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**November 1, 2008**

## **Monthly Update of North Attleborough Electric Department's Activities**

Dear Friends,

### **I. PURCHASE POWER ADJUSTMENT (PPA) REDUCED**

On September 30, 2008 the North Attleborough Board of Electric Commissioners ("Board") approved a reduction of the department's current Purchased Power Adjustment (PPA) of \$.06141/kWh to \$.0397540/kWh, effective October 1, 2008. The Board took the action due to currently declining energy and projected future power costs.

A Purchased Power Adjustment (PPA) is a temporary and adjustable charge, per kilowatt hour, to cover the cost of fuel required to produce and deliver electricity. The department has had a Purchased Power Adjustment as a component of its rates since January, 2006.

Thomas Corrigan, Chairman of the Board of Electric Commissioners, said that by taking the action to reduce the PPA that the Board of Electric Commissioners had kept faith with its stated commitment to the public to monitor the department's power costs and that if economic circumstances allowed it, the Board would act to reduce the PPA. Corrigan said that when the previous PPA was instituted in July, 2008 (when oil was selling at \$140/barrel) that Board had stated that the increase in the PPA was not "permanent". Corrigan noted that in 2006 the Board of Electric Commissioners had reduced the PPA four (4) times and in 2007 had returned via credit more than \$1.6 million back to the department's customers.

The reduction in the PPA means that, based on a residential use of 500kWh per month, a customer's bill will be reduced from \$88.16 to \$77.33 - a reduction of 12.28%

### **II. PUBLIC POWER MONTH – CALENDAR CONTEST**

As you may recall October was "Public Power Month", a designation that offers opportunities for municipalities such as North Attleborough to celebrate the concept of having its own locally managed electric power organization. To celebrate Public Power Month NAED again sponsored, in conjunction with the North Attleborough School Department and Sacred Heart School, its annual calendar contest. Third and Fourth graders in local schools do drawings about the importance of electricity and the selected winners receive certificates and recognition at the October meeting of the Board of Electric Commissioners. In addition, the winning drawings are featured in our very popular NAED calendars.

We had more than 160 drawings submitted. Judging the contest each year is always a pleasure for NAED staff members. This years' winners are as follows:

**Allen Avenue School** - Kathleen Jourdenais

**Amvet Boulevard School** - Katie Sieber & Anna Caristi

**Community School** - Andrew Lamoureux

**Falls Elementary School** - Olivia Ross, Julia Healey, Justin Vo & Caroline Moriarty

**Martin School** - Kaylee Drew & Brooke Milosh

**Roosevelt Avenue** - Emily Chiasson & Tyler Riel

**Saint Mary Sacred Heart School** - Alana Mello

Congratulations to all the winners and a great thank you to all of the students who participated in this year's contest. Calendars should be ready by the beginning of December, 2008 and will be able to be picked up at NAED's administration building at 275 Landry Avenue and Town Hall at 43 S. Washington Street. Calendars will also be sent to the participating schools. A special thanks to Janine Newman for her efforts again this year in coordinating all of the activities related to this program.

### **III. RESIDENTIAL RATE FOR CUSTOMERS WITH A LIMITED INCOME**

The North Attleborough Electric Department offers a residential rate for customers who may have limited incomes. The rate is available upon verification of a customer's receipt of any means tested public benefit, or verification of eligibility for the low income home energy assistance program, or its successor program, for which eligibility does not exceed 175 percent of the federal poverty level based upon a household's gross income. Customers must renew their eligibility annually by completing the application provided by North Attleborough Electric Department.

### **IV. WINTER PROTECTION**

On September 30, 2008 the North Attleborough Board of Electric Commissioners ("Board") approved the commencement of a new pilot program designed to provide assistance to NAED customers this winter. The department provides, "protection" (no shut off of power) to certain protected classes of individuals during the winter months (November 15 - March 15). The department will utilize the income guidelines which replicate the "Good Neighbor Energy Fund".

Protection is afforded during this period of time to customers unable to pay due to financial hardships, who also have one of the following situations:

- Serious Illness
- Child in the house under the age of 12 months and the customer's service has not been shut off for nonpayment before the birth of the child
- Power provides the heat or operates the heating system and that the service has not been shut off for nonpayment before November 15

The new pilot program is being offered because, as Thomas Corrigan, Chairman of the Board of Electric Commissioners, noted "We know that the citizens we serve in this community are challenged by the cost of utilities and the uncertainties in the economy. The Board of Electric Commissioners wants to help our citizens and be of service to the community. NAED will utilize the economic guidelines established by the Good Neighbor Energy Fund as a means of stretching our umbrella of protection."

Please continue to remember our fellow citizens who are defending our country throughout the world. As always, should you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact me at 508.643.6300.

Sincerely,  
James C. Moynihan  
General Manager