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SAFETY TIP

Severe weather can bring down power lines and cause power outages. Be prepared with an emergency preparedness kit. This should include: a radio, flashlight, extra batteries, water, food and more.

Has your bank sent you one of the new "chip" credit cards? If you use auto-pay, your information may be out-of-date, and payments may not be going through. Please call (970) 626-5549 today to update your Credit Card info!



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NOTABLES: New Leadership for SMPA

SMPA Appoints Zaporski as New CEO and GM

The SMPA Board of Directors has named Brad Zaporski, as the new Chief Executive Officer and General Manager. He began his new duties on June 6, 2016. The CEO, appointed by the Board of Directors, serves as the top executive of SMPA and reports to a 7 member board of directors representing specific districts within its vast service territory in southwestern Colorado.

"I'm truly humbled for the trust the board members have placed in me and pleased to be given the opportunity to serve as the next CEO. I look forward to continuing to work with the dedicated team of directors and employees that serve the member-owners. There are many challenges ahead for the electric utility industry and particularly for electric distribution cooperatives and together we will continue to work to change these challenges into opportunities, to the benefit of the membership," he said.

Zaporski replaces Jim Link who has served as interim CEO since the retirement of the former CEO Kevin Ritter last fall. Jim Link has served with distinction for 20 years as SMPA's general counsel and will continue in that role.

"The board selected Zaporski following a nationwide search conducted over many months. The board takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously and interviewed numerous highly qualified candidates – ultimately selecting Zaporski. I am very proud of the commitment from the full board in doing its due diligence on behalf of the membership," said President Felicelli.

Zaporski is committed to the electric cooperative business model and its principles and is dedicated to serving the membership. He has served on numerous boards and committees representing the cooperative and is highly respected for his contributions to the electric cooperative program in Colorado.

His experience and educational background have prepared him well for his new role as CEO. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, WI; a Masters of Applied Science in Energy Policy

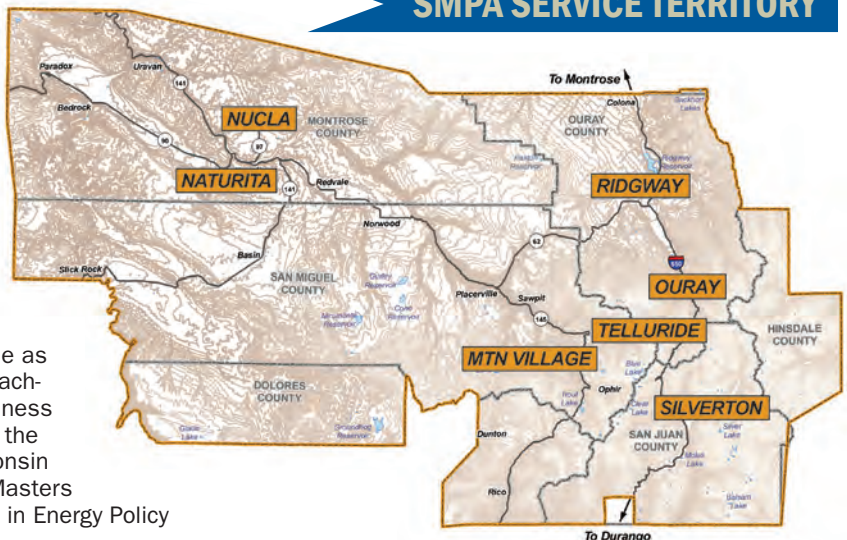


Brad Zaporski, SMPA Chief Executive Officer and General Manager

from the University of Denver, CO, and is a graduate of the NRECA Management Intern Program, held at the University of Wisconsin's, Fluno Executive Center.

During his career, he has served in a leadership role in various professional associations and community service organizations in the SMPA service territory. He enjoys volunteering and states: "I could not be happier among the beautiful landscapes and wonderful people of our service territory. It has been a pleasure to work with the people of SMPA and I am truly honored to serve SMPA as its new General Manager."

SMPA SERVICE TERRITORY



Planned Outages

For Safety & Reliability



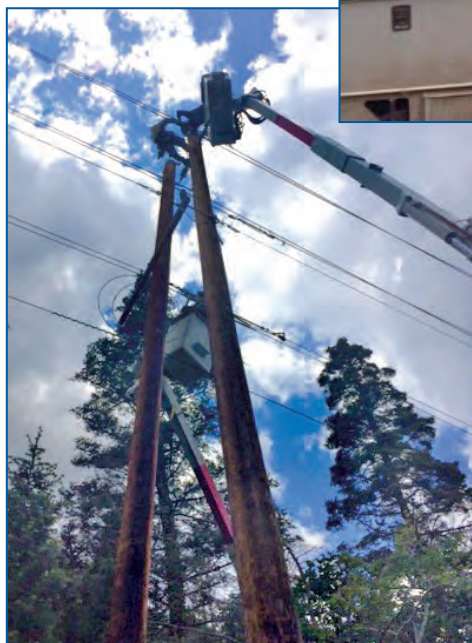
You pull up to the power pole and step out of the cab. You open a compartment at the back of your truck and begin to put on your protective gear. These awkward-looking bright rubber gloves and sleeves will be the only things protecting you from the 14,400 volts of electricity humming through the wires over your head. You are an electrical lineman and today, you will be replacing a cutout. This is one of the many operations your team is approved to perform "hot." That means that every piece of equipment you touch will be carrying enough electrical current to kill you.

This is a description of a real situation that linemen face regularly. Maintaining an electrical distribution grid made of decades-old components situated in some of the most rugged territory in the country, requires many maintenance operations. A significant portion of those are performed "hot" in order to avoid interruptions in the power flowing to the consumers.

There are certain tasks, however, that are simply too dangerous to perform on live power equipment. For these tasks, a power outage must be planned.

While they may sound inconvenient, planned outages are actually beneficial to you, our members. Regular system upgrades are necessary for optimal performance, and they increase reliability. Repairing and upgrading our equipment is also critical to maintaining public safety. When older lines need to be replaced, we plan for it, repair or replace it, and that keeps everyone safe.

Planned outages also allow us to keep you informed of when and how long you will be without power. Depending on the size and duration of the planned outage,



we can notify you up to a week before an outage, so you can be prepared. We also keep you aware of when line crews will be working in your area.

Here at SMPA, we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to keep your system running as much as possible, but there are times when it is necessary to shut the power off for the safety of our operations crews. In such cases, our crews do all they can to get the work done quickly, efficiently and safely. With a number of upgrade and reliability projects coming up, it's very possible that you may receive a call advising you of an upcoming planned outage. If you do, please know that it is one of the best ways we can provide you with quality electric service.

We thank you for your patience.

2016 Annual Meeting Highlights

SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

Last month, San Miguel Power Association held its 77th Annual Meeting at its office in Nucla, CO. The meeting included several highlights: Over two hundred attendees enjoyed food and activities for all ages; CO Representative, Don Coram and Tri-State Senior Vice President, Pat Bridges shared their views on the future of coal-based energy production in the region; and the membership heard SMPA's Brad

Zaporski report on the past year and the future of SMPA, for the first time, as its CEO and General Manager.

The meeting concluded with the reading of election results for its District No. 1 and District No. 4 board director elections.

In District No. 1, challenger, Tom Loczy received 160 votes while incumbent, Doylene Garvey received 227. Garvey was

declared the winner and will resume her directorship for another four-year term.

In District No. 4, incumbent, Jack Sibold received 118 votes, while challenger, Toby Brown received 73. Sibold will continue as the District No. 4 board representative.

Thanks to all who attended.