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*NAED is one of only forty (41) municipal electric departments within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are committed to promoting the interests of "Public Power" on behalf of the citizens of this community*

**October 1, 2009**

Dear Friends,

### **I. PUBLIC POWER MONTH & NAED's CALENDAR CONTEST**

The month of October is "Public Power Month" nationally, and October 4 – 10, 2009 is "Public Power Week". These two designations offer opportunities for municipalities such as North Attleborough to celebrate the concept of "public power" - "Energy power for citizens with local oversight!"

As we always note in the heading of these newsletters, NAED is one of only forty (41) public power entities in the state of Massachusetts. That means that North Attleborough's energy and power decisions are made locally, by people who are concerned only about North Attleborough and its citizens. Not by a corporate entity that serves many cities, towns or states and has a corporate headquarters somewhere else in the country.

To celebrate Public Power Week NAED has again sponsored, in conjunction with the North Attleborough School Department and St. Mary's School, our annual calendar contest. Third and fourth graders in local schools create drawings about the importance of electricity in their families' lives. The selected winners receive certificates and recognition at the meeting of the Board of Electric Commissioners, scheduled for October 28, 2009. In addition, the winning drawings are featured in our very popular NAED calendars.

Again this year, the North Attleborough Electric Department would like to further serve our community by answering the cry for help with Lenore's Pantry. During October, 2009, in conjunction with Public Power Month, any customer who brings in a canned good or item for the food pantry will receive an energy efficient light bulb free. Special thanks to Janine Newman for her efforts.

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

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 sixty percent (60%) 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.

### **III. ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM - REBATES**

The Board of Electric Commissioners has asked me to again remind the residents that NAED offers programs that can assess and reduce our customers' energy consumption and costs. The program can also offer rebates to offset the cost of implementing recommended products. Please contact Janine Newman at 508-643-6310 for further details.

### **IV. WINTER PROTECTION PERIOD IS COMING**

As a reminder to our customers I want to note that the "Winter Protection" period will again commence on November 15, 2009.

NAED provides "Winter Protection" to individuals and families whose annual incomes are within state income guidelines. NAED provides, "protection" (no shut off of power) to certain protected classes of individuals during the winter months (November 15 - March 15).

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

Should you have any questions about "Winter Protection", please feel free to contact Jean Reddy at 508-643-6376.

### **V. GREEN ENERGY POWER PROJECT APPROVED – NAED REVIEWING OTHER POWER PROJECTS**

On September 1, 2009 the Board of Electric Commissioners approved participation by NAED in a "Green Energy Power Project", the "Miller Hydro Project". NAED will participate with fifteen other municipals in this hydro electric project (19.4 MW), through a three year agreement. The location of the "Miller Hydro Project" is on the Adroscoggin River in Lisbon Falls ME.

The period of the contract will be from March, 2010 to February, 2013 (three years) and NAED will receive approximately 1.640 MW (7.232% of the project). The Maine hydro project will be the second hydro project in which NAED participates. We also receive hydro generated power from the New York Power Authority.

We continue to review and pursue opportunities that may afford stability in the department's future rate charges and fuel diversity. At this time we continue to participate in the planning for combined cycle plants in both Ludlow, MA being planned by MMWEC in Ludlow, MA and in Taunton, MA.

On behalf of the Electric Light Commissioners and members of the North Attleborough Electric Department, we ask that you keep in mind our servicemen who are serving our nation 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