



A Customer Owned Utility

Serving Our Community Since 1894

March 1, 2015

NAED is one of only forty-one (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

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Electric Commissioners, and the North Attleborough Electric Department, it is a pleasure to provide this month's update relative to NAED events and activities.

I. CUSTOMER "CREDIT FOR MARCH, 2015 CUSTOMER BILLS APPROVED

At their meeting of February 26, 2015 the Board of Electric Commissioners voted to provide NAED customers with a one-time "credit" on their March, 2015 bills.

Chairman of the Board, Thomas Corrigan announced that at the February 26, 2015 meeting of the Board of Electric Commissioners the commissioners (Edward Vandette and Charles Mottinger are the other commissioners) reviewed information from the closing of NAED's Fiscal Year 2014 (also the calendar year) and determined that a one-time credit should be provided to the system's ratepayers. Mr. Corrigan stated that the total amount being directly returned to NAED's residents and business customers in their March, 2015 bills is estimated to be \$2,132,200. The ultimate total dollar amount of the credit will not be known until the end of March, 2015, when all March, 2015 monthly billings and sales are completed.

The "credit" will be for the month of March, 2015 only, and is for \$.108894 kWh.

An additional amount, estimated to be \$566,787, 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 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 has previously approved the implementation of similar "credits" to NAED's customers in March, 2007, April, 2010, April, 2011, February, 2012 and March, 2013.

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.

Mr. Corrigan stated, "For the fifth time in six years the Board of Electric Commissioners has an opportunity to provide a credit to our ratepayers. The Board of Electric Commissioners recognizes that the 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 is instituted in order to ensure that the department has sufficient financial resources to stabilize the department's electric rates and address the volatility of energy prices. The Board of Electric Commissioners continues to be committed to effective fiscal management and maintaining stable and competitive electric rates. It is the commissioners' plan to annually provide stable electric rates for which our customers can plan

and budget. It has also been the commissioners' practice to review the department's fiscal status at year end: and, if possible, return the funds to the system's true owners – and again this evening we are able to do so."

Mr. Corrigan concluded, "We are again this year very proud of the quality of services provided to the community by NAED and its fine employees. All of us at NAED have continued to keep in mind that our North Attleborough customers are our also our friends, family and neighbors." Corrigan stated, "The commissioners hope that by providing the PPA credit and reduction in the PPA during FY 2015, along with NAED's competitive electric rates, improvements to the electric distribution system and responses at times of emergencies that the community feels itself well served by this organization."

ILLUSTRATION (As voted by the BOELC, 2-26-15)

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Base Residential Rate: \$57.46

(includes \$5 customer charge)

PPA \$ 23.75*

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Total Monthly Charge: \$81.21

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(\$.108894 kWh x 500 kWh): (\$ 54.45)

Customer Pays: \$ 26.76

II. FY 20015 SECURITY DEPOSIT AMOUNTS APPROVED BY BOARD

At its February 19, 2015 meeting the Board of Electric Commissioners approved the following new residential security deposit amounts, effective April 1, 2015. The deposit amounts are based upon a review of customer bills and represent three (3) months of estimated billings, per the appropriate rate class:

A. Rental - Apartments: \$240

B. Rental - Single Family Home: \$365

C. All Electric Rental - Apartments: \$320

D. All Electric Rental - Single Family Home: \$420

Security deposits for commercial and industrial properties will be determined on a case-by-case basis by NAED, based on factors which include consumption history, square footage, analogous uses/property sizes...Commercial security deposits are also based upon a three (3) month estimated usage.

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