

1935 Presidential Executive Order establishes the Rural Electrification Administration (REA)

1937 REA drafted the Electric Cooperative Corporation Act, enabling the formation and operation of not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric cooperatives

1977 San Miguel Electric Cooperative formed

42 South Texas counties served

1 wholesale power customer

391 megawatts of electricity produced

8 distribution cooperatives

78,200 homes powered during peak demand

419 plant and mine employees

\$40 million annual plant and mine payroll

\$3 million paid in payroll taxes for plant and mine

1,200 indirect jobs supported by San Miguel

9,500 acres reclaimed by San Miguel as of 2018

\$1.8 million paid annually in local taxes

\$100 million contributed in property, school and county taxes since formation

\$68.7 million in annual payments to the Texas economy

20 agencies regulate the industry

\$2.5 million spent on topsoil and haulback replacement



\$2 million spent on land shaping and grading

\$1.25 million spent on seeding, monitoring and professional support work

\$125 million spent by San Miguel on environmental controls

40% of Texas coal-fired power plants burn lignite

1st Texas leads U.S. lignite production

90% of Texas surface mines are lignite mines

50% of Texas power is supplied by coal



325 days San Miguel operates a year

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About Us

San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a member-owned mining and power generation cooperative that serves the people of Texas' rural communities, working and living in partnership with its members. Through integrity, hard work and a commitment to safety, San Miguel maintains a dependable power supply at the lowest possible and competitive cost.