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To: Village Residents and Homeowners in Amizette
Re: Underground Connection to Kit Carson Electrical lines

The Village, over the past few years, has endeavored to coordinate with Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC), the conversion of overhead lines to underground service. The community recognized the benefit by reducing potential for wildfire and increase capacity/reliability of the electrical service as well improved aesthetic and scenic quality. Ordinance 2015-51 S. 1-4 requires planning between the Village of Taos Ski Valley and KCEC in order to spend franchise fees collected on the underground installation. The request for Permission from the US Forest Service, to allow the NM Department of Transportation, to grant the Village easement to install a main KCEC underground line, is still pending after years of planning. For that reason and because there may need installation of KCEC equipment on private property, we need to ask private owners for a utility easement on the NM150 frontage of their properties. The Village is contacting you to gauge your interest in utility easements for planning underground connection of KCEC service. Easements are needed specifically for properties on the river side, or south side of NM150.

The Village and KCEC are coordinating efforts (see Ordinance 2015 -51) and bear the cost of installing facilities within the public Right of Way or easement. The owner is responsible for the installation of underground service from the meter to each structure on the property served by electricity. The KCEC representative is working with the Village to create maps for the NM150 project and can tell you more specifics about:

- What the likely path of underground service on your property could be?
- What equipment is required for your underground connection?
- What the estimated cost to you for installing the service might be?
- What is the likely timeframe for service availability?
- What is your responsibility for installing the service?

We encourage having your electrician contact KCEC directly for property specifics and we are able to coordinate efforts in some Village locations.

However, each location needs a case by case review. If you are interested in the KCEC/VTSV undergrounding process, contact KCEC at <https://kitcarson.com/electric/service-sign-up>

Attached is a DRAFT sample to allow a utility easement on your property. It might be necessary for some northside properties in the Amizette neighborhood but very likely needed for all properties on the riverside of NM150. If you are interested in an underground utility easement on your property please respond to the Village at PO Box 100, or send to the Village Offices vtsv@vtsv.org. We will also forward the information to the utility company.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

A copy of the map and the easement document can be found on the Village website <https://www.vtsv.org/>. Below is a KCEC Draft map of the project: