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SCADA is high-speed communication provided by fiber-optic cables located on CDEC's poles just below its electric lines, and specialized equipment is strategically placed on power poles and in substations. When in place, CDEC is able to monitor its electric grid remotely and gather data in real-time. This will allow CDEC to troubleshoot system problems with a greater level of efficiency.

What this means for members in the area

CDEC contracted with Transmission & Distribution Services (T&D) and Kelly Cable to perform the SCADA upgrades.

Kelly Cable and T&D Services will work seven-days-a-week, between dawn and dusk through the end of September 2020. Workers will have vehicle signs, identifying them as a utility contractor for CDEC. Crews will also carry a CDEC "Letter of Authority" that grants them access to all the co-op's power lines and equipment.

As a courtesy, Kelly Cable and T&D will attempt to contact residents, if they need to access CDEC equipment.

CDEC and its contractors are not required to notify residents, in advance, when performing work. In order to receive electrical service, CDEC account holders grant permission to access their property for CDEC and its contractors to repair, upgrade and maintain existing equipment. Our contractor's work helps CDEC maintain existing equipment and plan for future upgrades. If you have questions please contact our Grants office at (505) 285-6656.

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