

## We're Thankful for Our Sister Cooperatives

November 2019

When you think about Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, you probably associate us with the local community. And you would be right. Our leadership team, board of directors and employees all live and work right here in the community we serve. But you may not realize that CNMEC is actually part of a much larger cooperative network that brings additional value, tools and knowledge that benefit you, the members of the co-op.

### **Cooperation Among Cooperatives**

When a severe weather event is predicted for our region, we call on our sister co-ops in areas unaffected by the approaching storm. Through this system of mutual aid, we coordinate with other co-ops to bring additional trucks, equipment and manpower to our area. We work together and share resources in order to restore power to our community. And CNMEC reciprocates by assisting other electric co-ops when they request help.

A defining characteristic of a cooperative is “cooperation among cooperatives.” This is a way that co-ops work together to meet bigger challenges such as power restoration after a severe weather event.

Another area in which Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative benefits from cooperation among cooperatives is cybersecurity. Through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s (NRECA) “Rural Cooperative Cybersecurity Capabilities Program” (RC3), we are able to access training, resources and tools to strengthen our efforts to combat cyber threats.

CNMEC’s ability to tap into the larger electric cooperative network and access tools, products, resources and leading practices from across the nation ultimately makes our co-op and our community stronger.

### **Bright spot**

The Solar Utility Network Deployment Acceleration (SUNDA) project is another example of an area where CNMEC has benefitted from collaboration with other electric co-ops.

Through the SUNDA project, electric co-ops were able to collect data and case studies that provide insight into challenges and solutions related to solar energy technologies. Now, electric cooperatives across the country, including CNMEC, have access to a set of knowledge and resources to more efficiently tailor our renewable energy mix to meet the needs of our local communities.

### **Global impact**

Lastly, communities across the globe have benefitted from the lessons learned and experience of co-ops in electrification of rural areas in the U.S.

NRECA International has provided access to reliable and affordable electricity to 120 million people in 43 countries. This effort is made possible through the support of electric co-ops including Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, in this state and across the country.

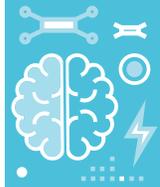
Hundreds of lineworkers, engineers and other co-op employees have served as volunteers to bring first-time access to electricity and train local partners to help utilities be sustainable in their own communities.

November is a time of year for reflection and giving thanks. I am grateful for our sister co-ops who enable us to better serve you and our broader community. When electric co-ops collaborate, we strengthen each other and the communities we serve and that is something in which to be truly thankful. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.



Matthew Collins  
CEO

# CNMEC Newsletter



SCIENCE THAT  
**SPARKS**  
NEED ENERGY CONFERENCE



**Happy Thanksgiving**  
CNMEC offices will be closed  
Thursday November 28th and  
Friday November 30th

## Science that Sparks: The NEED Conference

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, in conjunction with The National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project, offers a conference to provide educators with the most up-to-date information on all aspects of energy so they may implement hands-on lessons in their classrooms.

- June 23-25, 2020 at Tri-State headquarters in Westminster, Colorado
- Available to 4th - 12th grade teachers who are electric co-op members or teach electric co-op members
- Educators receive:
  - Hands-on Science of Energy kit for the classroom (\$300 value)
  - Professional development credit
  - STEM curriculum regarding the science of energy, sources of energy, electricity efficiency and more. The NEED Project has over 30 years of energy education and curriculum development experience
  - Assistance meeting math and language arts Common Core Standards
  - Most travel expenses are covered, including lodging, meals and transportation
- Apply at [www.tristate.coop/NEEDapplication](http://www.tristate.coop/NEEDapplication)

For more information contact Wendi Moss, The NEED Project, at [wmoss@need.org](mailto:wmoss@need.org) or Michelle Pastor, Tri-State, at [mpastor@tristategt.org](mailto:mpastor@tristategt.org).

4th-12th	3 days	most expenses paid
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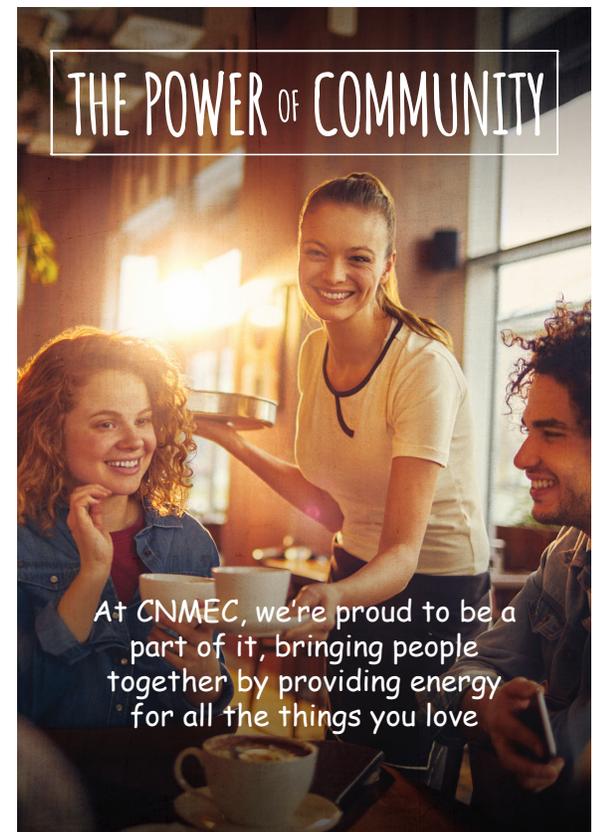
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## THE POWER OF COMMUNITY



At CNMEC, we're proud to be a part of it, bringing people together by providing energy for all the things you love

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Trim your holiday energy costs by choosing energy efficient LED lights! LED holiday lights use less energy and can last up to 40 seasons. They're also easier to install - you can connect up to 25 LED strings without overloading a wall socket!

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



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