



# CNMEC

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CNMEC!!!



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January 1, 12:00 AM 2025! Snap, Crackle and Pop! As fireworks light up the sky and we bring in the New Year, may the 2025 year be a great one!

Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc hopes all had a beautifully blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes to each of you!

Time swiftly moves forward! I can't believe how quickly each year passes. That said, it brings me great pleasure to share years of service awards for our valued employees and a Board Member that met their five-year incremental milestones.

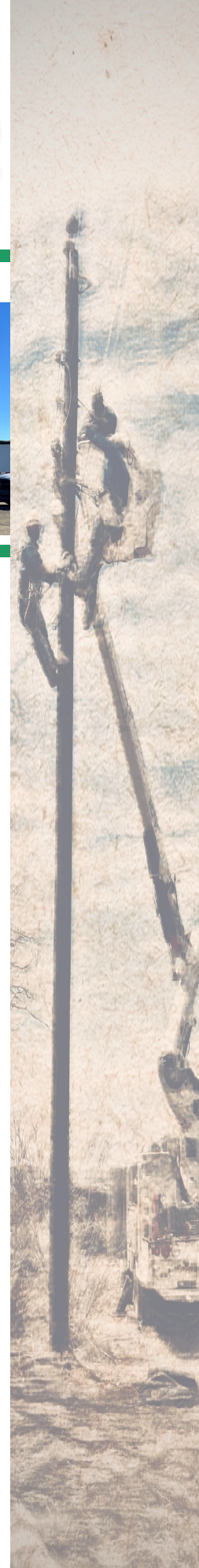
In bringing in the New Year, CNMEC wants to say thank you to all our members. CNMEC takes great pride in serving the communities many of us grew up in and most of us currently reside in. Our goals here at the Coop are to work hard at continually serving and improving the rural quality of life in NM.

My wishes for you in 2025 is to always keep your priorities aligned in the hustle and bustle of our world demands and business- We mustn't forget to give glory and honor to God and our parents. We must remember to take time to tell our loved ones how much we love them. Give each day all you can in working diligently and learning from our mistakes.

For the New Year CNMEC has some of the following items planned:

- Increase our Edgewood Substation by 300% capacity.
- Upgrade and make needed improvements to our Corona Substation due to age of infrastructure and added capacity.
- Deployment of broadband build project. We will be building north of Moriarty to Mountainair (based on the parameters of government grants). We were awarded two other large grants but the build out for those are out several years.
- We will be upgrading our radio system for CNMEC as it is close to thirty-five years old.
- Due to ever increasing cost of materials and overall operating costs over the last several years CNMEC will be taking a close look at our rates in considering modifications.
- CNMEC has 19,108 billed meters to date and is currently growing 1.20% annually.
- Our pass-through cost adjustments (PCA) 1,2,3,4 and 5 factors for interest on long-term debt and fuel cost will be increasing slightly beginning 2025 as outlined in our december newsletter.
- The CNMEC SMART-HUB App has proven to be a valueble member tool for paying bills and quick, simple, outage reporting. Should you have any questions on this service, please call our office and we would be happy to assist in the set-up or support/training needs.
- We just mailed out \$273,342.00 of retired capital credits in December 2024.

Again-May you and your families have a Happy New Year and God Bless,





CNMEC is seeking outstanding high school Juniors and Seniors with leadership potential to represent their schools, communities and CNMEC in Washington D.C.

These students will join other New Mexico representatives for a tour to our Nation's Capital. They will join over 1,500 other participants from across the nation for an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. where they will meet with Congressional Leaders and tour sites like the Smithsonian, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the National Archives, and the FBI Building.

All the High Schools in the CNMEC service area will have the opportunity to send a representative. The area includes Vaughn, Corona, Estancia, Mountainair, Edgewood and Moriarty High Schools.

This is truly an adventure of a lifetime and all expenses are paid by CNMEC.

Applications can be found at [www.cnmec.org](http://www.cnmec.org).

**Applications must be submitted by January 20, 2025.**



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Taking steps to help your home heating system run more efficiently can reduce energy use and lower your winter bills. Check to see if any air vents around your home are blocked by furniture, curtains or other items. Obstructed vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and can increase pressure in the ductwork, causing cracks and leaks to form. If necessary, consider purchasing a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture or other obstructions.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



### **CNMEC Scholarship Application Deadline is January 20, 2025.**

Scholarship applications can be obtained through your school guidance counselor or may be picked up at our Moriarty or Mountainair office. Applications may also be found on the CNMEC Website at [www.cnmec.org](http://www.cnmec.org)

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