



La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

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## NEWS

### **LPEA announces new Operations Department personnel** *Zubia hired as new lineman; Lynch promoted to Substation Maintenance*

DURANGO, Colo. – La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) has named Journeyman Lineman Fernando Zubia to the line crews in Durango, with Journeyman Lineman Steve Lynch promoted to Substation Maintenance.

Originally from Paso Robles, Calif., Fernando Zubia came to LPEA from Novinium, an innovator at the forefront of the underground cable rehabilitation market. Well-rounded in the electric utility business, he apprenticed and earned his Journeyman in 2013 in Florida, serving with Irby Construction Company, a leader in power line and substation construction.

Zubia, whose employment experience also includes logging and swimming pool maintenance, is proud of his son currently serving with the U.S. Air Force in Germany.

Steve Lynch joined LPEA in 1995, having started in the trade in 1984 as a Groundman and working throughout New Mexico. He earned his Journeyman Lineman in 1990, and served on LPEA's line crews for 15 years. An Equipment Operator based out of LPEA's Pagosa Springs Office for the past five years, Lynch is now responsible for maintaining LPEA's substations and regulators, ensuring the equipment that transforms high voltage transmission to reduced voltage for distribution on LPEA's system.

An avid hunter, Lynch has been actively involved efforts to “give back” to the Pagosa Springs community during his tenure at LPEA, including the annual Fill the Bucket Food Drive, Highway Clean-up, Christmas Senior Gift Bags, Kid's Fishing Derby, Women's Shooting Sports, and the Turkey Foundation.

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.

LPEA offers a variety of apprenticeships and employment opportunities. To explore employment, or for additional information, visit [www.lpea.coop](http://www.lpea.coop).

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