Trustee Latasa wore many hats at the cooperative including Human Resources, payroll, and helped rewrite the bylaws in 2015.

Trustee Latasa ran a successful restaurant in Magdalena for 29 years along with her husband Rudy. Before her career at SEC, she worked at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) for 9 years as a secretary booking travel and logistics for the scientists visiting the observatory.

Trustee Latasa enjoys doing crafts and she loves to travel with friends and family. She will be a great knowledgeable addition to the SEC Board of Trustees.



### CONTACT US

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#### PAYING YOUR BILL

You can make your payment over the phone by check or major credit card, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with our IVR phone system at no charge.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### REPORTING AN OUTAGE

Before reporting a power outage, please check the circuit breakers in your house first. If you still do not have power after checking your breakers, please call **575-835-0560, 800-351-7575 or 855-881-8159.**

If you get a busy signal, it is an indication that someone else is experiencing an outage as well; however please continue to call, this will help us pinpoint the problem.

#### MEMBER SERVICE/BILLING

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**Upcoming SEC Holidays**  
**SEC Is Closed:**  
Presidents Day  
Monday, February 19, 2023



**DURING WINTER MONTHS, SET YOUR THERMOSTAT TO 68 DEGREES WHEN YOU ARE HOME.**

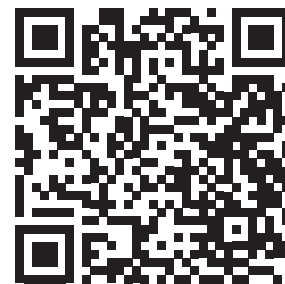
#### REMINDER:

**ELECTRICITY BILLS RAISE RAPIDLY WHEN USING ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS. TRY TO LIMIT YOUR USE OR FIND ALTERNATIVE HEATING SOURCES.**

Photo Source: Mark Gilliland, Pioneer Utility Resources

**Energy Efficient Tips: SEC has updated its Energy Rebate Brochure, Scan the Link To Check it Out >>**

- Use natural light.
- Change your light bulbs to LEDs to save energy.



### *December 2023 Board Report, the board...*

- *Staff gave updates and reports from each department.*
- *Board voted to appoint new Trustee, Eileen Latasa for District 2.*