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Robinson named LPEA Superintendent, System Operations *Journeyman Lineman, dispatcher promoted to newly created position*

DURANGO, Colo. – Darrick Robinson has been promoted to Superintendent, System Operations at La Plata Electric Association (LPEA). In his new position – a newly established position at LPEA – Robinson will oversee the Dispatch team as well as LPEA’s Electronics division.

“With our continuing retirements, and the evolutions that continue in our industry, we are tasking people with increased responsibilities,” said Steve Gregg, LPEA interim CEO. “Darrick’s position is the first new one we have created in Operations in many, many years. His focus on specific areas of our operations will improve service to our members.”

Robinson has been a part of LPEA’s Dispatch team since 2008, involved not only in monitoring power flows and voltage, as well as assigning crews, but also involved in the creation of the continually evolving computerized Outage Management System (OMS), developed to streamline LPEA’s response to outages. His OMS knowledge meshed with his new role overseeing the Electronics group, who handle, among other duties, LPEA’s substation and field electronic and digital relays, monitoring, protection and communication equipment, will help further the cooperative’s rapid response to outages and repairs.

Originally from Illinois, Robinson began his career path in South Dakota, where he attended hot line school. He worked with a variety of contractors in various parts of the country, but finished his apprenticeship and “journeyed out” with his Journeyman Lineman in 2000 at Holy Cross Energy (Vail, Colo.). He came to LPEA from Holy Cross in 2006 as a Journeyman Lineman.

“At LPEA we’re always looking for ways to improve service to our members,” said Robinson. “I’m excited about this new role and to take our maintenance and outage management services to the next level.”

LPEA, celebrating 75 years in 2014, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with nearly 41,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being

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