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## NEWS

### **LPEA to offer rebates for professional energy audits** *Effort designed to help members save electricity and dollars*

DURANGO, Colo. – The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors has approved a new policy and program to financially assist members who take the “next steps” in energy efficiency through a professional energy audit. Rebates are now available for both businesses and residents.

LPEA customers who secure a professional audit and make at least one energy efficiency upgrade suggested in that audit, may receive a one-time Energy Efficiency Audit Rebate: up to \$150 for residential accounts and up to \$300 for commercial accounts.

“One of the best ways to lower your electric bill is through energy efficiency,” said Mark Schwantes, LPEA manager of Corporate Services. “For many years at LPEA we’ve supported members in energy efficiency efforts, and we currently offer complimentary energy assessments. Our Energy Management Advisors offer valuable information and tips for using less energy and improving the efficiency of homes and offices.”

The “next step” to help save energy, however, according to Schwantes, is commissioning a professional energy audit to secure more than just advice. Because professional energy auditors do assess fees for services, the LPEA board has voted to assist members with rebates to encourage the investment in energy efficiency.

“Certified auditors can outline specifically where your home is costing you extra precious dollars,” said Schwantes.

All customers within LPEA’s service territory are eligible for the rebate and will be required to provide LPEA with a copy of the audit and paid invoice. Total amount of rebates, combined with other entities such as Atmos Energy or the City of Durango, cannot exceed the cost of the audit.

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 environmentally responsible. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970.247.5786. For

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