

# CNMEC

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## Newsletter

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### Estancia Solar Project to Go On-Line

**October 2018**

In October, the Estancia Solar Project will be on-line. The solar array just north of Estancia will provide renewable energy for Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative members. Unlike other renewable energy sites in our area, power generated by this facility will not be exported out of state but will come directly to CNMEC. This project has been several years in the making, with the Board and Staff looking at different options and ideas to have a renewable energy project on the books. Affordable Solar, a New Mexico company, was the best option for us to move forward with this type of project.

The project is 2.5 megawatts of solar and CNMEC negotiated a 25-year Purchase Power Agreement for .047 cent energy. The system is a ground mounted, single axis tracking photo-voltaic array with expected production of approximately 5,319,000 kWh (kilowatt hours) in the first year. The project sits on about 18 acres of land just north of Estancia. CNMEC does not own the land nor does CNMEC own any of the solar equipment or facilities. CNMEC's only investment is the material and equipment to tie the solar facilities to our existing power lines.

CNMEC anticipates a savings of nearly \$30,000.00 in the first full year of production with a potential of a cumulative savings of more than \$1,000,000.00 over the lifetime of the agreement. We are extremely excited about this project and CNMEC will strive to continue being proactive in developing projects with minimal investment and with maximum return.



**Matthew Collins**  
**CEO**

### DO NOT TAMPER WITH YOUR ELECTRIC METER

Meter tampering can result in electric shock, is illegal and increases electricity rates for other co-op members.



- ⊘ Never break a meter seal.
- ⊘ Never open a meter base.
- ⊘ Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.

If you know or suspect that someone has tampered with their meter, please contact us immediately.

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### Going the Extra Mile

Did you know electric cooperatives maintain more miles of power lines per consumer and acquire less revenue than other types of electric utilities?

Even though they serve fewer consumers and acquire less revenue (per mile of line), electric co-ops always go the extra mile, maintaining a tried-and-true record of delivering safe, reliable electric service to the members they serve.

#### Electric Cooperatives

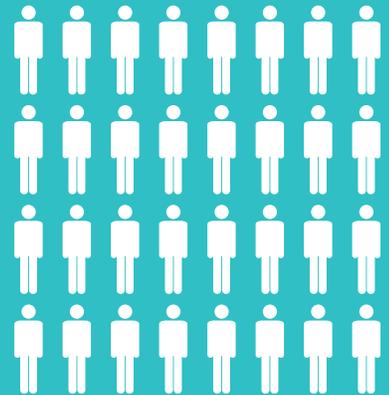
Number of consumers served: 8



Revenue:  
**\$19,000**

#### Other Electric Utilities

Number of consumers served: 32



Revenue:  
**\$79,000**

*Sources: EIA, 2016 data.  
Includes revenue and consumer averages per mile of line.*

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cooler temps are just around the corner! Is your home's heating system ready? Remember to replace furnace filters once a month or as recommended. If you heat your home with warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to increase efficiency.

*Source: energy.gov*

