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Commissioner Lovejoy Attends CDEC's Annual Meeting

SANTA FE – New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner Lynda Lovejoy attended Continental Divide Electric Cooperative's (CDEC) annual meeting held Saturday, April 30, along with hundreds of co-op members in Grants, NM. Commissioner Lovejoy addressed those in attendance, focusing on CDEC's high mark accomplishments over the last two years, including the expansion of the company's customer base in Grants and Gallup, and becoming Gallup's electric service provider. Lovejoy also spoke of the cooperative's commitment to keep electric rates affordable while the company invests in energy efficiency and other conservation efforts.

Continental Divide Electric Cooperative's annual meeting for 2016 surpassed the quorum of registered members needed to conduct an official business meeting, achieving passage of two critical bylaw amendments and the re-election of a governing board trustee.

CDEC needed 553 members (accountholders) to register during a three-hour period Saturday morning at Grants High School to conduct a business meeting of record. They registered 592 members. The co-op last met its quorum requirement of three-percent of its members in April 2014.

"We want to thank all the members and organizations that participated in this year's annual meeting," CDEC General Manager Robert E. Castillo, P.E., said on the company's website. "We are excited with the large number of people who came out to support our co-op. It shows they are involved and care about the future direction they want our co-op to take."

"It's always great to witness democracy and the election process at work," Commissioner Lovejoy stated. "The membership overwhelmingly supported both initiatives – one being to allow CDEC to work with other entities in developing high-speed fiber optic Internet throughout the co-op's service area, which includes some of the most remote and unserved and underserved places in the nation."

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