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Media Advisory: LPEA does not endorse specific candidates for board elections

DURANGO, Colo. – La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is committed to “the fairness of elections, impartiality, confidentiality, transparency, and integrity of the voting process” as per [LPEA Policy 105](#). The independent Election Supervisory Committee (ESC), tasked with ensuring a fair and honest LPEA director election, found this week that Bill Waters violated LPEA Policy 105 in his bid for a seat on the LPEA Board of Directors. Mr. Waters is running against Ted Compton, both new candidates vying for the District 3 board seat representing the City of Durango.

LPEA Policy 105 states that “Resources of the Cooperative, including the Cooperative’s logo, trademarks, and graphic standards, shall not be used to support or oppose a candidate for election.” After receiving several complaints from LPEA members, the independent ESC convened and found that a door hanger produced by Bill Waters used the LPEA logo in violation of Policy 105, giving the impression that Mr. Waters is endorsed by LPEA.

As a cooperative electric association, LPEA is prohibited by Colorado law from endorsing or opposing a candidate for a position on its Board of Directors. LPEA does not endorse Mr. Waters or any other candidate for its board.

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 34,500 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970.247.5786 or visit lpea.coop.

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