

101714-letter on rates to Chieftain.

Dear Editor:

Anne Dorough, SEC's President, seems to misrepresent the cost of electricity in the enclosed letters which were addressed to residential customers with this month's bills. In the forth paragraph of her letter she states that the "energy part of the bill is \$65.50" based on the average use of 524 KWh per month. She also states that "SEC ranks 7th among the 16 New Mexico Co-ops for its residential rate based on all costs, not just cost of electricity."

Based on rate information posted on the Web pages of the other NM Co-ops, Ms. Dorough seems to be incorrect. The chart attached, which is based on each of the other co-op's posted information indicates that of the other NM Cooperatives, SEC's rates are the 14th highest among the sixteen RECs and tenth highest among the twelve co-ops that use Tri-State as the wholesale power provider.

If this is a deliberate dishonest attempt to fool consumers it is indeed a shame. Perhaps someone has fooled Ms. Dorough in which case she is a victim. In either event she and the cooperative can publish the source of their information as received, so the members of the co-op can verify if an honest mistake was made.

I think we all agree that "cover ups" should be a thing of the past.

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