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Lineman appreciation day April 14th!!!



Lineworkers are Wired for Service

In the quiet hours before dawn breaks, while many of us are still nestled in our beds, lineworkers begin their day, often clad in flame-resistant clothing, safety goggles, rubber gloves and thick, heavy boots.

They are the individuals who epitomize dedication to service in its purest form. As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 14th, this is an important moment to reflect on the essential role they play in our daily lives.

Amid towering utility poles and power lines, lineworkers exhibit a strength that goes far beyond the physical. Whether battling inclement weather, troubleshooting technical problems or navigating treacherous heights, lineworkers demonstrate resilience and a quiet determination to keep our lights on, our homes comfortable, and our communities connected.

CNMEC crews travel across our 11 county service territory's, building, maintaining and repairing parts of our local system. Their extraordinary skills ensure our homes remain connected to the grid, businesses stay operational, and emergency services remain accessible—a lifeline that connects us all. In moments of crisis, when the lights go out and we find ourselves in the dark, lineworkers emerge as beacons of hope. Their swift response restores normalcy, offering reassurance in times of uncertainty. Whether repairing storm-ravaged power lines or ensuring continuity during emergencies, their unwavering commitment illuminates life when we need it most. Cooperation among cooperatives is one of our seven guiding principles, and no one embodies this core commitment better than lineworkers.

This month, as we celebrate the remarkable men and women who ensure reliable power, let's recognize their unwavering dedication to the local communities they serve.

The next time you flip a switch, please take a moment to remember those who make it possible—lineworkers, who are wired for service and dedicated to illuminating life.





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Power Outage Information

BE PREPARED FOR POWER OUTAGES:

There's never a good time for a power outage, but you might be surprised to learn disruptions can occur from a variety of causes beyond the weather. Vehicle accidents and excavation work, small critters and scheduled repairs are also common causes of power outages. Whatever the reason, CNMEC crews are always ready to respond and get your power back on as quickly and safely as possible. Recently, PNM, not affiliated with CNMEC has made the decision to do Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). These will usually be on high wind days with low humidity. CNMEC does not practice these procedures. CNMEC does have the ability to put our reclosers in forested areas set to non-reclose. This means that if a line does go down, or a tree falls on the line, power will be shut off immediately, reducing the risk of wildfires. In the event of a power outage please report the outage CNMEC line crews will restore power as soon as it is safe to do so.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT:

- Turn off any appliances (like stoves) and unplug electrical equipment that you were using when the power went out.
- Turn off all lights, except one, so you'll know when power has been restored.
- Unplug or turn off TVs, stereos or game systems.

FOOD:

- Keep refrigerator or freezer doors closed as much as possible to keep food cold.
- Buy dry or block ice to keep the refrigerator as cold as possible if the power is going to be out for more than four hours.

GENERATOR SAFETY:

- Only use generators away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home's electrical system.
- Please contact CNMEC if you are going to run your generator during an outage for the safety of our lineman.



TIPS!!!

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.



TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS ⚠️

Don't fall for a power restoration rip off. Some scammers will contact you and offer to restore power quickly or in a preferential order if you make an immediate payment. These scams typically occur after major storms or disasters that cause widespread outages. We will never request or require payment to restore power after a natural disaster or storm. If post-storm repairs to customer-owned equipment are necessary, we will advise you to work with a licensed contractor. If any charges are applicable, you will be billed through your account.

Source: Utilities United Against Scams

