

Growing With Our Communities



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General Manager/CEO

CNMEC's core job is keeping the lights on, but our passion is serving our members. Because we're a co-op, our purpose is to enrich the lives of our members and serve the long-term interests of the communities we serve. This service-focus is at the heart of who we are.

CNMEC works diligently in designing what we refer to as a "work-plan." CNMEC has recently adopted a four-year work-plan. When designing these plans, diligence in planning and execution are essential, due to the vastly large territory and its related infrastructure in which we operate. If you have ever owned or operated a business, I imagine you understand that it would be of great fortune to be able to replace all your capital at once and keep it in new/perfect operating condition 100% of the time but we understand, this is simply not a normal reality. As a result, CNMEC schedules plant rebuilds and replacements on a schedule, usually based on its average useful life cycle and in the event of a premature grid malfunction.

Building a sustainable future is a priority. We understand the need to grow our infrastructure as our community grows and the demand for electricity increases. Recently we broke ground on a new substation in Moriarty. Our current substation is nearing capacity and with soaring hot temperatures this past summer we have seen the effects of a system at capacity.

With the growth of our community, residential and commercial, CNMEC began the process of procuring two substation transformers in late 2022. Though faced with the challenges of supply and demand, the first substation transformer for Moriarty should be here in March of this year.

The new Moriarty substation will provide three times the capacity of our current substation. We plan to have the new substation up and on-line by the end of June 2024.

This new substation is the first of many upgrades within our upcoming larger construction projects. CNMEC will also be upgrading our Bassett substation which feeds the Edgewood and Sandia Park area. This substation will boast a new transformer with three times the capacity of the current one and will include upgrades to protective devices, equipment, and state-of-the-art substation components. Plans also include additional large capacity transformers in the area.

With these upgrades, CNMEC will have the ability to monitor both substations remotely. This Equipment will also give us the ability to predict future maintenance required.

Along with the substation upgrades we will also be equipping our Moriarty Switching station with State-of-the-art protective devices and monitoring equipment. Over the next three years, CNMEC plans to upgrade the remaining substations with these same state-of-the-art devices and monitoring equipment.

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New Moriarty Substation Ground Breaking Ceremony

maintenance, and pole change outs. We also have a contracted tree trimming crew to mitigate trees in the power lines.

In addition, we have over 70 miles of distribution line that will be rebuilt as well as multiple poles to be replaced system wide. These upgrades will help to provide reliable power that you, our members, have come to expect.

In addition to substation construction, our ongoing pole evaluation process includes the inspection and replacement of poles as needed. CNMEC inspects about 10% of the poles in our eleven counties with over 4,500 miles of distribution power line and over fifty miles of transmission line annually.

CNMEC line crews are always on the lookout for maintenance issues that need our attention.

Along with CNMEC's line crews, we work closely with two contract crews to assist with the facilitation of new construction projects, power line



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 at the Mountainair High School Gym in Mountainair, New Mexico on Saturday April 13, 2024.

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. 2: Township line between T7N and T8N,
East Boundary: Hwy 285
South Boundary: Township line between T5N and T6N
West Boundary: Coop boundary line. (Estancia area)

District No. 4: North Boundary: Township line between T5N and T6N,
East Boundary: Township line between T5N and T6N along Hwy 285 to Encino;
along Hwy 3 from Encino to Township line between T3N and T4N; East along
Township line between T3N and T4N to Range line between R14E and R15E South
along Range line to Township T1N and T2N;
South Boundary: Township line between T1N and T1S from West Coop boundary to
Range line between R11E and R12E; North along Range line to Township line
between T1N and T2N; East along Township line;
West Boundary: Coop boundary. (Mountainair, Willard, and Corona areas)

District 6: At Large comprising Districts 2, 3, 4, 7. (Estancia, Mountainair, Willard, Corona, and Vaughn areas.)

Candidates must live in the district for which they are running. Anyone wishing to file for candidacy must do so in either the Mountainair Office or the Moriarty Office on Thursday, March 14, 2024, before 4:00 p.m. Candidates must attend an informational orientation workshop to be qualified to have their name placed on the ballot. The date for the workshop will be scheduled after the filing for candidacy date.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Suzy Edmonds at 505-847-1012.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.



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