

# 2024 LPEA ANNUAL MEETING



LPEA is celebrating it's 85th anniversary in 2024



# WELCOME & AGENDA



**LPEA** 85  
YEARS

# HIGHLIGHTS

**Presented by:**

- **Ted Compton, LPEA Board President**
- **Graham Smith, LPEA Interim CEO**



# LPEA'S NORTH STAR



With a strong culture of safety and respect as a foundation – and with our Vision, Mission, Strategic Goal, and Strategic Initiatives to guide us – we developed a “North Star” to guide us to where we want to be in five years. In this report, we update you on the following six priority areas.



# BE SAFE AND EXCELLENT IN ALL WE DO 🚧

**100%**

OF DEPARTMENTS  
USED DATA  
ANALYTICS TO  
IMPROVE DECISION  
MAKING

**4TH**

PLACE AT THE  
INTERNATIONAL  
LINEWORKERS  
RODEO

**100%**

REGULATORY  
COMPLIANCE  
(GOAL: 100%)

**97.54%**

AVG SAFETY  
MEETING  
ATTENDANCE  
(GOAL: >80%)

**0**

CYBER INCIDENTS  
THAT DISRUPTED  
BUSINESS  
PROCESSES  
(GOAL: 0)

**2**

LOST-TIME  
INCIDENTS OR  
ACCIDENTS.  
(GOAL: 0)



LPEA participated in Kiwanis Safety Days, educating all second graders in La Plata County about electric safety.



LPEA staff joined forces with the Durango Fire Department to educate members about fire safety around vehicles and collisions.



Lineworkers' families decorated rubber glove bags to help lineworkers keep safety top of mind.

# BE A TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNER

**\$64,872**

IN SPONSORSHIPS  
TO LOCAL SCHOOLS  
AND NON-PROFITS

**\$100K**

IN SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

**\$146,898**

IN ROUND UP  
FOUNDATION  
GRANTS

“ THANK YOU AGAIN FOR GIVING MY CLASS AND I THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE BUSINESS AND TO HEAR SOME MEANINGFUL STORIES...WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY. ”

- VONTRESSA W.



LPEA presented Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities for youth at the La Plata County Fair, including circuit and robot building.



LPEA continued to educate students on the electric grid systems, including



LPEA attended local career fairs to encourage youth interested in energy careers to apply or seek further education in energy-related industries.

