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Lineman Dustin Sitterding joins La Plata Electric Association *Indiana native now part of line crews in La Plata County headquarters*

DURANGO, Colo. – Journeyman Lineman Dustin Sitterding has joined the Operations team at La Plata Electric Association (LPEA). In the electric utility industry, linemen are responsible for constructing and maintaining electric power transmission and distribution lines and facilities.

Originally from Columbus, Ind., Sitterding enlisted in the Marines upon graduation from high school, and spent four years in the Marine Corps Infantry. Stationed out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., he saw two deployments: the South Pacific and Iraq.

Sitterding began studies at Indiana University, but entered the four-year Lineman Apprentice program at Duke Energy, topping out as a Line Specialist and earning his Journeyman Lineman in 2013. He also completed his college degree at IU, studying business during the evenings.

“My father is a substation maintenance mechanic, and he told me about being a lineman,” said Sitterding. “It is my calling. It’s what I am supposed to do. I really enjoy being a lineman.”

An avid mountain biker who loves the mountains and enjoys skiing in the winter, Sitterding seized the opportunity to come to Durango after five years with Duke Energy. He is now part of the line crews based in LPEA’s Durango office.

LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative established in 1939, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with in excess of 42,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible. For further information, contact LPEA at 970.247.5786 or visit www.lpea.coop.

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