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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Commissioners Announce a "Credit" on April, 2010 Bills**

**North Attleborough, MA— April 1, 2010**

Customers of North Attleborough Electric Department (NAED) will receive a one time "credit" in their April, 2010 electric bills, according to Charles Mottinger, Chairman of the North Attleborough Board of Electric Commissioners.

Mr. Mottinger announced that on April 1, 2010 at a meeting of the Board of Electric Commissioners the commissioners (Edward Vandette and Thomas Corrigan are the other commissioners) reviewed information from the closing of Fiscal Year 2009 (also the calendar year) and determined that a one-time credit should be provided to the system's ratepayers. Mr. Mottinger estimated that the total amount being directly returned to the residents in their April, 2010 bills will total **\$2,355,825**.

The "credit" will be for the month of April, 2010 only,

The "credit" will be based upon the use of electricity by customers during March/April, 2010 – which at the time of this release is not definitively known.

An additional amount, estimated to be **\$ 785,275** will be utilized by the department for the purpose of providing the department with a "Rate Stabilization Fund" to allow the department to develop fiscal resources that can be possibly be utilized in the future to assist ratepayers to stabilize local electric rates, as power costs rise and regulatory compliance costs increase.

The Board previously approved the implementation of similar "credit" to NAED's customers in March, 2007.

Mr. Mottinger noted that the department's strong overall fiscal performance was attributable, in part, to the receipt of almost \$5.5 million in "Purchased Power Adjustment" (PPA) revenues. 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 and was first instituted in North Attleborough in the January, 2006 billing cycle.

Although the commissioners reduced the PPA during the 2009 calendar year the department still received PPA monies that were not expended. Mr. Mottinger stated, "As a Board of Electric Commissioners, we are committed to maintaining stable and competitive electric rates. As a Board, we believe that funds NAED receives are "the people's money" – not NAED's - and it is only right that when the opportunity presents

itself that funds are returned to our customers. The PPA was instituted in order to ensure that the department had sufficient financial resources to address the volatility of energy prices – and the PPA accomplished that objective. It has always been the commissioners’ plan to review the department’s fiscal status at year end, and, if possible, return the funds to the system’s true owners – and this evening we are able to do so."

Mr. Mottinger also stated, "We are very proud of NAED and its services to the community. As Commissioners we hope that by providing this credit, coupled with NAED's stable and competitive electric rates, quality services and proven abilities to address emergency situations the community feels well served by its local "public power" provider.

Implementation of the one time credit will result in the following benefits to department ratepayers:

**ILLUSTRATION: 75% Return to Ratepayers as a Credit & 25% Reserve for "Rate Stabilization Fund"**

**\$2,355,825 (Direct Ratepayer Credit – April, 2010), and:**

**\$ 785,175 (Rate Stabilization Fund)**

**Projected April, 2010 Sales: 20,053,889 KWWh**

**Result would be:**

ILLUSTRATION (projection based on 500 kWh/mo, per P.T., info, 3/22/10):

	CURRENT	APRIL, 2010 (only)
Base Residential Rate: (includes \$5 customer charge)	\$57.46	\$ 57.46
PPA (.022/kWh x 500/kWh)	\$11.00	\$ 11.00
Total Monthly Charge:	<b>\$68.46</b>	\$ 68.46
April, 2010 CREDIT (\$.117474/kWh x 500 kWh):		(\$ 58.74)
DIFFERENCE:		<b>\$ 9.72</b>

**RESULT: The customer will need to pay \$ 9.72 relative to his/her April, 2010 bill – which would otherwise be \$68.46 or 85.8% reduction (\$58.74 / \$68.46 = 85.8%)**