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CEO's Message



Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) would like to take this opportunity to inform our members about several projects that have taken place regarding renewable energy. The first completed project is located at the UNM Taos Klauer Campus. The system is 500kW that is designed to follow

the sun. A second project is a Solar Parking Canopy which is located at the headquarters of KCEC. This system consists of 100kW. This project is on a fixed tilt system. The third solar array is at KTAO. The system is 43kW.

KCEC will be working with Northern New Mexico Community College on developing a 50kW system which will be placed at the El Rito Campus, which will be part of the SERPA mission and curriculum. The purpose is to develop a Solar Energy Technician training program, curriculum to include the design, installation, maintenance, trouble shooting, and repair of photo-voltaic systems. Another solar project is set for the Town of Taos Recycling Center or at the soccer field. The system load will be approximately 50 kW.

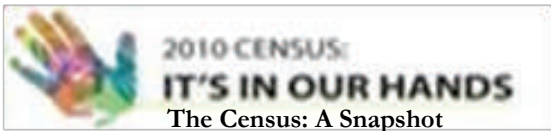
We are pleased to announce that on February 24, 2010, Chevron Mining Inc. (CMI), a subsidiary of Chevron Corp announced that sister company Chevron Technology Ventures (CTV), will build a one megawatt concentrating photovoltaic solar facility on the tailing site of CMI's molybdenum mine in Questa, New Mexico. The facility will include approximately 175 solar panels placed on about 20 acres. The electricity provided will be sold to KCEC through a purchase power agreement.

This will become the largest CPV installation in the U.S. and one of the largest in the world. Chevron plans to break ground on the 20-acre project this spring and complete construction by the end of the year. "This is very exciting news for Questa and for Northern New Mexico residents who rely on Kit Carson," said Bingaman, who chairs the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "This announcement is further proof that New Mexico is emerging as a national leader in green energy production, use and manufacturing." We are very excited to work with Chevron in this technology demonstration and we look forward to many other potential projects that will be taking place.

The Board of Trustees also approved a Solar Photo Voltaic Installation Policy and Incentive Program for community solar. The objective of the policy is to offer a Solar Power Incentive Program to encourage and facilitate the installation of photo-voltaic (PV) systems; encourage the community to participate in the community solar initiative, which allows affordability and accountability to all members, and creation of environmental consciousness among citizens. It has been my pleasure to keep the membership informed on the projects that are taking place. We look forward on another successful year.

ALERT!

Six solar panels we're stolen from the UNM Taos Klauer Campus. If you have information related to the incident, please call Kit Carson Electric (575) 758-2258.



What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

Who: All U.S. residents must be counted—people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

When: Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.

Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How: Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many households will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census workers also will visit households that do not return questionnaires.

The Importance of Census Data

Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.

Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.

Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Quick, Easy and Confidential

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Kit Carson Telecom

To all current and future customers of Kit Carson Telecom

As we start a new year here at your local internet provider, we are pleased to announce a new approach of bringing the world wide web into your home or small business. Kit Carson Telecom has gone through changes recently that have brought a new attitude for doing business with the community.

We are currently going through a conversion in our management team to provide a stronger communication with you our customers. To provide, excellent service before and after the sale, friendly and knowledgeable tech support, furthermore maintaining the best internet, and VoIP service that is expected from your local telecom. We are making a promise to provide a more reliable and efficient service at fair prices.

Kit Carson Telecom is presently in the process of providing a network of Fiber-Optic high-speed communication to the Taos valley as well as surrounding areas. With this introduction of technology to our back yards we are going to be able to bring north-central New Mexico into the 21 century.

The future here at Kit Carson Telecom needs the input of the community as well, to advance the ideas into action. We need to focus on bringing you the best experience possible, in and out of our office.

Thank you for all your support and patience these last years, We hope to remain your internet provider and would like to invite new customers to come check out “the new and improved Kit Carson Telecom” including the up-and-coming reconstructed web site.

The Kit Carson Telecom Family

NOTICE

2009 WINTER MORATORIUM PROTECTION ENDS ON MARCH 15, 2010.

Your heat will not be shut-off for non-payments this heating season which ends March 15, 2010. To avoid shut-off after March 15, 2010, please contact Kit Carson Electric Cooperative at 575-758-2258 or 1-800-688-6780

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The board of trustees meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.			

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