

## **Plains Online now part of SECOM**

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LA JUNTA – The Plains Online internet service from Eads will become part of SECOM effective May 1.

SECOM, a division of the Southeast Colorado Power Association, provides a variety of internet options for business and residential users throughout southeastern Colorado. The purchase of Plains Online will increase SECOM's customer base by about 150 customers.

According to SECOM General Manager Jon Saunders, the purchase was a natural progression for SECOM, which also bought Rural-Com earlier this year. Both purchases enable the internet provider to expand its offerings.

Saunders said that Plains customers should not notice any break in service during the switchover. After the switch is complete, Plains customers will have the same advantages as all current SECOM customers, including extended technical support hours and a large internet backbone, in addition to services they were already receiving, including anti-spam and virus protection.

SECOM services are available to most residents of southeastern Colorado, including in-town and rural regions. Pricing points through SECOM start at \$9.95 a month for dial-up. There is also a new "Always On" product that offers faster speeds than dial-up, doesn't require a phone line and is price competitive with a dialup connection.

The Southeast Colorado Power Association is the parent company of SECOM. It was formed in 1937 and is a not-for-profit cooperative utility with 10,100 services in 11 southeastern Colorado counties. All SECPA customers are members and owners of a cooperative. SECPA strives to provide high quality, reliable electric service to its members, but also seeks to develop and make available new technology.

For more information on SECOM's internet services, please call (719) 384-8583 or 1-888-925-7695.