

GETTING CONNECTED

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CEO's Message



On July 1, 2009 Kit Carson Electric (KCE) along with UNM Taos hosted an Energy Independence Day, to celebrate the KCE three acre solar array which is to date the largest solar generation plant in the state of New Mexico. The solar array which will contain 500 kilowatts will provide 100 percent of the power needs of the Klauer campus, making UNM Taos the first community college in it's kind in the nation to be completely powered by solar energy. Kit Carson Electric is the owner/operator of the 500 kW solar array. There was approximately 350 people and statewide representatives including U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman and Congressman Ben R. Lujan. Kate O' Neill, Executive Director/UNM, delivered the following proclamation; “In just a few short days we will celebrate the historic declaration by the founders that this country would henceforth be an independent and sovereign nation. In that same spirit of brash optimism we gather now, to declare our independence from unsustainable methods of energy production and announce that there is a new day dawning, and a new sun shinning on us all.”

“And just as the defiant words of the founders proved prophetic over the years, so too will our words and deeds set the standard for future generations to follow”

“Therefore we hereby proclaim this day, July 1, 2009 Energy Independence Day”

More than 20 booths favoring renewable energy and sustainable lifestyles, were displayed. Kit Carson gave away energy efficient light bulbs and a t-shirt for the attendees who purchased blocks of Green Power. UNM also revealed the new library plans to all the attendees. The entire ceremony was broadcasted live courtesy of KTAO FM. Kit Carson Electric was the sole funder for the solar array. Displays of solar panels were also showcased at the event courtesy of Paradise Power. All attendees had the opportunity to visually study the panels. Over the past months, KCE selected some of our employees and members to participate in a Solar Committee. We hope that by involving the membership we will be able to gain a broader understanding of how to best implement a solar initiation which can be available to everyone. Kit Carson Electric invited the Solar Committee members. Cathy Hope, Chairwomen of the Education/Policy Subcommittee stated that she was very impressed that so many of the state and national legislative representatives were able to attend and dedicated their time in supporting the event in many ways. She wants to emphasis the importance of the event and she encourages the county schools and the local governments to follow the example of UNM Taos and become energy independent. She is very proud of the accomplishments that have been made. KCE will keep the membership updated and as always it has been our pleasure to serve our members.

Sincerely,

Luis Reyes, CEO

Telecom

Fiber Optics



Kit Carson Telecom will soon be providing High speed Internet using Fiber Optics. This service will be available throughout our entire service area and it will be at a very reasonable price. What is “Fiber Optics” and how will it differ from the service we already provide? Well there’s a few things, first and most important is RELIABILITY. This is the key to having good service (little or no downtime). Second would be SPEED, most high speed internet connections top speed is 1.5MB. Fiber Optics allows up to 20MB with speeds up to 100MB sometime in the future. Fiber Optics also will have the ability to provide phone service known as VoIP or Voice over Internet Protocol. The phone service uses your high speed internet connection for a small fixed fee. Television and video on demand products can also be supplied with Fiber Optics. The way technology is going anything is possible. One thing for sure is that Kit Carson Telecom will be there to provide you with all your needs.



Human Resources/Public Relations



Many people believe when they leave on vacation their electric meter stops, and they expect a lower electric bill upon return. Not so. Unless you unplug electrical appliances, they continue to operate. When you open your electric bill after vacation and find your bill is not lower than usual, ask yourself these questions:

Were the refrigerator and freezer emptied and turned off? If not, they kept operating. Next time you choose not to empty and turn off your refrigerator and freezer, fill them up. For example, fill used milk containers with water and place in the refrigerator and freezer. It is easier for the appliances to cool or freeze water than to maintain empty air. Also, set back the temperature just enough to keep perishable from spoiling.

Was the water heater left on? If it was left on, it continued to operate and maintain the tank temperature even if hot water was not used.

Did I do a lot of laundry on my return from vacation? Many people bring home soiled laundry after vacation. Doing all this laundry keeps the water heater going and if you choose no to hang clothes outside, your dryer will also use a lot of electricity.

Were other appliances disconnected? If you didn’t disconnect electrical appliances such as clocks, answering machines, DVD players, TV’s or anything set with timers, they continue to use energy. Even if you still left a cell phone charger plugged in, it still uses energy. Read your meter upon leaving and again when you return. This will help determine the kilowatt-hours used while you were gone and it will also give you an opportunity to realize how much your home used at minimum when you were gone. Only you decide if your meter gets a vacation too. For more information call Kit Carson Electric at 575-758-2258 or 1-800-688-6780.

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