

BEHIND THE DESK

Featuring San Isabel Electric's accounting team

Whether it is out in the field or behind the desk, San Isabel Electric has a dedicated staff willing to work hard and diligently to help San Isabel Electric members and each other. Behind the desk, Susan Reed and Dolores Gomez are two staff members who represent the accounting department at San Isabel Electric.

Who are these accounting personnel?

Reed is a singer, state traveler, college attendee, expert money handler and an overall light spirit. Reed makes sure that everything within San Isabel Electric is working smoothly financially. She pays the electric co-op's bills, ensures that the co-op is receiving the right payments, confirms correct sales tax additions and makes sure everything is paid on time and fully.

Gomez is a mother of three, has six sisters and four brothers, is outdoorsy and is an account balancing guru. Gomez handles the general ledger at San Isabel Electric, which is an account or record used to sort and store transactions. She also processes payroll for all the staff at San Isabel Electric.

How did they get here?

Reed supervised a student whose mom worked for San Isabel Electric. The student's family decided to move to New Mexico, so Reed interviewed and filled the position as an accountant. She has worked for San Isabel Electric for 14 years.

Gomez had a friend who worked for San Isabel Electric and received a promotion. She told Gomez about the vacant accountant position, and so Gomez interviewed and was hired on the same day. She has been working for San Isabel Electric for 24 years.

Both women report to San Isabel Electric's chief financial officer, Ryan Elarton.

The importance of accounting

According to Reed and Gomez, everything affects accounting, from the time San Isabel Electric's staff put on their time sheet to the payments



▲ Susan Reed



▲ Dolores Gomez

made to go out and purchase food, the tax implemented and any money that is spent at the local electric cooperative.

Money that comes in, money that goes out, payroll and reporting are all crucial within the accounting department. Everything must balance, be paid in full and paid on time to put San Isabel Electric in good standing with its members.

Advice for SIEA scholarship

recipients and anyone interested in working for a cooperative

Reed states that this is not just a job, but a mission; everybody who works at San Isabel Electric believes in what they all do and stand for. Gomez adds that if anyone ever gets the chance to work at a cooperative, they should take advantage of that opportunity because of the caring, family-oriented work environment.

Most of all, Gomez and Reed urge scholarship recipients to take the opportunity to learn, grow and fight for their dreams. Furthermore, if any one of them has any questions about accounting or are interested in the accounting field, they can contact SIEA's accounting team to get additional information.

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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the A/C to run longer than necessary.

Source: energy.gov

Extension cords should not be used as a permanent solutions. Contact a licensed electrician to install additional outlets.

Safety starts with you.
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