



## **LCEC CONTRACTS ALAMON AND INTEC UTILITY SERVICES FOR ANNUAL POLE INSPECTION**

Lovington, NM—March 15, 2024—Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LCEC) has contracted with Alamon Utility Services and INTEC Services to perform our annual power pole inspection program. The purpose of the program is to evaluate the quality, condition, and stability of transmission and distribution poles. Inspections have begun and will continue for two to three months. Inspections will take place in Lea and Gaines County service areas.

LCEC wants its members to be informed about the procedures during the annual pole inspections. Inspection crews, utilizing pickups and ATVs, may be observed on or near members' properties. Alamon and INTEC inspectors will be identifiable by clearly marked vehicles featuring the LCEC logo. Occasionally, they may need to request access to utility poles located behind fences or gates from property owners.

The pole inspection process is brief and serves to confirm the safety of poles on members' properties for both the public and LCEC employees. These inspections are crucial for ensuring the stability of the utility's wood transmission and distribution poles, especially in the face of extreme weather events.

Inspectors may enter yards and conduct soil excavations at the base of the poles as part of their inspections as well as treatment of buried pole sections. Contractors will then restore the ground around the pole after completing their tasks. If you have any questions, please call LCEC at 575-396-3631.

Established in May 1949, Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a member-owned cooperative headquartered in Lovington, New Mexico, with branch offices in Tatum, New Mexico, and Plains, Texas.

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