

SIERRA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Member Newsletter



75 Years of Providing High Quality, Reliable Electric Service to Members in Sierra County, and areas of Luna, Socorro, and Catron Counties

“May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions” ~ Joey Adams

Sierra Electric Celebrating 75th Anniversary in 2016



The first capital credit check from Sierra Electric was issued to Ann Richardson at the 1965 Annual Meeting



Members Beware! Paying Your Bill Online...

We have had reports of a website, www.doxo.com, that allows people to pay their electric bills via their site, however, they charge extra fees and they are not affiliated with Sierra Electric Cooperative, which means we cannot control when we will receive the payment. This can result in a late payment on your account or even disconnection. To make sure you are paying SEC directly, visit our website, www.sierraelectric.org, or call us.

As late as the mid-1930s, nine out of 10 rural homes were without electrical service. The unavailability of electricity in rural areas kept their economies dependent on agriculture. For many years, power companies ignored the rural areas of the nation. The idea of providing federal assistance to accomplish rural electrification

gained ground rapidly when President Roosevelt took office in 1933. On May 11, 1935, Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 7037 establishing the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). By 1953, more than 90 percent of U.S. farms had electricity. (Courtesy of NRE-CA.coop).

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held September 15, 1941.

Sierra Electric invites its members to share their memories of the coop. Please contact Jenny Stuckmeyer at 575-744-5231 or via email: jenny@secpower.com.

Super Bowl Sunday Recipe

On Super Bowl Sunday, as you watch your favorite team on your television, enjoy this tasty recipe!

Buffalo Chicken Dip

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup buttermilk ranch dressing
- 1/2 cup Buffalo Hot Sauce
- 1/4 cup blue cheese, crumbled
- 1/3 cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 2 (12.5-ounce) cans of chicken, drained

Heat oven to 350° Fahrenheit. Place cream cheese in a deep baking dish and stir until smooth. Mix in buttermilk ranch dressing, hot sauce and cheeses. Stir in chicken. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until dip is completely heated throughout. Stir again and serve with your favorite crackers, chips or vegetables.

Operation Round Up



Operation Round Up[®] allows Sierra Electric Cooperative to round up your electric bill to an even dollar amount. The "round up" amount is then pooled with other participants' contributions, and donated to the Sierra Electric Cooperative Education Foundation. The foundation awards scholarships to area high school students whose parents are members of Sierra Electric Cooperative.

The Sierra Electric Cooperative Education Foundation was formed after board approval in 1991. The first scholarship was for \$250 and was awarded to one student. In 2015, the Foundation was able to award eleven \$1000 scholarships to community youths thanks to the participation of the members of the cooperative.

Enrollment forms are available on our website, www.sierraelectric.org or they can be obtained at the office in Elephant Butte. Members can also call and request the form to be mailed to their home.

**SIERRA ELECTRIC
EMERGENCY POWER OUTAGE NUMBER
1-888-336-3380**

**Sierra Electric Offices will be closed :
February 15, 2016
in observance of Presidents' Day.**

Electrical Safety in Your Home



Get more tips at www.touchstoneenergy.com

Electrical safety in the home should be everyone's priority.

Here is a checklist to help you get started.

1. Bathroom

- All electrical appliances are used away from the sink, tub, toilet, and/or shower.
- All appliance cords are unplugged when not in use.
- All appliances are plugged into GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter)-protected outlets, and GFCI's have

been tested monthly.

- All unused outlets have safety caps installed, especially when children are in the home.
- All lighting in your shower area is vapor tight.

2. Kitchen

- Back of refrigerator has room for air circulation and its coils are free of dirt and buildup.
- All electrical appliances are placed and used away from the sink.
- All appliances are

plugged into GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter)-protected outlets, and GFCI's have been tested monthly.

- All electrical cords are not cracked, frayed or damaged in any way.
- Appliance cords are not hanging from tables or counters and are unplugged when not in use.

3. Bedroom

- All smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order, and

are placed outside all sleeping areas and on every level of the house.

- All light fixtures throughout the home are using bulbs not exceeding the fixture's maximum wattage.
- No electrical cords are resting under rugs or furniture.
- Electronic devices such as phone chargers are unplugged when not in use.
- Window unit air conditioners are plugged in on their own dedicated circuit.

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