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LPEA congratulates Killinen, welcomes Renner to Dispatch

Killinen earns full Dispatch status; Lineman Renner moves to Dispatcher position

DURANGO, Colo. – After completing the two-year Apprentice Dispatch program, Rachel Killinen has earned full status as a Dispatcher at La Plata Electric Association (LPEA). Also, Journeyman Lineman Aaron Renner has joined the Dispatch team.

LPEA's Dispatch team oversees LPEA's system operations. Dispatchers monitor power flows and voltage, field calls when problems occur within LPEA's service area, troubleshoot outages and dispatch crews to restore power.

Born and raised in Durango, Rachel Killinen holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. She spent the bulk of her professional career in the insurance industry, and is a licensed agent in the State of Colorado. She also served as office manager for Alternative Elevations, an elevator inspection company, and was a self-employed process server in the town of Kremmling, Colo. before coming to LPEA.

Aaron Renner joined LPEA as an Apprentice Lineman in 2007 and completed the four-year program earning him the position of Journeyman Lineman in 2011. He has been in the field, constructing and maintaining LPEA's electric power distribution lines and facilities since that time.

Originally from Manassa, Colo. in the San Luis Valley, Renner attended Mesa Hotline School in Grand Junction. Upon graduation in 2007 he worked as an equipment operator for a short time with Par Electrical in Aurora before the LPEA apprenticeship position opened up.

Renner was a member of the line crew honored by both the American Red Cross Southwest Colorado Chapter and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) for life-saver awards, recognized for the rescue of a motorcyclist who had been pinned under a large trailer.

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