



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Remember to #ThankALineworker

April, 2020

Lineworkers serve on the front-lines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 13, 2020, Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, along with other electric cooperatives across the country, will honor the brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on.

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of our co-op.

When a storm hits, they set aside their personal priorities because Mother Nature doesn't work around holidays, vacations and birthdays. A service-oriented mentality is one of the many admirable characteristics of an electric lineworker.

We are proud to honor the CNMEC lineworkers that maintain over 4,500 miles of power lines in our service territory.

Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative invites all co-op members to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the important work they do. On April 13, you can use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support for the brave men and women who power our lives.

LINEWORKERS KNOW HOW TO GET THE JOB DONE.

LET'S THANK THEM FOR POWERING OUR LIVES.



CNMEC

Newsletter

2020 CNMEC Washington D.C. Youth Tour Recipients



Dan-Enan O'Neill



Kimber Perkins



Julian Rutiaga

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.



CNMEC Avian Protection Program

CNMEC has been involved in working with safeguards with avian protection since 2005. We have invested in over \$150,000.00 just in avian protective devices alone and that doesn't include the labor costs of installation.

Our Operations department and linemen have installed avian protection equipment throughout the CNMEC service territory primarily focusing on areas that we are aware of having nesting or high bird activity. These areas are where irrigation and farming are being done primarily since these areas tend to be watered and wide open with our power lines being the best place birds like to be.

When we find issues concerning bird related injuries or deaths, we will inspect or install new bird guard if necessary. We are also vigilant in watching where bird activity is new or increased. There isn't a guarantee for 100% bird protection equipment, and we do the best we can for the safety of all avian species and other animals. This equipment is not primarily put in place just for birds but also our fur bearing animals as well. In the past, we have constructed nesting perches on new poles we set next to existing power-lines in areas where nesting is high to help control issues.

We have a working relationship with the US Fish & Wildlife agency and proper permitting to relocate or remove nests that may come in harm's way and to rescue or transport or communicate with the proper authorities to move birds that have been injured or killed. In 2004 we were awarded a conservation award from Hawks Aloft for outstanding conservation efforts to protect nesting Ferruginous Hawks. We will continue our efforts to the best of our ability.

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As a cooperative we are taking bold steps to change how your energy is produced. That means fewer emissions and 50 percent of your electricity coming from renewable energy by 2024. Because whatever the future holds, we'll power it.

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