



La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

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## NEWS

### **Jerry Wills named Line Superintendent at La Plata Electric Association** *Longtime co-op employee will fill position held by retiring Mike Alley*

PAGOSA SPRINGS, Colo. - Jerry Wills has been named Line Superintendent for La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), overseeing day-to-day line crew operations in LPEA's Pagosa Springs office. Wills fills the position held by Mike Alley, who will retire in April.

Originally from Pueblo, Colo., Wills was hired by LPEA in 1983 as a Meter Reader. By 1985 he'd entered the cooperative's Apprentice Lineman Program and earned his Journeyman Lineman in 1989.

After several years on the line crews he was promoted to Working Foreman, overseeing and supervising daily tasks, and ensuring the safety of an individual team of men in the field. He served in this position for nearly 22 years until Mike Alley announced his retirement. Wills is currently working with Alley to ensure a smooth transition into the management position.

"Jerry is a great guy – a hardworking, dedicated employee of LPEA," said Justin Talbot, manager of operations. "We will miss Mike, but we all know those big shoes will be very well filled by Jerry Wills."

LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative established in 1939, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with in excess of 42,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible.

LPEA offers a variety of apprenticeships and employment opportunities. To explore employment, or for additional information, visit [www.lpea.coop](http://www.lpea.coop).

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