



Your monthly report from Your Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The 2019 New Mexico Youth Tour delegates, including 5 SEC students, visit the White House.

SEC Foundation Invites 2020 Youth Tour to take trip in 2021



For many years the SEC Foundation has supported the youth of the communities in our service area. One of the most popular programs we sponsor is the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Government-In-Action Tour. For over 50 years, teenagers from rural America have made the "trip of a lifetime" to Washington, D.C. to meet with the elected officials from their home states, explore Capitol Hill and tour some of America's most historic monuments. Typically SEC sends 5 students, unfortunately COVID-19 interrupted this process for 2020.

In an all-out commitment to keep these young people, their chaperones and the many communities involved safe, NRECA canceled the 2020 Youth Tour. Hopeful that the NRECA 2021 Youth Tour will occur, allowing the attendees to explore and enjoy our nation's capital, the SEC Board of Trustees have extended an invitation to the five 2020 delegates to join our 2021 recipients in attending the 2021 Youth Tour.

As a reminder, the disbursements from the SEC Foundation are not an operating expense of Socorro Electric. As cash flow permits, the SEC Board approves General Retirements of Capital Credits to the SEC Members. Many times our Members leave our service area before receiving these retirements and we are unable to locate them. For three years we attempt to reach these Members in an effort to return their retired patronage to them. After this time, any unclaimed funds are deposited into the SEC Foundation as permitted by New Mexico State Law.

These Foundation monies are used for various educational purposes including: the Youth Tour, donations to 4-H Clubs, college scholarships and sponsorship of Spelling Bees in our schools.

The goals and objectives of the Foundation follow the cooperative principles of Education, Training, Information and Concern for our Community.



*Helen Bright
Quemado H.S.*



*Rio Sessions
Socorro H.S.*



*Heidi Garcia
Belen H.S.*



*Ella Guerra
Alamo H.S.*



*Luz Vargas
Quemado H.S.*

Your SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Spotlight on TEAM SEC - Meet our Staff, Your Neighbor

Glen Calvert, 3rd Year Apprentice Lineman, joined SEC in August 2017 and begin immediately in the Apprentice Lineman Program. Many things about SEC were attractive to Glen, but primarily the ability to work for a good company with good benefits allowing he and his family to live close to relatives.

While Glenn grew up in California, he met his wife in Arizona and they settled in the Quemado area about five years ago to be close to her family who have lived in the area for several generations.

Coming to SEC also permitted Glen to give up his daily 160 mile round-trip commute to his job in Springerville, Arizona working for a local propane company. Before coming to New Mexico, Glenn worked for a commercial electrical contracting firm giving him experience he finds handy in his current position.

Glen enjoys serving the Members of SEC and we appreciate his always pleasant smile and attitude in being a vital part of TEAM SEC!



Glen Calvert
Apprentice Lineman

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PAYING YOUR BILL

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:00 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.

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June 2020 Board Report - the Board met via teleconference....

- approved the purchase of new line construction equipment.
- appointed Trustee Wolberg to the NMRECA Board of Directors.
- set the next Board Meeting for July 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

SEC Board Requests Lower Rates from Tri-State

At their June 24, 2020 Board Meeting, the SEC Trustees adopted the following resolution asking their wholesale power supplier Tri-State, to reduce rates:

SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SEC") is a rural electric distribution cooperative serving the electric power needs of its members; and

WHEREAS, SEC is governed by the By-Laws of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("By-Laws"); and

WHEREAS, SEC has an obligation to provide its members with reliable electric service at fair, just and reasonable rates; and

WHEREAS, SEC is a member cooperative of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc ("Tri-State") and obtains its power supply requirements to serve its membership from Tri-State; and

WHEREAS, SEC is in a region of New Mexico which is economically depressed and experiencing further economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis and the Public Health Emergency Orders of the State of New Mexico which have effectively shutdown the state's economy; and,

WHEREAS, Tri-State has indicated that it may consider measures which will lower of the cost of power to its members, including SEC

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the elected Board of Trustees of SEC, acting in its fiduciary capacity on behalf of the membership of SEC request Tri-State management to immediately and actively perform necessary analyses and consider all reasonable means to reduce the cost of power to its member cooperatives, thereby lowering the cost of power to SEC's members.