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LPEA temporarily suspends disconnects for non-payment of electric bills during COVID-19 pandemic

DURANGO, Colo. – Effective immediately, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will suspend disconnects for non-payment of electric bills for its residential and small-commercial members.

“We are aware of the deep economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the local economy,” said Jessica Matlock, LPEA CEO. “We are owned by our members and want to express empathy and solidarity with our communities during this difficult time. Our phones are open. Any members having trouble paying their bill should call us to discuss options. We are in this together.”

While no residential or small-commercial utility services will be disconnected during the suspension, LPEA members are still expected to pay their bill when they are able, either through a flexible payment plan or third-party funding assistance. Members should contact LPEA at (970) 247-5786 for more details.

Members can also reach out to the following agencies for utility assistance: Women’s Resource Center (970) 247-1242; the Family Center of Durango (970) 385-4747; Housing Solutions for the Southwest (970) 259-1086; Durango River Church (970)247-7777, Durango Methodist Church (970) 247-4213 or; Durango Grace Church (970) 247-5934.

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. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado, and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 34,000 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970.247.5786 or visit www.lpea.coop.

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