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Miles named Distributive Generation Energy Advisor at LPEA *Former Billing Clerk to fill position held by retiring Richard Archuleta*

DURANGO, Colo. – Amanda Miles, who has served as Billing Clerk at La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) since November 2014, has been named Distributive Generation Energy Advisor. Miles assumes the position held by Richard Archuleta who is retiring after 43 years with LPEA.

In her new position Miles will work with member-owners who have installed or are installing net metered, distributive generation, such as solar PV, wind or micro hydro generation, at their homes or offices. When a distributive generation source is net metered with LPEA, it not only generates electricity for its location, but feeds excess generation back on to LPEA's distribution system.

“As a billing clerk with LPEA, Amanda worked on the finance and accounting side of our net metered accounts,” said Ron Meier, manager of engineering. “She now will work directly with our members and renewable energy installers to facilitate an engineering review and ensure proper integration into our grid for safety and accuracy of reporting. If anyone is thinking about installing solar please call Amanda first.”

LPEA currently has 780 net metered accounts, including 94 new AMI metered solar PV systems installed in 2015.

Prior to joining LPEA, Miles worked for three years in medical billing at Animas Surgical Hospital. A native of Creede, Colo., she is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and garnered experience in customer service following graduation at an upscale women's boutique in Colorado Springs.

“I'm very interested in renewable, distributive generation, in addition to customer service,” said Miles. “So I'm excited to have been selected for this position. I look forward to working with our members to facilitate the net metering process, and help them understand their responsibilities as an electricity generator – all with safety in mind.”

Miles, whose degree is in Fitness, Health and Wellness, also supports the LPEA staff by serving on LPEA's Wellness Committee.

LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative established in 1939, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with nearly 42,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible.

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