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Avoiding Solar Scams

Summer is here and with sunshine and warm weather comes green grass, shade trees and the fragrance of flowers in bloom. The sunshine also brings out the solar marketers. The marketing of solar panels in our service area is nothing new. We have had members install solar on their homes and businesses for many years. What is different is the tactics and claims made to our members.

Some less than reputable solar marketers have been known to use less than forthcoming or misleading sales tactics. In some cases, homeowners are led to believe the salesman works for their electric company. The salesman might tell the consumer he needs to look at their meter or inspect the roof or review energy bills.

He might make the case that solar energy will lower the homeowner's energy bills to the point that the solar panels will actually make them money, or they will never pay another electric bill. Tactics like these could be part of a solar power scam.

The salesman might ask for your signature or initials on an iPad or other tablet. If so, beware: they could use the signature to access your credit report or bind you to a fraudulent, long-term solar contract without your consent.

All around the country, unsuspecting consumers have become victims of solar power related scams or misguided representation of electric costs. Many of our members have called in confused and frustrated as they initially agreed to such solar installations thinking they would have zero balances due on their electric bill once the solar arrays were installed and functioning.

CNMEC has knowledgeable staff that can help calculate your savings. Before you commit to solar let our energy experts provide you with an honest look at your energy options.

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Moriarty Independence Day Parade!!!



Mountainair Independence Day Parade!!!



We hope you had a safe and fun Fourth of July! We had a blast participating in the Moriarty and Mountainair Independence Day Parades. We're grateful to our employees who made this possible! Dre Montoya, Jackie Armendariz, Eric Sharp, Stephanie Groves and her daughter Lexy, as well as Travis Burns, Morgan Bond, Sophia Sedillo and Annette Gutierrez.

CNMEC Employee Spotlight



Clint Pierce Jr.

Clint is the Engineering Supervisor here at Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative. Clint came to work for CNMEC in 1976. Over his 46 year career he has worked as a lineman, a line foreman, and an engineering tech before assuming his current position as the Engineering Supervisor.

Clint was born in Alamogordo and has lived in New Mexico all his life. He has been married to his wife Kim for 38 years. Clint has 6 children and 12 grandchildren, with another due in October and 3 Great Grandchildren. He enjoys Basketball and riding His Harley.

Clint says he is proud to wear the Co-Op colors and that CNMEC has been good to him over the years.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

An easy way to save energy is to seal air leaks and holes where plumbing pipes run through walls in your home. You can also check wall-mounted cabinets for plumbing holes or air gaps in the back.

Fill any holes or gaps with spray foam. Wear protective gloves and use a damp rag for cleanup.

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