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## NEWS

### **LPEA Director Compton earns “Director Gold” *NRECA certificate honors commitment to continuing education***

DURANGO, Colo. – Tom Compton, vice president of the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors, has earned the Director Gold credential offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

This certificate recognizes directors who have earned their Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) or Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) and are committed to continuing their education throughout their service on the board. Compton has served on the LPEA board since 1998 and is a Credentialed Cooperative Director.

The Director Gold credential is offered by NRECA to help directors comply with laws, understand evolving technologies, and apply leading governance practices. To earn the credential, Compton was required to complete a core set of five courses, followed by a variety of elective courses in topics ranging from finance to technology, and meet a continuing education requirement.

NRECA is the national service organization for more than 900 rural electric utilities that provide electricity to approximately 42 million consumers in 47 states and sell approximately 12 percent of all electric energy sold in the United States. Most NRECA members are member-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives, as is LPEA.

“Continuing education is considered a way for directors to keep abreast of changes in this continually evolving and challenging industry,” said LPEA CEO Mike Dreyspring. “We truly appreciate Tom’s service and commitment to LPEA and the industry.”

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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