



## Honoring Our Lineworkers



Every day rain or shine, day or night our lineworkers are out in the field working to keep the power on for our communities.

From restoring outages during storms to maintaining miles of line across our service territory, their work is not only essential it's often done in challenging and dangerous conditions.

During Lineman Appreciation Day (April 13th), we want to take a moment to recognize the dedication, skill, and commitment of our crews. These men work long hours, often away from their families, to ensure reliable service for our members.

We are proud to have such a hardworking team serving our co-op and community.

### Stay Connected with CNMEC



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## Important Update Regarding Electric Rates

### Effective April 2026

Providing safe and reliable electric service for our members is our highest priority. To continue meeting that commitment, we regularly review the cost of delivering power to ensure that our rates accurately reflect the expenses required to operate and maintain the electric system.

Following a thorough evaluation, **proposed rate changes were submitted to the NMPRC on February 1, 2026**. This adjustment is necessary due to rising costs in several key areas, including infrastructure maintenance, system upgrades, materials, and general operational expenses. Like many utilities nationwide, we are experiencing higher costs for equipment, fuel, and improvements needed to maintain reliability and support growing energy demand.

### Why the Rate Adjustment Is Needed

This change will help us continue to:

- Maintain and improve the reliability of our electric grid
- Replace aging infrastructure and strengthen the grid
- Manage the rising costs of equipment, materials, and operations
- Provide safe, dependable service to all members

### What Members Can Expect

- **Rate change effective:** April 2026
- **First bill reflecting new rates:** May 2026 billing statement
- **Estimated impact:** For the average residential member using 500 kWh per month, the increase is expected to be approximately **\$7.00 per month**

We understand that any increase in costs can be challenging. This decision was made only after careful consideration of all available options. Our goal is always to keep rates as affordable as possible while maintaining the high level of service our members expect.

### Questions or Assistance?

We're here to help.

- Call us at **(505) 832-4483** or **(888) 339-2521**
- Visit [www.cnmec.org](http://www.cnmec.org) for more information and energymanagement resources

Thank you for being a valued member of Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative.

Sincerely,

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