# SOURCE CLEAN, LOCAL, LOW-COST POWER

## LOCAL POWER: SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SOLAR

**2.125**  
MW DC ADDED  
WITH SUNNYSIDE  
COMMUNITY  
SOLAR

**600**  
HOMES  
POWERED  
ANNUALLY

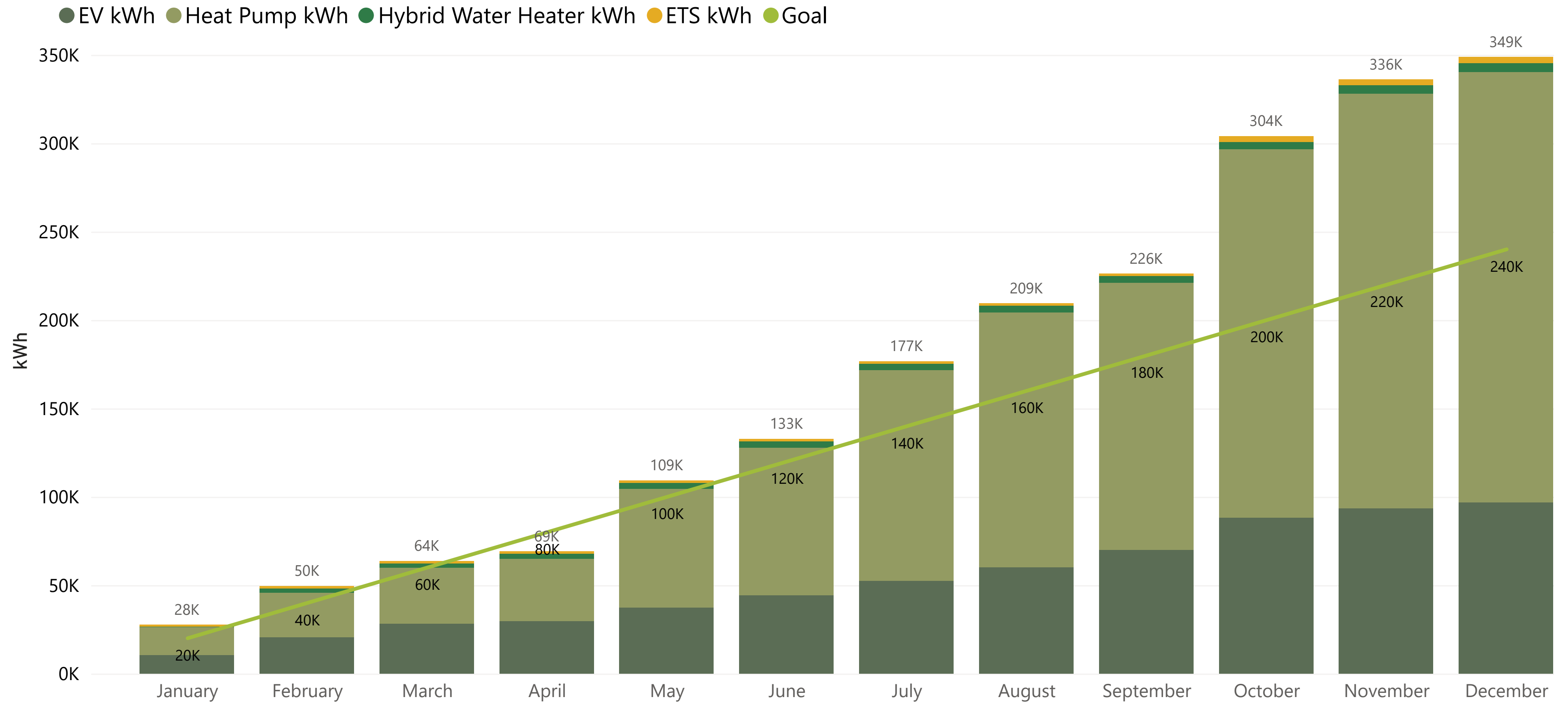
**1.7**  
MW AC ADDED  
WITH SUNNYSIDE  
COMMUNITY SOLAR



The Sunnyside Solar array construction began, including 3,627 panels situated on 9 acres off Highway 550 near Sunnyside Elementary in Durango. This constituted the first cooperative-owned community solar project.

# PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

## CUMULATIVE BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION SALES



- 5

BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS
- 3,473KW

ACTIVELY MANAGED DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES (DER)
- 150%

MORE AREA BE SALES THAN OUR GOAL
- \$1.94M

IN GRANTS SECURED



# KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

**12.5**

MILES OF LINE  
REPLACED

**77**

BROKEN  
CROSSARMS  
REPLACED

**125**

RAPTOR  
PROTECTIONS  
ADDED

**128**

REJECT POLES  
REPLACED

**10**

MAJOR CAPITAL  
PROJECTS  
COMPLETED

**3**

VIPERS  
INSTALLED

“REALLY, I JUST WANT TO SAY  
THANK YOU! WELL DONE! YOU GOT  
US THROUGH A BIG STORM AND NO  
OUTAGES! THAT IS COMMENDABLE!”

- CARRIE B.



Many severe snow storms caused widespread outages in the 2023 winter.



