

SIERRA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Member Newsletter

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

“However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.” ~ Stephen Hawking

SIERRA RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASES

In 2015, SEC purchased 120,006 kWh of renewable energy. NMPRC rules require that the cooperative report to the membership annually the amount of energy purchased on behalf of our members. Renewable Energy means electrical energy produced by means of low or zero emissions generation technology, with substantial long-term production potential, and generated by use of renewable energy resources that may include solar, wind or hydropower resources.



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JUMP ON THE SAFETY BOAT!

Protect yourself and your loved ones from the risk of electric shock drowning and common boat electrical hazards with these handy tips from ESFI:

- Don't allow yourself or anyone else to swim near docks. Avoid entering the water when launching or loading your boat.
- Always maintain a distance of at least 10 feet between your boat and nearby power lines.
- If you feel a tingle while swimming, the water may be electrified. Get out as soon as possible avoiding the use of metal objects such as ladders.
- Have your boat's electrical system inspected and upgraded by a certified marine electrician who is familiar with National Fire Protection Association Codes: NFPA 303 and NFPA 70.
- Have GFCIs installed on your boat, and test them once a month.
- Consider having Equipment Leakage Circuit Interrupters (ELCI) installed on boats to protect nearby swimmers from potential electricity leakage into water surrounding your boat.
- Only use shore or marine power cords, plugs, receptacles and extension cords that have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Intertek (ETL).
- Never use cords that are frayed or damaged or that have had the prongs removed or altered.
- Never stand or swim in water when turning off electrical devices or switches.
- Electric Shock Drowning can also occur in swimming pools, hot tubs and spas. Have an electrician inspect and upgrade your pool, spa or hot tub in accordance with applicable local codes and the National Electrical Code (NEC).



For ESFI's complete collection of Boating and Marina Safety resources, visit www.esfi.org.

SEC OFFICES CLOSED MAY 30TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE



DO YOU USE ELECTRICALLY POWERED LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT?



SEC maintains a medical priority listing to assist us in restoring power quickly to those members who rely upon electrically powered life support equipment, such as oxygen, breathing machine, heart monitor, dialysis machine or other lifesaving equipment. Please contact us if you have this type of equipment as we will ask you to complete a form for our records. The form requires a signature from your physician. For more information, call us at 575-744-5231.

WE SELL LIGHT BULBS!



Did you know if you used a bulb for just two hours a day and paid the national average of 11.5 cents per kilowatt hour, a single 12-watt LED will cost you about \$1 per year? Comparable CFLs that consume about 14 watts come to \$1.17 per year. In this scenario, if you are still using a 60-watt incandescent bulb, you are averaging about \$5 a year. Is it time to switch out your light bulbs?

On February 12, 2016, the Department of Energy (DOE) announced a proposal for the efficiency standard for light bulbs and expect to issue a final rule by January 1, 2017. In the release, the DOE states, "The proposed rule would set an efficiency level that is not particular to any technology, but which today only LEDs meet." For more information on the announcement, visit <http://energy.gov/articles/what-today-s-lighting-efficiency-proposal-and-what-it-isn-t>.

Sierra Electric strives to offer products for our members to make it more convenient and less expensive to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and businesses.

Come into our office today and check out our inventory of CFL and LED light bulbs and take advantage of our low prices and easy exchange policy. (Purchases limited to cash or check only at this time.)

SIERRA ELECTRIC GETS A NEW SIGN!

Sierra Electric recently installed a new sign with an LED message board in front of our offices. The sign not only improves the look of the business, but also provides us with a new and exciting way to communicate with our members!



We apologize for any inconvenience the drop box location may cause. It is a temporary situation and we plan to move the drop box back to a location where members are able to drive by and drop in their payments.

For now, if you are unable to access the box or come into the office and would like a staff member to meet you in the parking lot to take your payment, just call the office when you arrive in the lot and we will meet you outside. Thank you for your understanding!

