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LPEA Invites Members to a Power Supply Town Hall Ahead of Key Board Decision

Durango, Colo. — (September 9, 2026) La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will host a Power Supply Town Hall on Monday, September 14, from 5:30PM to 7:00PM at its Durango headquarters, offering members an opportunity to learn more about LPEA's future power supply options, ask questions, and provide input to the Board of Directors in advance of power supply decisions at the monthly Board Meeting, on Wednesday, September 16.

The event will include remarks from Board President Nicole Pitcher, and presentations from LPEA CEO Chris Hansen and Chief Operating Officer Dan Harms, followed by a dedicated question-and-answer session with members. Members may attend in person or participate virtually via Zoom. Members are encouraged to RSVP either way via the links provided on LPEA's website.

As a member-owned electric cooperative, LPEA is committed to maintaining safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost while being environmentally responsible. This is reflected in the cooperative's strategic goal which states that "members will, on average, pay less for electric services than 70% of Colorado cooperatives, and by 2030 we will reduce carbon emissions by more than 80% from 2005 levels, surpassing state climate goals."

The town hall will provide an update on the cooperative's power supply strategy over the coming years through the lens of the strategic goal. LPEA leadership will also share the options and factors being considered as the cooperative evaluates their resource options.

"These decisions will help shape LPEA's energy future for years to come," said Chris Hansen, CEO of LPEA. "We want our members to understand the opportunities and challenges before us, ask questions, and share their perspectives."

Topics for discussion will include the roles of solar, wind, battery storage, natural gas, and other resources in LPEA's future energy mix. Members will also receive information on how the cooperative will balance affordability with emissions reductions, manage resource adequacy

risks, and meet near-term reliability and regulatory obligations while continuing to build a cleaner energy portfolio over time.

Event Details

What: Power Supply Town Hall

When: Monday, September 14, 2026 | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where:

In person: LPEA Durango Office, 45 Stewart Street Durango, CO

Virtually: <https://lpea.coop/events/town-hall-lets-talk-power-supply>

Cost: Free

Registration: Please register on LPEA's website to attend virtually or in-person

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Additional information about LPEA's future power supply planning and transition timeline is available on LPEA's website.

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About LPEA

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is a locally owned, member-governed electric cooperative serving approximately 37,000 homes and businesses across Southwest Colorado. As an independent co-op, LPEA is committed to keeping power reliable and affordable while ensuring members have a direct voice 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.