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YOUR SAN MIGUEL POWER MEMBER NEWSLETTER



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

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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SUMMER SAFETY TIPS:

- ✓ Ensure all outdoor outlets and those near water are Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protected
- ✓ Do not climb trees near power lines and keep kites or long-handled tools away from overhead lines
- ✓ Unplug electric tools and appliances when not in use and before cleaning.

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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FEATURE STORY

2026 Message to Members

San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) serves Colorado's Western Slope, a region as diverse as the energy industry it navigates. In 2025, SMPA completed its third year of strategic planning, refreshing its framework to proactively address long-term risks, investments, and member values.

A major milestone was completing the Nucla to Norwood Tie Line, a project that strengthens grid reliability, reduces outages, and enhances flexibility. SMPA also advanced grid hardening and wildfire mitigation through vegetation management and system upgrades to protect lives and service continuity.

Financially, SMPA navigated rising costs—driven by increased wholesale power rates and a record-warm winter—through careful budgeting, deferred revenue, and Time-of-Use rates. These rates encourage strategic energy consumption, benefiting both members and the system.

SMPA is now focusing on grid modernization, including On-Bill-Repayment options for energy improvements, community microgrids, and exploring a utility-scale solar partnership to diversify its energy portfolio while balancing affordability, reliability, and sustainability.

Beyond infrastructure, SMPA invests in community well-being, economic resilience, public health, and youth opportunities. As it moves through 2026, SMPA remains grounded in cooperative principles, strengthened by preparation, and inspired by the communities it serves.

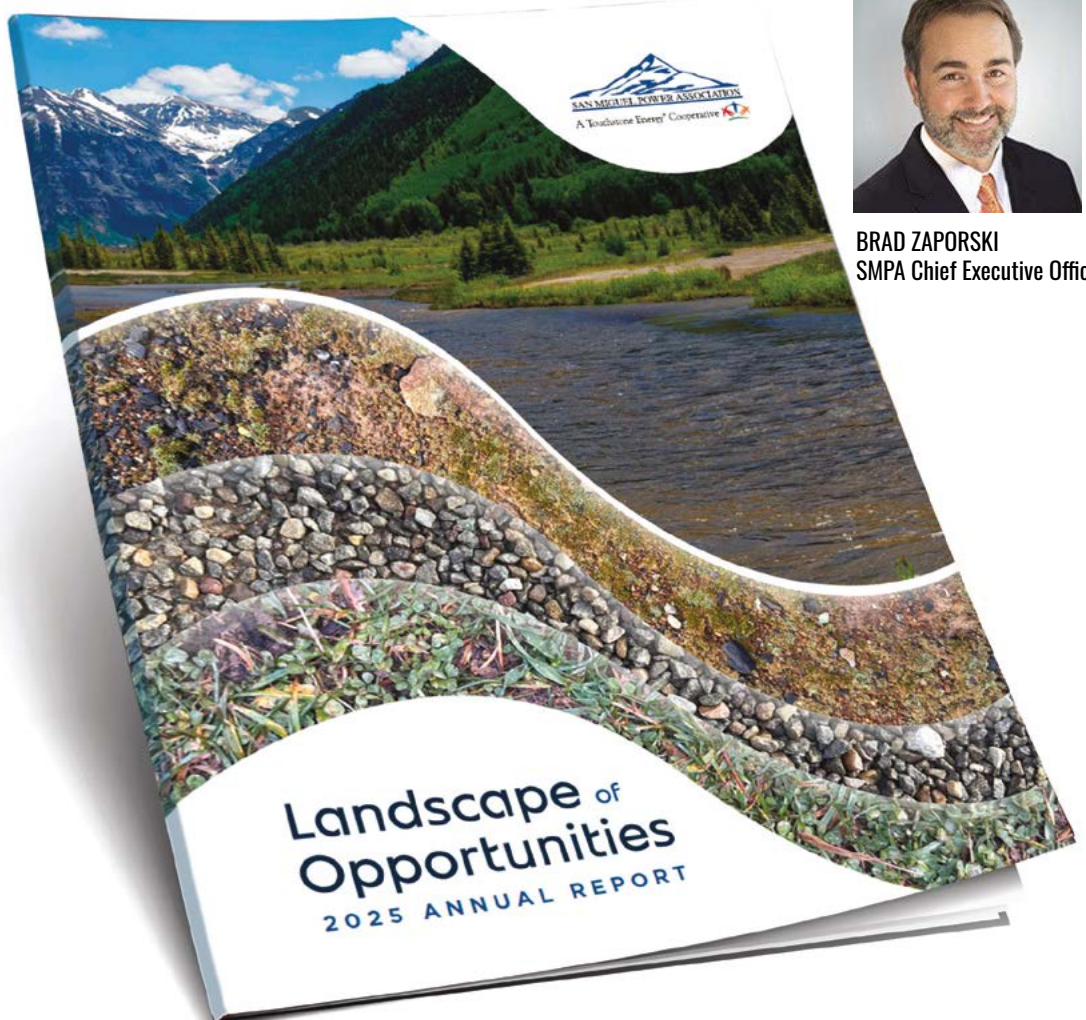
See the full message on page #2 of your Annual Report (smpa.com/content/annual-meeting-election) or call (970) 209-5593 to be mailed a printed copy.



