



La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

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LPEA to launch pole-replacement project on July 20, 2015

Work will help ensure reliability, safety for co-op members

DURANGO, Colo. – To help ensure reliability of service, as well as the safety of cooperative members, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will initiate a utility pole replacement project on July 20, 2015.

Individual poles targeted for replacement are scattered across LPEA's service territory in La Plata and Archuleta counties. The project is slated to continue into November 2015.

“LPEA regularly conducts inspections of our electrical system, including testing the integrity of the utility poles,” said Justin Talbot, manager of operations. “We have identified 100 poles within our service territory that we feel need to be replaced to keep our system operating topnotch. Poles may be located on our members' property, so we want to alert everyone to be prepared that we may be working in your neighborhood.”

To facilitate the comprehensive pole replacement project in an efficient manner, LPEA has contracted with Ward Electric. The contractor has been instructed to contact property owners prior to entering members' property. LPEA has also distributed informational letters via mail to those expected to be impacted.

“Each pole will require a good part of one day to replace,” said Talbot. “The process does not necessarily require that your power be shut off. In some cases there may be bucket trucks in your field or alley, and the power still will be on. Our contractors will keep you informed.”

Questions or concerns can be directed to Justin Talbot, jtalbot@lpea.coop or 970.382.7183.

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.

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