

From the desk of your member services representative...

# Plan now for costlier power

If you haven't already noticed, the days of buying cheap energy are over. It doesn't take rocket science to figure out that prices at the gas pumps aren't likely to drop back below \$2 per gallon. And heating fuels, such as natural gas and propane, don't appear to be headed downward either.

There is too much demand, not enough supply, and too many worldly events happening that are dictating what power providers charge the end distributors, like Continental Divide, and what we pay as consumers. Unfortunately, energy is global, not local.

Continental Divide continues to do its best to ensure that any rate increases, especially those passed on to us by our power provider Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association are minimal and justified.

We are fortunate and proud to be able to say that our electricity rates continue to be among the most reasonable in the state and among co-ops that receive power from Tri-State.

We need you to do your part when it comes to using not only electricity, but natural gas, propane and petroleum, as well. Everybody needs to start thinking – if you haven't already – about being more energy efficient and actually conserving power when necessary.

Individually, we can't make an impact. But together, we have the power to reduce our demand, and actually lower our costs when it comes to electricity. (More on that next month.)

This summer, you will see a push by Continental Divide to inform consumers about the resources available to help them, and us all, cut costs. So stay tuned...

Mac Juarez  
CDEC member services

# Co-op awards scholarships

Continental Divide Electric Cooperative awarded 35 new Education Foundation scholarships for the 2006-07 school year.

The \$2,000 renewable grants can be used to offset the cost of higher education at accredited colleges and universities in New Mexico. Continental Divide Electric consumers – and their immediate family members – who have paid the \$5 cooperative membership fee and currently receive power service from Continental Divide are eligible to receive an annual grant.

CDEC's Education Foundation has awarded about \$783,750 in scholarships since it was established in 1989. The application deadline is May 1 of each year.

Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association also awarded two \$500, one-time scholarships.

**Grants**  
Ambrosia Aranda  
Ashley Arrossa  
Darlene Barela  
Alexyia Barraza  
Rose Bittel  
Cristina Ferraro  
Stephanie Gaines  
Matthew Garcia  
Jesse Hoisington  
Cassandra Marquez  
Toby Ngo  
Kathleen Oney  
Brandy Ramirez  
Ashley Salazar  
Stevy Sarracino

**Grants**  
Ian Stephens  
Kegan Stephens  
Kendra Valdez  
Lisa Whitmore

**Gallup**  
Antoinette Barber

**Albuquerque**  
Elias Griego

**Crownpoint**  
Delvena DeVore



**Bluewater**  
Julie Nielson  
Ina Spencer  
Jennifer Wengert

**Seboyeta**  
Travis Maestas

**Milan**  
Lucinda Aldaz  
Tina Wilson

**Tri-State recipients**  
Lorraine Lucero, Grants  
Vanessa Marquez, Seboyeta

**Ramah**  
Kress Barton  
Katrina Bond  
Russell Jordan  
David Riggs

**San Fidel**  
Catherine Burds

**Zuni**  
Larrietta Delena  
Stephanie Peina

## CDEC launches new Web site

Continental Divide has launched a new and improved Web site for consumers. The site, which can be found at <http://www.cdec.coop>, took about six months to create and contains some 50 pages of news stories, photos, links and other co-op materials.

From current news and archives to information about CDEC's services and policies, there's a bit of something for everyone on the co-op's new web presence



And it's all accessible from a left-hand menu. The ever-present menu eliminates the user's need to back-flip through pages to access a previous view or the site's home page.

New features on the site include archives of the co-op's newsletter and contributions to this publication. A convenient new e-mail address for the co-op, which is [cdec@cdec.coop](mailto:cdec@cdec.coop), can be found on the "Contact Us" page.

There are also links to Web sites of CDEC's business affiliates, including Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Touchstone Energy and the Steffes Corp., and links to the Grants and Gallup chambers of commerce, NMSU-Grants, UNM-Gallup and the local newspapers.



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