RUBE FELICELLI
SMPA Board President



BRAD ZAPORSKI
SMPA Chief Executive Officer



Congratulations to the 2026 SMPA / Basin Electric / Tri-State Scholarship winners, and thanks to our Tri-State Director bonus donation for increasing the amounts!



KEIRA DELUCCIO
Ridgway High School
Tri-State \$500 + Tri-State Director Bonus \$90 = \$590 Scholarship



LANGSTON SILBERGELD
Telluride High School
Tri-State \$500 + Tri-State Director Bonus \$90 = \$590 Scholarship



SOPHIA SCRANTON
Ridgway High School
Basin \$2,500 + Tri-State Director Bonus \$90 = \$2,590 Scholarship



ADELYN GARDINER
Ridgway High School
SMPA Collegiate \$3000 + Tri-State Director Bonus \$90 = \$3,090 Scholarship



CHARLES HORNING
Telluride High School
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JEAN CARLOS VARELA
Silverton High School
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DARCY BRAY
Norwood High School
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DRAKE LONG
Nucla High School
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What is Beneficial Electrification?

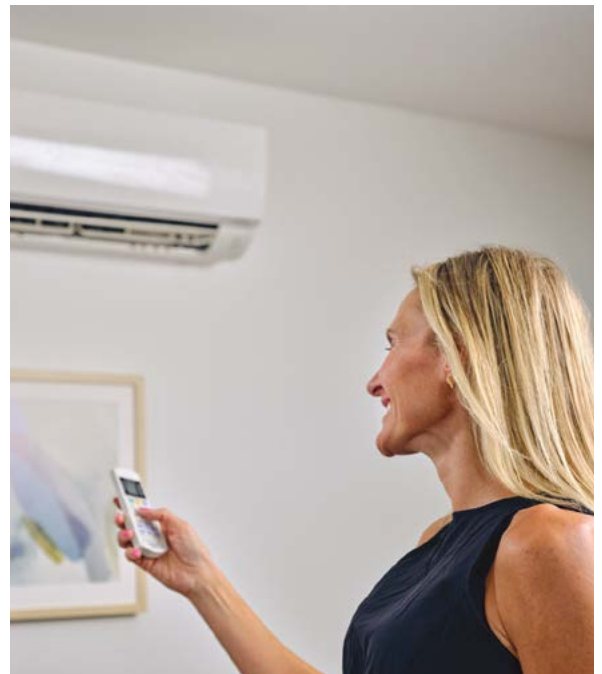
The application of electricity to end-uses that would otherwise consume fossil fuels, where doing so satisfies at least one of following conditions, without adversely affecting the others:

- **SAVE** consumers money
- **IMPROVE** product quality, or consumer quality of life
- **REDUCE** [GHG] emissions
- **FOSTER** a more resilient grid

Some examples would be heating your home with an electric heat pump rather than by burning natural gas; or replacing gas-engine powered tools like leaf blowers or weed whackers with electric versions.

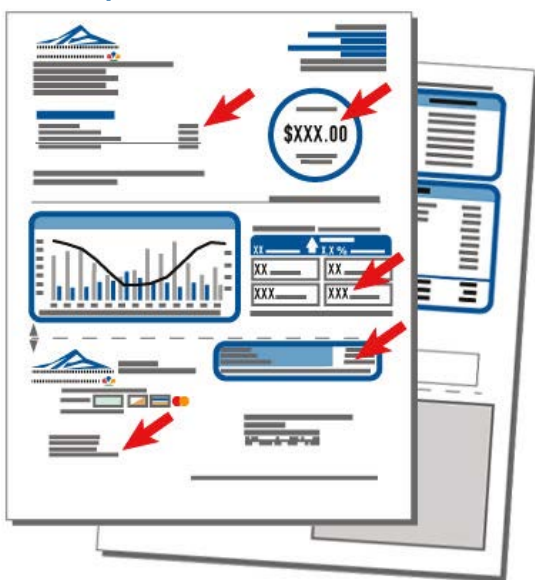
SMPA offers rebates on these items that qualify as Beneficial Electrification:

- Heat Pumps
- Induction Cooktops
- Electric Water Heaters
- Lawn Mowers, Trimmers, Blowers, Chainsaws
- Electric Vehicle Charging Equip.
- Electric Commuter Bicycles
- Electric Thermal Storage



Need Help Understanding Your Bill? What Does that Mean?

Take a quick tour of the bill at www.smpa.com/account-services#billtour



Be Wise about Scams

If someone claims they're about to shut off your power, disconnect from them immediately. Concerned about your SMPA account balance? Call us at 970-626-5549 or check your account on SmartHub smpa.smarthub.coop



Slow down

Take your time. Scammers pressure customers to act fast.



Verify

Scammers often pose as the utility. Always verify the info being provided to you matches your latest bill.



Stop

Utilities never demand immediate payment and do not accept bitcoin, prepaid cards, or third-party payment apps.

SMPA
POWER PLAY

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE:
ACTIVE PEOPLE OR PINC SIR
Hint: Underneath it all.

Last Month's Answer: TRIP SAVER II RECLOSER

SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER and be entered into a drawing for a fun prize to:

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Celebrating the 4th of July!

Our offices will be closed on Thursday, July 2nd.

Basic services are always available at smpa.smarthub.coop