Tribal opportunities for NM Coops
Solar opportunities for Distribution Coops

• 16 electric distribution coops in NM
  • Cover 80% of geographic territory in NM

• 14 of which are members of the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association.
  • 9 receive wholesale power from the G&T Coop Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
  • 4 members receive power from the G&T Western Farmers Electric Cooperative
  • Kit Carson (non-member) receives wholesale power from Guzman Electric
Distribution coops must allow net metering
Independent power producers

• Build production (such as wind or solar) and sell it directly to the Coop, through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)).
  • Often respond to RFPs, but can also submit unsolicited proposals

• Distribution Coops who are members of Tri-State G&T can’t generate and sell more than 5% of their total load. This may change with new RPS.

• Tribes can’t take advantage of federal tax credits if they opt to be themselves
No current laws allowing for community solar
New RPS

- Rural Electricity Coops:
  - 10% by 2020 (already there)
  - 40% by 2025
  - 50% by 2030
  - Achieve zero-carbon emissions by 2050, with at least 80% renewable energy

- Burden of meeting the RPS for Distribution Coops falls on the G&T Coop

- No likely near term implications for G&Ts (e.g., Tri-State already has more than 30% from renewables, as does Western Farmers)

- As the RPS ratchets up after 2025 and the lowest hanging fruit have been found, there may be more opportunities for local production