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## NEWS

### **Ontiveros named HR Administrator at La Plata Electric Association** *Human Resources professional added to assist with LPEA succession planning*

DURANGO, Colo. – Nadine Ontiveros has been named Human Resources Administrator at La Plata Electric Association (LPEA).

Ontiveros is currently assisting LPEA Human Resources Director Linda Looman, with responsibilities including hiring and LPEA’s succession planning, setting up a new human resources information system, and organizing an internal Wellness Committee.

“I love working with people to meet the strategic objectives of an organization,” she said. “I have worked in a number of industries, and how HR looks in each is a little bit different. I’m thoroughly enjoying learning about the rural electric cooperative industry.”

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, Ontiveros is a sixth generation African. She immigrated with her family to Orange County, Calif. at age 17, and began studying for her college degree at Westmont College in Santa Barbara. She worked in her family’s entrepreneurial businesses, relocating to Grand Junction in 2001.

In 2003, Ontiveros and her husband moved to Durango, where she earned a position at Durango Joe’s. Employed for seven years at the successful coffee vendor, she was eventually promoted to HR Manager, serving on the leadership team, overseeing hiring, customer service training and management succession planning. She went on to San Juan Basin Health for nearly two years as Director of Culture, Leadership and HR before coming to LPEA.

Ontiveros is soon to complete her undergraduate degree in Business with an HR emphasis through the University of Phoenix.

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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