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SLVREC's New Office Hours

Monte Vista—As a cost-saving measure, San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative will be closed on Fridays. The new office hours will be from Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 5 pm. SLVREC CEO John Villyard said, “By having everyone at the company work four 10-hour days, we’ll see significant savings. Our crews have worked 4-10’s for several seasons and consequently we have used less fuel and experienced less wear and tear on trailers and other equipment. We believe we will see additional savings by extending the program company-wide. It’s a strategy that has worked for other co-ops in Colorado.”

The building’s thermostats will be automatically programmed to save on heating costs during the winter. Additionally, office equipment will be shut down when offices are closed to further conserve energy.

Villyard emphasized that dispatchers will still be available 24/7 for emergency calls. In conjunction with the new hours, the co-op has rolled out a new online bill pay option and will soon be offering automated phone-pay options to give members more off-hour access. All of the existing off-hour payment methods such as automatic bill pay, bank payments, and the drive-up drop box will remain in place.

“We believe in practicing what we preach,” Villyard said. “Energy conservation makes sense and keeps costs down. That’s good business for us and it’s good business for our members.” Other conservation strategies, such as improved lighting, LED outside fixtures and automatic

sensing devices to turn lights off when no one is around, will be employed at the cooperative to further increase the energy savings.

With a four-day work week, co-op employees will see a reduction in their fuel use. Those who rely on daycare will be able to reduce the number of days their children must be in care.

Members who have questions regarding the new office hour policy may contact the co-op Mondays through Thursdays, 7 to 5. Information is also available on the cooperative's web page at www.slvrec.com. Members may also contact the cooperative via email at power@slvrec.com. Include information in the message subject regarding the message routing to ensure messages are delivered to the appropriate department. For example, concerns about the new hours should be directed to customer service.

SLVREC has provided electricity to the San Luis Valley since 1937. The company is member-owned and serves over 12,000 meters in the Valley. For more information, call 719-852-3538 or 800-332-7634.