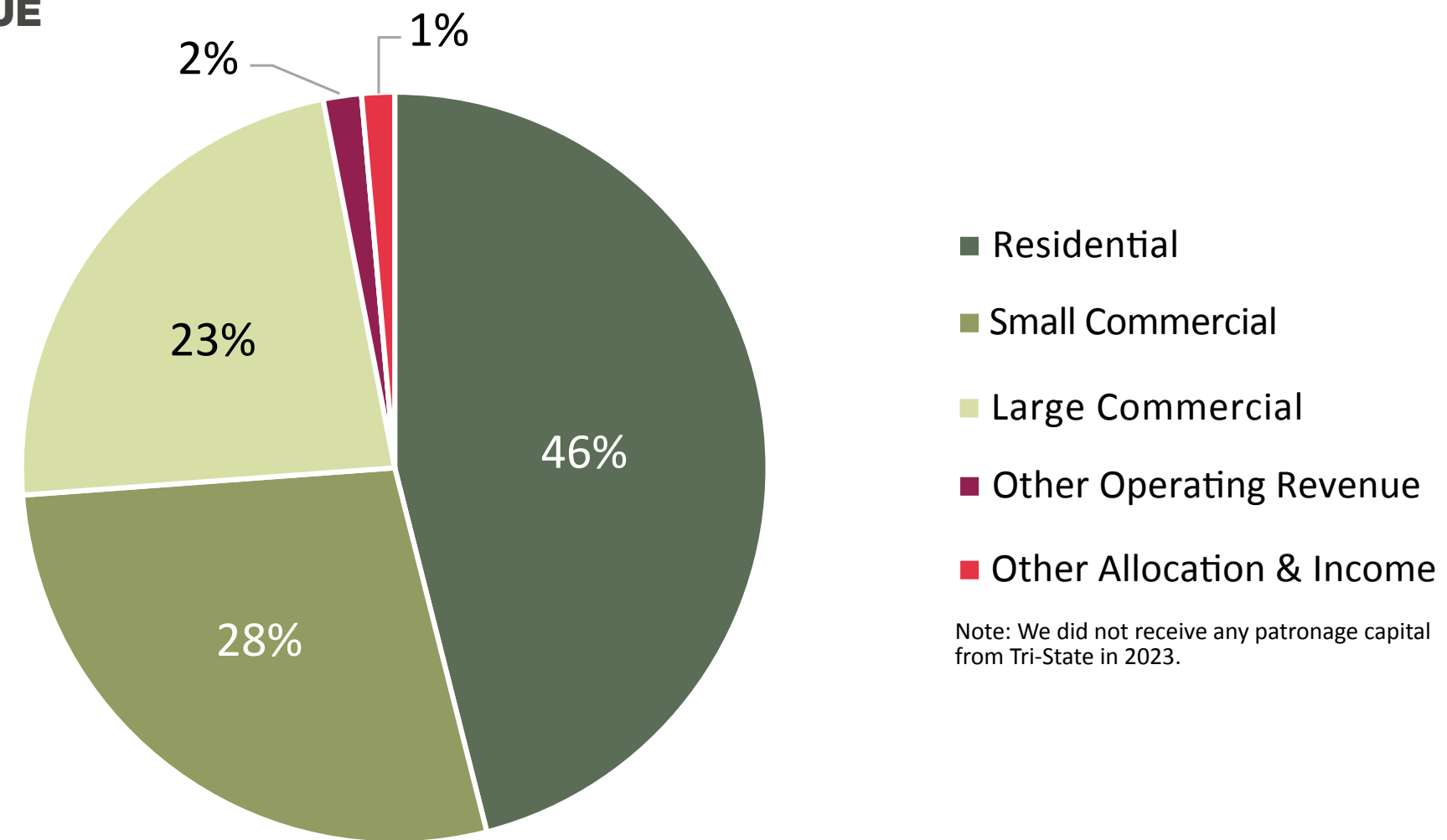
Lineworkers participated in the International Lineman's Rodeo, placing 4th among a global network of electrical utility workers.



LPEA staff responded to a power outage near Purgatory Ski area that included over 6 feet of heavy wet snow.

# MAINTAIN STRONG FINANCIAL HEALTH

## REVENUE



## WHERE YOUR DOLLAR GOES



## TARGET

- ✓ OPERATING MARGIN AT 2%
- ✓ CASH RESERVES AT 12-20%
- ✓ EQUITY PERCENTAGE IS 40-55%
- ✓ LONG-TERM DEBT IS LESS THAN 100% OF EQUITY
- ✓ MODIFIED DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE (MDSC) IS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.35 (DEBT COV'T)

