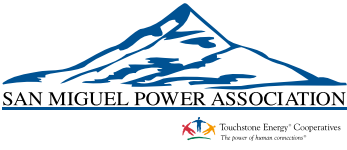


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In the event of a power outage, contact your local SMPA office to reach our 24-hour dispatch.

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SAFETY TIPS

THIS SPRING:

- Lift heavy objects using your powerful legs—not your back.
- Follow cleaning product safety labels.
- Keep stairs and walkways free of clutter.

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FEATURE STORY

The Power Behind Your Power

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 11

You've likely noticed SMPA's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough—but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. This month, as we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, here are some interesting facts about electric lineworkers.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career—because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. The job requires technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning. Did you know that to become a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about four years)? That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line of work.



Despite the many challenges, SMPA's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their home and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance of the job to the community.

SMPA's lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain nearly 1,900 miles of power lines across 3600 square miles of mountain and canyon terrain. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets, drones and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems.

So, the next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, lineworkers are the power behind your power. Please join us as we recognize them, and follow "#ThankALineworker" on social media to see how others are recognizing lineworkers.



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Call before you dig.**

Take Care of Your Shopping, and Your Power Bill in the Same Trip!

We're continuously seeking faster, more convenient ways to meet your needs. SMPA offers cash bill-pay service at participating retail stores, so you can pay your power bill while running errands. Find out more on the SMPA SmartHub app or call our office to learn how to take advantage of this new convenience.



Upcoming Director Election Reminders

Board members are elected from the membership, by the membership. If you live in or near Silverton, Ouray, Ophir or Mountain Village, your area's Board seat is up for election.

Prospective Candidates for the District #5 & #7 Board Election:

Nomination Packets are due to SMPA on Thursday, April 3rd.

For questions or to receive a Nomination Packet, please email alex@smpa.com.

Voting Members of District #5 & #7: How will you vote? By Mail? Drop off? Paperless? To access all voting options, set your email app to trust this address: "noreply@directvote.net"



SAVE THE DATE



THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH

86th San Miguel Power Annual Meeting

- **In Person:**
 - SMPA Ridgway Office
 - 720 N. Railroad St.
 - 4:00 PM: Food, Demos, Voting
 - 5:30 PM: Annual Meeting
- **Virtual:**
 - Zoom Registration at: www.smpa.com/content/annual-meeting-election
 - 5:30 PM: Annual Meeting

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Time-of-Use Starts in May

With minimal impact on the overall cost for most members, Time-of-Use creates incentives for members to use energy during lower-demand periods and it better reflects the actual cost of energy throughout the day.

Beginning next month, SMPA'S Time-of-Use (TOU) rate will offer members a discount on energy for 19 hours of the day, 11c / kWh (previously 13.5c / kWh). During the 5 hour "Peak" period of 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., members see a higher rate (22c / kWh)

Visit www.smpa.com/timing-matters to learn how you can make Time-of-Use work for you.



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11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
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Last Month's Answer: FIBER OPTIC NETWORK

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