

# GRICUA News & Updates



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## GRICUA's New General Manager



The GRICUA Board is excited to announce the hiring of Mr. Kenneth "Ken" Stock as its new General Manager, effective January 4, 2022. Mr. Stock is a visionary, service and results-focused executive with over two decades of energy and utility experience. Mr. Stock has more than 25 years of engineering, operations, and leadership experience where he has held positions of increasing responsibility. Mr. Stock most recently served as Assistant City Manager Utility Operations for the City of Albany, Georgia, where he was responsible for electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, and broadband internet utilities as well as City engineering and Public Works. He also served many years as Vice President of Operations at Kenergy, a large electric distribution cooperative in western Kentucky.

Mr. Stock has effectively led over \$2 billion in capital projects that include wind and solar renewable energy projects, combustion power generation, clean air projects, AML systems, Enterprise Resource Programs, SCADA and outage management systems, fiber networks, and transmission, distribution, and substation construction.

Mr. Stock received a diploma from the US Army Corps of Engineers Department of Public Works Power Engineer Program. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Indiana State University and a Master of Business Administration from Southeast Missouri State University. Mr. Stock completed certificates in Environmental Studies from Southern Illinois University and was licensed in Public Water Supply Operations and Wastewater Treatment Operations by the Illinois EPA.

The GRICUA Board is confident that Mr. Stock will continue GRICUA's growth and commitment to the Gila River Indian Community.

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### GRICUA 2022

#### District Days -

**CANCELLED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE  
DUE TO COVID-19**

#### REMINDER TO PLEASE PAY YOUR BILL

GRIC Executive Order No. 11 lifted the moratorium on disconnects for non-payment. If you have past due amounts, please call GRICUA at (520)796-0600 to make arrangements to pay your past due balance.

**Thank you to those who  
have paid their bills on  
time and are staying  
current!!**

**Call GRICUA at (520)796-0600 to report downed power lines or other outage-related problems.**

## Purchase Power Adjustment

Over the past year, natural gas and purchased power prices have been extremely volatile and rose dramatically. GRICUA's Purchase Power Adjustment component on customer bills can be used to recover unexpected changes in the cost of purchased power. During this unprecedented time, the GRICUA Board monitored the changes in the cost of purchased power and chose to delay making changes during 2021 to the Purchase Power Adjustment. Unfortunately, the GRICUA Board is no longer able to delay the need to increase the Purchase Power Adjustment. Similar to APS and SRP increasing their purchase power adjusters in November, GRICUA needs to increase its Purchase Power Adjustment. Currently, GRICUA's rates are under recovering the cost of natural gas and purchased power by \$0.00894 kWh or less than a penny per kWh. Beginning February 1, 2022, the Purchase Power Adjustment will be changed to recover 30% of the \$0.00894 kWh or \$0.00268 kWh. GRICUA will continue to evaluate the cost of natural gas and purchased power going forward and will adjust accordingly. This initial change will increase a typical residential customer's bill by 2.3% or \$3.96 per month, which is again similar to the average monthly increase to residential customers of APS (\$4.00 per month) and SRP (\$3.96 per month). If you have any questions about the Purchase Power Adjustment or any questions about your electric bill, please call our Customer Service Department at (520) 796-0600.



### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

GRICUA will be closed in observance of the following upcoming holidays. Please plan accordingly.

**January 17, 2022 – Martin Luther King Day**

**February 21, 2022 - President's Day**

### Need to Dig?

Please call 1-800-782-5348 to request an underground line locate of both GRICUA and SCIP on-reservation facilities before you dig. Visit [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net) for more information.



## Robert Yazzie Retiring



Congratulations to GRICUA's Distribution Designer Robert Yazzie on his retirement from GRICUA. Robert began his career in 2008 and will be retiring on January 6, 2022. Robert previously worked for GRIC Public Works as an Engineering Tech and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority as a Distribution Designer. While at GRICUA, Robert primarily worked with the GRIC Housing Department. Robert was responsible for designing electrical service to the hundreds of new homes that have been built in the Community. Robert established key relationships with the Housing Teams that helped GRICUA successfully meet requirements

and deadlines for this critically important project. In his retirement, Robert plans to live on his 60-acre ranch in Northern Arizona (Chinle area) and travel to Dolores, CO to watch his grandsons play football and baseball. We will miss Robert and would like to wish him much happiness and good health!

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