## 2023 YTD

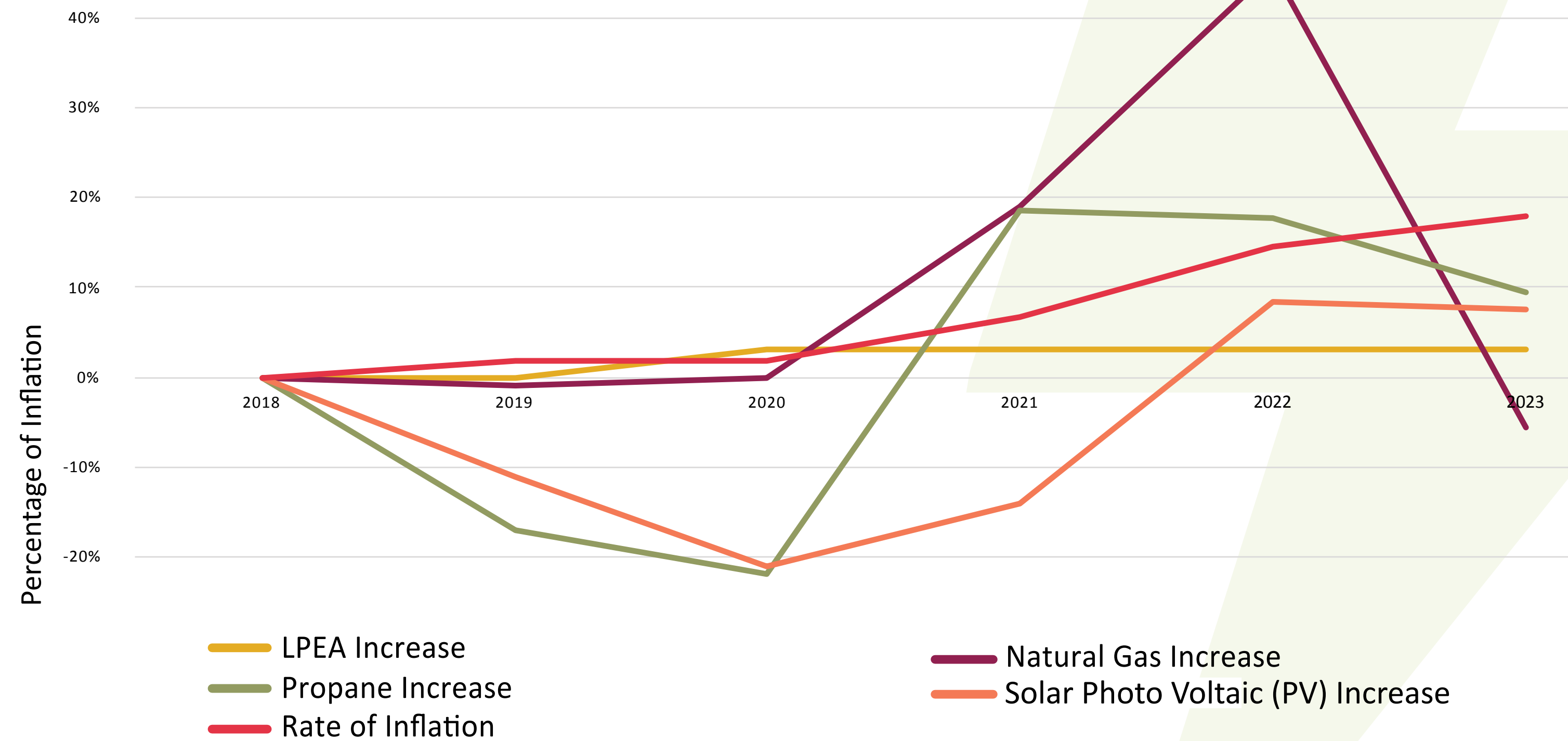


# MAINTAIN STRONG FINANCIAL HEALTH

**3**  
YEARS NO RATE  
INCREASE

**\$3M**  
RETIRED CAPITAL  
CREDITS

## FIVE-YEAR CUMULATIVE INFLATION



In 2023, we did not raise rates for the third year in a row, keeping local electricity rates stable while prices for other sources of energy have dramatically increased. As shown in the chart above, LPEA's percentage of inflation has remained historically low compared to other energy sources.

# LA PLATA 85

YEARS

**ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

