

Behind the Desk With a Lineworker

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◀ Roger Lemons works on top of an electric pole.

From making sure your bill is paid to working on the lines, the San Isabel Electric team is working carefully and efficiently for its members. Behind the desk, Roger Lemons is a lineworker with San Isabel Electric, making sure members know they have friends in high places.

Who is Roger Lemons?

Roger is a father of three who enjoys drag races with his daughter, hunting and keeping busy. Before his career as a lineworker, he worked as a railroad signalman for 15 years. Roger was hired with San Isabel Electric in May 2006 as a warehouse employee. He earned a lineworker apprenticeship in 2007 and is now thriving as a journeyman lineworker for the co-op. Roger takes great pride in his job of almost 13 years with San Isabel Electric.

What does a day's work look like?

When there's not an emergency, lineworkers are making sure everything stays working

the way it was made to. From repairing lines to making sure meters are communicating correctly, a lineworker does a lot that we should thank him for.

Roger expressed how great his job is when he can make a member's day by restoring power. When a member further down the work order list is surprised by how quickly San Isabel Electric responds, he feels a sense of pride knowing he made a member's experience one to remember.

What happens during an emergency?

"It's the normal scope of our work," Roger said calmly. Handling emergencies is a task that comes up more often than not.

He explained that anything can be an emergency, depending on the member. When it comes to assisting in an emergency, Roger does whatever is necessary to keep members happy, reflecting San Isabel Electric's mission to provide members with

products and services that will improve their quality of life.

What makes the job worth it?

Emergencies come hand in hand with being on call to ensure members are being served regardless of the time of day or weather. When asked what makes it all worth it, Roger replied without missing a beat. "There are people who depend on us to get the power on, so I feel that's what needs to be done," he said. Though it may take time from his personal life, Roger is making the public safe, which is the reward for him.

Though the weather this time of year can be unpredictable, we can always count on our lineworkers. Whether it's out in the field or behind a desk, San Isabel Electric's goal is to put members-owners first. Roger Lemons is an excellent example of the co-op's commitment to doing that.

BECOME A DIRECTOR

The nominating committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2019, at the San Isabel Electric Association headquarters, 781 E. Industrial Blvd., Pueblo West, CO 81007. Nominations by petition must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019. Directors districts up for election are District 2: Rye, Colorado City & Vicinity and District 8: Pueblo West Proper.

The following is an excerpt from the bylaws regarding nominations for the board of directors: Article III, DIRECTORS, Section 4 Nominations: It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than seventy (70) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the Members at which Directors are to be elected, a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) Members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served by the association. No Officer or member of the Board of Directors shall be appointed a member of such a committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Association at least sixty (60) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Directors, but any fifteen (15) or more Members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures, duly acknowledged, not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted and add said names to the ballot. At least one (1) Member of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed from each district from which a Board Director is to be elected.

ANNUAL MEETING



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

**JOHN MALL HIGH SCHOOL
WALSENBURG, COLORADO**