



# Live Wire



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Curry, De Baca and all of  
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**“Roosevelt County Electric  
Cooperative, Inc. is an equal  
opportunity provider”  
and employer”**

**Job Anniversaries**

Felicia Powell.....12 yrs  
Toby Zertuche.....1 yr



## **Implementation of New DG (Distributed Generation) Rate Rider**

RCEC successfully filed and has implemented rate changes (riders) necessary to assure that members choosing to install a distributed generation system (DG system), continue to pay their share of the costs of construction, operation and maintenance, of the RCEC electric system that are incurred by RCEC to serve these members. DG systems include but are not limited to solar panels and small wind generators.

The proposed changes to RCEC’s Rate No. 1, General Service, Rate No. 2, Commercial Service and Rate No. 3, Irrigation Pumping and Dryer Service will enable customers with DG Systems to continue to reduce their monthly bills for wholesale power generation and transmission costs. However, these customers will also continue to pay their share of the fixed costs of the Cooperative that are incurred by RCEC to make service available to these DG System owners when such service is needed.

Under the new DG rate rider, each General Service DG, Commercial Service DG and Irrigation Pumping and Dryer Service DG account will now be subject to a facility charge and a meter read billing charge. The DG Facility Charge will vary depending on the size of the DG system installed.

RCEC recognizes that members have made a significant investment in their DG system; therefore, members who have installed or made application to RCEC to install a DG system prior to October 1, 2021, have been “grandfathered-in” for the life of the DG system or as long as the original members who installed the DG system are still the original owners. If you have any questions or are curious about these new rate riders, please give us a call and we’ll be happy to assist.

## **High School & Returning College Student Scholarship Applications**

2022 Scholarship applications are available on our website, your area high school counselor’s office and in our office.

**Deadline is Friday, January 7, 2022 by 5 pm .**

**Good luck to all our applicants!**



**2022 Government-in-Action Youth Tour has officially been canceled due to health and safety concerns of our youth and all those involved in making this program a success. We will keep you all updated on the 2023 Youth Tour as info becomes available.**

**Recipe Corner**      **Cranberry Cream Cheese Dip**

**Ingredients**  
 1 package 12 oz, frozen whole cranberries (no sugar added), thawed  
 1 cup white sugar  
 1 cup apricot preserves or jam  
 1/2 cup water  
 1 cup chopped pecans  
 2 bricks 8 oz, cream cheese, softened  
 Buttery crackers or pretzel chips for serving  
 Fresh mint to garnish-optional

**Instructions**  
 Add cranberries, sugar, preserves and water to a large saucepan. Heat saucepan over medium high heat until boiling. Mixture will begin to bubble and get frothy as it heats and you may hear the cranberries sizzling and pop. Continue to boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly until berries are popped open and mixture begins to darken. Remove from heat and stir in pecans. Let set to cool from stove and then refrigerate until completely cooled.  
 Gently press a spoon in the center of the cream cheese to create a divot. Spoon mixture on top of cream cheese and serve with crackers or pretzel chips.  
 Makes 2 appetizer bricks.

**Products & Services**

- Free 40 gallon Conventional Water Heaters on Conversion from Gas
- Water Purification systems
- New Construction Rebates
- 3% Interest Energy Efficiency loans
- Scholarships
- Youth Tour contest
- Electrical safety demonstrations
- Electric heating/water heater rates



**Non-Residential Deposits**

Delinquent nonresidential accounts without a continuing letter of guaranty from financial institution are required to pay a deposit equal to 25% of the delinquent bill. On 3rd consecutive delinquency, a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing will be assessed.

**Community Solar Act of 2021**

On April 5, 2021, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed the Community Solar Act into law which became effective on June 18, 2021. This Act requires the NM Public Regulation Commission to adopt rules to establish a community solar program no later than April 1, 2022. In essence, the community solar program is still under development. This new law includes an “opt-in” provision for rural electric cooperatives which means that a rural electric cooperative **is not required** to participate BUT may “opt-in” to a specific project should the associated board of trustees chooses to. In RCEC’s case, this would require that our wholesale energy provider, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WFEC) wishes to participate because we are legally obligated to purchase all of our generation from them. RCEC is able to engage in small solar or small wind projects that are “behind the meter” resources but is still required to report these to WFEC. These behind the meter projects are monitored through a net-metering process.

RCEC has received numerous calls and visits from members who have been approached by solar entities wishing to engage in solar projects that would be designed to attach to our electrical infrastructure. Many of the calls we’ve received include the desire of the solar entity to utilize 40 acres of land which is typical for about a 5MW installation of solar generation equipment. 5MW, as most of these solar entities know already, is the maximum size under the Community Solar Act on a per project basis. Unfortunately, RCEC will not be able to entertain any of these community solar projects without the consent of WFEC.

Any members wishing to visit with WFEC on the potential for one of these projects can contact Dave Sonntag, Vice-President of Special Projects at (405) 759-2856.

**Residential Deposits**

For residential consumers a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing is required if the account becomes delinquent three or more times in one year. After that year, the deposit may be refunded and applied to the next month’s bill provided the account has not been delinquent in that year. If a service is disconnected, the deposit is applied to the final bill if all requirements have been met.



**Merry Christmas and happy New Year!**  
**From our co-op family to yours.**  
**Our office will be closed December 23rd & 24th for Christmas and December 31st for New Year’s Eve.**

**Calendar of Events**

- Christmas “Reverse” Light Parade.....3rd
- Winter Begins.....21st
- Office closed for Christmas holiday...23rd & 24th
- Office closed for New Year’s Eve.....Dec 31st