



La Plata Electric Association, Inc.  
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

*“LPEA will strive to reduce its carbon footprint by 50% from 2018 levels by year 2030 while keeping members’ cost of electricity lower than 70% of its Colorado cooperative peers.”*

La Plata Electric Association, Inc. 45 Stewart Street, Durango, Colorado 81302 (970) 247-5786 www.lpea.coop

**About Us:** La Plata Electric Association, Inc. (LPEA) is a member owned, not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral and San Juan counties. There are 22 cooperatives in Colorado, LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative in the state providing safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to approximately 34,200 members and powering more than 46,450 meters.

**Headquarters:** 45 Stewart Street, Durango, Colorado 81302 [Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2750, Durango, CO 81302-2750].

**Branch Office:** 603 S. 8th Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147 [Mailing Address: P.O. Box 305, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147-0305].

**Office Hours:** LPEA offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 4th Wednesday of each month the LPEA lobby and customer service hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Offices are closed on select Federal Holidays.

**Main Switchboard:** (970) 247-5786 or (888) 839-5732

**Number of Employees:** 105

**Chief Executive Officer:** Jessica Matlock

**Governing Body:** LPEA is governed by a board of 12 directors. District 1 - Archuleta County includes Bob Lynch, Kirsten Skeehan and Holly Metzler; District 2 – South and West La Plata County includes Davin Montoya, Dan Huntington and Kohler McInnis; District 3 – City of Durango includes Britt Bassett, Rachel Landis and Joe Lewandowski; and District 4 – North and East La Plata County includes Jack Turner, Guinn Unger and Tim Wheeler. Four directors are elected each year at the LPEA Annual Meeting in May. Directors serve three-year terms and are welcome to run as incumbents once that term is up.

**Power Supply:** Tri-State Generation & Transmission (TSGT), Denver, CO., is a not-for-profit cooperative power supplier to 43 electric cooperatives and public power districts across the West. They provide power to more than one million members in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming. TSGT provides regional transmission facilities and delivers power to substations for LPEA to distribute to local cooperative members.

**Energy Resource Mix:** TSGT uses coal [56%] and natural gas [4%] as their primary fuel sources in the generation of electricity for LPEA’s members. Renewable energy [32%] is a critical secondary fuel achieved through a mixture of solar projects, wind farms, hydropower, heat and methane recovery in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. Market purchases [8%] account for the additional energy resource mix.

**Geographic Service Territory & Member Distribution**

**La Plata County, Colorado**

Population: 56,310\*  
 Durango: 18,985  
 Bayfield: 2,705  
 Ignacio: 888  
 LPEA Members: 25,214 [74.21% LPEA Membership]  
 Residential: 23,453 [93.02%]  
 Commercial: 1,761 [6.98%]

**Archuleta County, Colorado**

Population: 13,765\*  
 Pagosa Springs: 2,005  
 LPEA Members: 8,500 [25.02% LPEA Membership]  
 Residential: 7,943 [93.45%]  
 Commercial: 557 [6.55%]

**Hinsdale County, Colorado**

Population: 811\*  
 LPEA Members: 66 [0.19% LPEA Membership]  
 Residential: 63 [95.45%]  
 Commercial: 3 [4.55%]

**Mineral County, Colorado**

Population: 776\*  
 LPEA Members: 29 [0.09% LPEA Membership]  
 Residential: 27 [93.10%]  
 Commercial: 2 [6.90%]

**San Juan County, Colorado**

Population: 762\*  
 LPEA Members: 167 [0.49% LPEA Membership]  
 Residential: 161 [96.41%]  
 Commercial: 6 [3.59%]

**Rio Arriba County, New Mexico**

Population: 39,006\*  
 LPEA Members: 2 [0.01% LPEA Membership]  
 Residential: 2 [100.00%]  
 Commercial: 0 [0.00%]

\*2018 United States Census Bureau

**2019 Annual Statistics**

**Service Area:** 3,370 square miles  
**Total miles of line:** 3,731 miles  
**Miles of distribution line:** 3,527 miles  
**Miles of transmission line:** 204 miles  
**Miles of line above ground:** 1,898 miles  
**Miles of line below ground:** 1,629 miles  
**Total meters:** 46,486  
**Density (meters per mile):** 11.85 meters  
**Energy sales:** 966,090,168 Kilowatt-hours [kWhs]  
**Operating revenues:** \$108,311,065  
**Average monthly residential use:** 685 Kilowatt-hours [kWhs]  
**Average monthly residential bill:** \$107.54