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EPE Assists Sister Utility, PNM, with Power Restoration Efforts After Strong Summer Storm



EPE immediately responded to the call for assistance by PNM, New Mexico's largest electric utility provider serving mostly the north and central areas of the state, after a strong summer storm swept through central New Mexico causing over 350 outages on September

8. At the height of the storm, over 70 mph winds blew through Albuquerque leaving more than 15,000 customers without power.

Although the impact of the storm felt as if it was one major power outage, the damage left widespread outages throughout Albuquerque and the surrounding area.

One Albuquerque customer shared his appreciation for the work done by EPE crews by sending the following message: "Wanted El Paso Electric to know what top notch employees you have. We had been without power for 60+ hours.... Your guys willingness to cut tree limbs that were interfering with power lines will keep our lights shining! A big THANK YOU from Granite Avenue NE in Albuquerque, NM!"

El Paso Electric names new CEO, Kelly A. Tomblin



September 1 marked the first official day of EPE's newest Chief Executive Officer, Kelly A. Tomblin. Kelly has over 25 years of experience in the energy industry, and was most recently the CEO of INTREN, L.L.C., a leading

utility solutions provider with 14 regional offices throughout the U.S. Learn more about Kelly at [epelectric.com/kellytomblin](#). Welcome to the EPE family, Kelly.

Fall Safety Tips: For You and Your Electricity

This time of year usually means two things: cooler weather and the start of the holiday season. Although these two annual occurrences are unavoidable, you can enhance your safety by keeping these tips in mind.

Safety Tips of You

- Whether you are going for a run or walk, taking your children trick-or-treating, or doing yard work, remember that days get shorter. Be sure to wear light-colored and/or reflective clothing so drivers can spot you.
- Although the temperatures may be cooler, don't forget to stay hydrated when doing physical activities.
- When lighting candles around the house, always remember to turn them off before leaving your home, never leave them on in a room with no on present and keep them lit on open, clear

spaces.

- Double-check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms; now is the time to replace the batteries and to test your alarms.
- October is also a good time to trim trees. If you are going to do so, be sure to work a safe distance from power lines (10-feet or more).

Safety Tips for Your Electricity

- Outdoor decorations are always a nice touch this time of year but be sure you decorate safely and responsibly. Outdoor outlets should have waterproof covers to keep out moisture and check the wires of your decorations for frayed wires, burnt out lightbulbs and batteries that need replacing.
- Use insulated staples when putting up indoor and outdoor decorations as this can help provide a barrier of protection, especially for outdoor decorations.
- Do not run electrical cords under rugs or carpets as this can cause them to overheat and potentially a fire.
- And always remember, when leaving your home, be sure to turn off your decorations. This can help stop any unforeseen accidents plus save on your electric bill.

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