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## Job Anniversaries

Dearil Looney Jr.....8 yrs  
Cesar Gonzales.....5 yrs  
Sammy Tapia.....4 yrs

## New Sundale Valley Substation 11

RCEC identified a need for a new substation south of Melrose, NM. The existing substation was determined to be too small to meet the expected growth in the area with the addition of a new sand plant. Also, one of the existing circuits feeding electricity to the area has 181 miles of connected line, stretching from Floyd, NM to south of Ft. Sumner, NM. A circuit this large can be a problem as it serves as one big target for lightning and wind storms. Any faults on the line have the potential to cause blinks or outages on the entire 181 miles of line connected to it.

With the addition of the new substation, Sub 11 – Sundale Valley Substation, the existing loads fed from this circuit will be reconfigured, allowing them to be fed initially from three new circuits. The new substation will have four low-side bays thus allowing for four separate circuits. By supplying the existing loads from this new substation, any blinks or outages due to potential faults (lightning, wind, ice, etc.) will have minimal exposure compared to the current configuration. The new substation will have a capacity of 10 MVA and will feed mostly feed irrigation and commercial loads as well as a few residential members.

Construction is underway and RCEC expects to have the substation commissioned by the end of 2020. RCEC crews have been hard at work constructing a 9 mile, 69kV, transmission line to feed the substation and are on track to complete the transmission line by the end of 2020 as well.



Ask for your free 60 watt equivalent LED light bulb when you stop by the office to pay your bill in July...based on 3 hrs/day 7 days a week usage they can last up to 5 years using only about 9 watts of electricity. Pick up your free LED bulb in July while quantities last!



## Recipe Corner: Banana Bars

### BARS

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened	1 tsp baking soda
2 cups sugar	1 tsp ground cinnamon
3 eggs, room temperature	1/2 tsp ground ginger
2 cups mashed ripe banana (about 4 large bananas)	1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
1 1/2 tsp vanilla Extract	1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
2 cups flour	Pinch of salt

### FROSTING

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened  
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened  
4 cups powdered sugar  
2 tsp vanilla extract

1. BARS: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 18x13 inch rimmed baking sheet with butter or nonstick spray and set aside.
2. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time until just incorporated, then stir in banana and vanilla.
3. In another bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves and salt, then add to banana mixture and mix well.
4. Pour onto prepared baking sheet and bake 20 minutes or until it springs back slightly when touched in the center. Cool completely.
5. FROSTING: Mix together butter, cream cheese, powdered sugar and vanilla until smooth. Spread over cooled banana bars. Cover and chill at least 1 hour.

Makes 3 dozen bars.

## Surge Protection Reminder

RCEC has a comprehensive surge protection program designed to aid in protecting your appliances from surge damage. Contact Janice at 575-356-4491 for more information. If you are already taking advantage of RCEC's surge protection program... don't forget to check for the green LED light on your unit behind the meter after dark! That way you can distinguish if the LED light is RED or GREEN!



### **POWER TIP**

During the summer, put your grill to use. Cooking outdoors is a great way to save energy and eliminate unwanted heat created by cooking indoors.



## Products & Services

- Free 40 gallon conventional water heaters with conversion from gas
- Surge protection programs
- New Construction Rebates  
3% Interest Energy Efficiency loans
- Scholarships
- Youth Tour contest
- Electrical safety demonstrations
- Electric heating/water heater rates

## Non-Residential Deposits

Delinquent nonresidential accounts without a continuing letter of guaranty from financial institution are required to pay a deposit equal to 25% of the delinquent bill. On 3rd consecutive delinquency, a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing will be assessed.

## Residential Deposits

For residential consumers a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing is required if the account becomes delinquent three or more times in one year. After that year, the deposit may be refunded and applied to the next month's bill provided the account has not been delinquent in that year. If a service is disconnected, the deposit is applied to the final bill if all requirements have been met.

## Calendar of Events

Office Closed Holiday.....3rd  
Independence Day.....4th  
Board Meeting.....28th