



### LINWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.

## The Power Behind Your Power Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 11.

You've likely noticed CNMEC's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough, but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 11, we thought we'd share some interesting facts about electric lineworkers with you.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? That's the same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall. Needless to say, if you have a fear of heights, this likely isn't the career path for you.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career because it's

not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning. Did you know that to become a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about four years)? That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line or work.

Despite the many challenges, CNMEC's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their home and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, often days later. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance of the job to the community.

Nationwide, there are approximately 120,000 electric lineworkers. Here in Central New Mexico, CNMEC has 18 lineworkers that are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain over 4500 miles of power lines across 11 counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets, drones and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our community. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hardworking men and women, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

So, the next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, lineworkers are the power behind your power. Please join us as we recognize them on April 11, and follow "#ThankALineworker" on social media to see how others are recognizing lineworkers.



## Bylaw Change Notice

### NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

In Accordance with Article II, Section 2.03 of the Bylaws, notice is hereby given that Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. will hold the Annual Meeting of its Members and Election of Trustees on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the Moriarty High School Gym in Moriarty, New Mexico.

#### MEETING CONTINGENT ON STATE HEALTH RESTRICTIONS

Registration and voting are from 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Business Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

Trustee positions to be filled are as follows:

**District No. 5:** (Moriarty, Edgewood and Stanley Area)  
At Large comprising the areas of District 1 and 8

**District No. 7:** (Corona, White Oaks, Duran area)  
North Boundary: Township line between T1N and T1S to Range line between R11E and R12E;  
North on Range line to Township line between T1N and T2N; East along Township line to range line between R14E and R15E; North along Range line to Township line between T3N and T4N; East along Township line to Co-op boundary;  
East Boundary: Co-op Boundary  
South Boundary: Co-op boundary  
West Boundary: Co-op boundary

**District No. 8:** (Northwest Moriarty, Edgewood area)  
North Boundary: Co-op boundary  
East Boundary: State Hwy 41  
South Boundary: Old Hwy 66  
West Boundary: Co-op boundary

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#### Notice to Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. Members

Notice is hereby given of the following proposed bylaw change pertaining to elections of the Annual Meeting for CNMEC:

At the April 13, 2019 annual meeting for CNMEC, a proposal was brought forth to the members allowing a declaration of candidacy to include both Mountainair and Moriarty offices. The original bylaw language only included Mountainair. The new amendment will read as follows:

#### ARTICLE III BOARD OF TRUSTEES SECTION 3.04.2

**A candidate for the Board of Trustees shall execute a Declaration of Candidacy and file it in the Cooperative's office in either Mountainair, New Mexico or Moriarty, New Mexico before 4:00 PM on the last business day which is thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the members.**

This amendment will be brought to the annual meeting scheduled on April 9, 2022 for vote. A quorum must be present to transact any business. As stated in the bylaws each member shall be entitled to only one vote upon each matter submitted for a vote to the members and voting shall be in person, and no member shall be entitled to vote by proxy or power of attorney.

All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon.

Shall the proposed bylaw change pass, it will be implemented immediately following the date of the vote and added as an amendment to the current bylaws.

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When was your cooling system last serviced? Most manufacturers recommend an annual tune up for your home's cooling system. March is a great time to schedule this service so you can beat the summer rush when the pros are busiest.

A qualified professional can check the amount of refrigerant, accuracy of the thermostat, condition of belts and motors and other factors that can greatly impact the efficiency of your system.

Source: Dept. of Energy