



# Member Newsletter

August 2021

## Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.

## Board Appoints Committee on Nominations

"Owned by Those We Serve"

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## Board of Trustees

### President

John Bokich, District 2

### Vice President

Thomas Stroup, District 2

### Secretary

Tami Garrett, District 3

### Treasurer

George Biel, District 3

### Trustee

Dennis Franklin, District 1

### Trustee

Judy Smith, District 1

### Trustee

Darryl Sullivan, District 3

### Vacant

District 2

In accordance with the By-Laws, and to provide candidates for consideration for the position of Board Trustee at SEC's Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees appointed certain individuals to serve on the Committee on Nominations as follows:

### Committee on Nominations

**Darla Ham (District 1)**

**Debby Bell (District 2)**

**Johnny Weisenhunt (District 3)**

### Phone

**575-740-2678**

**575-740-0641**

**575-743-1629**

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Members will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Official Notice of the meeting will be mailed to each member no later than September 23, 2021 with more details. At this meeting, elections will be held for three positions with two-year terms and three positions with three-year terms on the Board of Trustees for Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The following are the incumbents that are up for re-election with a two-year term:

**District 1: Dennis Franklin**

**District 2: Vacancy**

**District 3: Tami Garrett**

The following are the incumbents that are up for re-election with a three-year term:

**District 1: Judy Smith**

**District 2: Tom Stroup**

**District 3: George Biel**

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees and would like your name placed in consideration for nomination, please contact a member on the Committee on Nominations no later than Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Please refer to Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. By-Laws, Section 4.06: Nominations regarding the procedures for nominations.

The Board of Trustees has also appointed the Credentials & Election Committee to oversee the election process that will be conducted at the Annual Meeting:

### Credentials & Election Committee

**Cindy Goetz (District 1)**

**Sharon Frye (District 2)**

**Dolores Ortega (District 3)**

The Board of Trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Cooperative boardroom.

## Strong Appointed to Board of Trustees

At the July 23, 2021 board meeting, Warren Strong was appointed by the board of trustees to serve out the unexpired term of Oscar Lee Wood, deceased.

## Outage Report

On July 6, 2021 at 2:38p.m. an outage occurred at the Cuchillo Substation which includes Elephant Butte, Mims, Monticello, Cuchillo, Winston, Poverty Creek, Engle, and Cutter due to equipment failure at the substation. The substation is owned by Tri-State G & T, our power supplier. The power was restored at 4:08p.m.



## Priority Listing

Sierra Electric maintains a listing of consumer-members who have been identified as having life-saving medical equipment in their home. We use this listing to notify them of any planned outages and sometimes unplanned outages so they can make the necessary preparations.

If you live in Sierra Electric territory and would like to sign up to be included on the Priority Listing, please contact the office.

## Notice: \$50 Trip Charge Fee for Final Notice of Disconnection

Last year, in July, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission approved the filing of Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Third Revised Rate No. 6 Fees and Charges, which includes a Trip Charge Fee of \$50 for requiring a trip to a consumer's premises between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sierra Electric will make Final Notice of pending disconnection by phone or US Mail – no **Final Notice doorhanger** will be sent, unless the consumer fails to update Sierra Electric with a valid phone number or mailing address; then, Final Notice will be made with a trip to the consumer's premises to hand deliver the Final Notice doorhanger and the **consumer will be charged the \$50 Trip Charge beginning in September 2021.**



How can you verify your phone number and mailing address are correct?

- Call Us!
- Mail Us!
- Email [sierra@secpower.com](mailto:sierra@secpower.com)!
- Visit [www.sierraelectric.org](http://www.sierraelectric.org) and click on Contact Us!
- Registered SmartHub users can click on My Profile and Update My Billing Address!

## Change in SEC Administration of Fuel Adjustment

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) approved Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s filing for a change in its procedure in administering its fuel and purchased power cost adjustment clause. The adjustment will now be calculated as an Annual Average Factor using the previous year's sales and cost of purchased power and will not change during the year. The adjustment is itemized on your electric bill as FUEL ADJUSTMENT.

The debt cost adjustment, which covers interest on cooperative loans, will continue to be recalculated on a quarterly basis. It is itemized on your electric bill as DC ADJUSTMENT.