

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DASHBOARD REPORT JANUARY 2026



CEO REPORT: CHRIS HANSEN

We stand at a turning point in our cooperative's history. For more than 85 years, LPEA has delivered safe, reliable, and affordable power to our members. That commitment has not changed. What has changed is the opportunity before us: to take control of our energy future, invest in our own communities, and become a national model for what a modern electric cooperative can achieve.

LPEA was founded in 1939 during the wave of rural electrification that brought light, heat, and opportunity to places the big utilities overlooked. Our founders pulled together, pooled resources, and proved that by working as a cooperative, communities could achieve what once seemed impossible. That same spirit drives us today.

In 2026, LPEA will achieve power supply independence. This is more than a contractual shift. It is a transformational moment. We will source power on our own terms, keeping decisions local and aligned

with the priorities of the people we serve. Energy dollars that once left our region will stay here, fueling new projects, new jobs, and new opportunities. This is community power in action.

LPEA now has a new opportunity through the Southwest Power Pool to connect the Western Slope to a vast regional electricity network spanning the central and Western United States. This unprecedented access gives our cooperative the ability to tap into a diverse mix of electricity sources, including natural gas, solar, wind, storage, and other zero carbon resources, while maintaining local control over how power is delivered.

By participating in this regional transmission organization, we can balance supply and demand more efficiently, lower costs, enhance reliability, and position LPEA as a national leader in innovative, future-ready energy solutions.




STRATEGIC GOAL

Our members will, on average, pay less for electric service than 70% of Colorado cooperatives, and by 2030 we will reduce carbon emissions by more than 80% from 2005 levels, surpassing state climate goals.

MISSION

La Plata Electric Association, Inc. provides its members safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost while being environmentally responsible.

VISION

-  Member Powered
-  Future Focused
-  National Leader



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Delivering Safety, Reliability, & Excellence

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR)*	≤ 1.5	0.925	✓
Days Away and Restricted Time Incident Rate (DART)*	≤ 0.9	0.0	✓
Lost Time Incidents	0	0	✓
Critical System Uptime	≥ 99.9	99.5	!
Reliability (SAIDI, min/year)*	≤ 6.25	4.88	✓
Reliability (SAIFI, outages/member/year)*	≤ 0.95	0.58	✓

Energizing Tomorrow

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
BE Sales Increase	22,917	N/A	✓
kWh of Member-Installed Batteries	4,858**	4,779	!

Empowering Community

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
Member Engagement Events	2	5	✓
Program Participation	1,506**	1,504	!

Demonstrating Member Value

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
Operating Margin	≥ 3.0%	12.20%	✓
Cash Reserves (Days Liquidity)	90 - 120 Days	72	!
Debt as % of Equity	< 100%	54%	✓
MDSC	≥ 1.35	4.56	✓
Equity %	40-55%	57%	!

KPI DASHBOARD

	On Track
	Needs Attention
	Requires Focus

*This monthly reporting is based on a 12-month rolling database.

**This value changes monthly to reflect a year end total.



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SAFETY PRIORITIES

No lost time incidents in January.

Experienced one vehicle incident. A truck and trailer lost traction and jackknifed while trying to maneuver on a grade with snowpack.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Worked on establishing more sensitive fire settings to be implemented during red flag days at all substations.

Contracted a wildfire mitigation service to support hyperlocal fire risk analysis.

RELIABILITY

Installed and tested two new Viper reclosers.

Migrated from legacy Digital Subscriber Line (DSL - phone line) communications to Starlink at the meter collection site in Arboles for improved reliability.

Completed the Navajo River Road Project, which converted 1.61 miles of line from single to three-phase.

Completed and submitted our annual compliance reporting for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) about interconnection application statistics.

Expanded member communications regarding a major upcoming capital project by placing awareness signs in the area that include a QR code for more information. These signs support existing email, phone, and text notifications.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) INTEGRATION

Attended the Fort Lewis College (FLC) AI workshop that focused on Claude Workflows for the Modern Workplace.





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SOLAR & STORAGE EXPANSION

Participated in a listening session held by the American Farmland Trust about agrivoltaics.

Received and evaluated proposals for a new 3 MW solar array in our service territory.

Attended and participated in a Colorado Solar and Storage Association (COSSA) Institute webinar and discussion about 'balcony solar' and meter socket adaptors.

Attended and offered input at the La Plata County Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Code public hearing and vote.

EVALUATE LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS

Continued discussions with Farmington Electric, the Southern Ute Growth Fund (SUGF), and four Independent Transmission Companies (ITCs).





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MEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

Attended a Weminuche Audubon Society event in Pagosa Springs reviewing ways energy policy and electrical infrastructure can interact with bird well-being.

Attended the Futures Fair and engaged with over 700 local high school students about potential career opportunities.

Hosted a BESS-themed Coffee with Chris event at the Durango Library with over 25 attendees.

Attended the Bayfield and Animas High School Scholarship Fairs, engaging with over 30 high school students interested in our youth educational and career opportunities.

Won most entertaining float in Durango's annual Snowdown Parade which saw over 10,000 attendees.

Selected four students to visit Washington, D.C. as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) 2026 Youth Tour program.

KEY ACCOUNT ENHANCEMENTS

Participated in the Archuleta County Housing Action Plan Working Group focused on collectively addressing local housing challenges over the next six years. Partners from the Town of Pagosa, Archuleta County, State of CO, Pagosa School District, Habitat for Humanity, Chamber of Commerce, and Pagosa Community Development Corporation (CDC) Economic Development joined.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Attended the annual Economic Outlook at FLC reviewing local, state, and federal economic trends and forecasts.

Drafted a grant application, in partnership with the City of Durango, for technical assistance in understanding the multi-family housing stock within the City of Durango, evaluating the potential for electrification of these buildings, and providing tools for outreach and to guide the electrification process.

Chris joined the Durango Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

A staff member joined the Durango Creative District Board of Directors.





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POWER COST STABILITY

Worked with ICF consultants to refine a Benefit Cost Analysis tool so that we can more accurately model the impacts of different Beneficial Electrification (BE) and demand response (DR) technologies prior to major program development. This tool would help us align heat pump energy-use curves with our likely peaks, model our existing battery program, model our future capacity cost structure, and allow all residential energy programs to be evaluated on different rates.

ENERGY SERVICES OFFERINGS

Launched 2026 rebate offerings with an Income-Qualified option.

Pagosa citizens group held a meeting about our 2026 rebate offerings.

Worked with two broadband providers to decrease power-make-ready lead times through tighter coordination.

Began working with National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC - our billing vendor) to pilot the enrollment process and test operations for our Lighten the Load program to be launched in late spring.

Communicated with members who are currently purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to familiarize them with our Local Energy Action Fund (LEAF), which is part of our initiative to support more local power.

ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN STATE & REGIONAL ENERGY INITIATIVES

Chris joined the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) legislative policy committee.

Chris has been providing feedback on data center and clean energy target legislation at the state level.

Chris designed and lead the Western Power Players Event.





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