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Court Dismisses Lawsuit Against LPEA

DURANGO, Colo. (April 23, 2026) — A Colorado district court has dismissed, with prejudice, a lawsuit challenging aspects of La Plata Electric Association’s (LPEA) power supply transition, concluding the claims lacked sufficient legal grounds. The lawsuit, filed in 2025, questioned the cooperative’s governance process related to its wholesale power portfolio decisions. With the dismissal, the case is permanently closed and cannot be refiled. This lawsuit resulted in more than \$100,000 in legal expenses for the cooperative, costs ultimately borne by all of its members.

“We are pleased with this decision and our focus remains on delivering affordable, reliable power,” said LPEA CEO Chris Hansen. “We will continue to build a flexible, locally driven energy portfolio for our members.”

LPEA completed its power supply transition on April 1, 2026, marking a significant milestone in its long-term strategy to increase local generation, expand resource flexibility, and manage costs for members.

The cooperative will continue advancing a diversified energy portfolio, including local generation, battery storage, and participation in regional energy markets.

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About LPEA

LPEA is a locally owned, member-governed electric cooperative serving approximately 50,000 meters across Southwest Colorado. As an independent co-op, LPEA is committed to keeping power reliable and affordable while ensuring members have a direct voice, through their directors, in how their energy future is shaped. LPEA serves a diverse region, from rural communities and Tribal partners to growing towns and businesses, each with different energy needs. Whether members are focused on keeping the lights on, managing their bills, or adopting new technologies like solar and battery storage, LPEA is working to meet them where they are. In 2026, LPEA joined the Southwest Power Pool, expanding access to a broader mix of energy resources to strengthen reliability, reduce costs, and support a cleaner, more flexible energy future, while keeping decisions local. Learn more about LPEA at lpea.coop.