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*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.*

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

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Electric Commissioners, and the North Attleborough Electric Department, we wish you a warm and safe winter season. It is a pleasure to provide this month's update relative to NAED events and activities.

#### **I. BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR**

For the forthcoming year the Board of Electric Commissioners is constituted as follows:

Edward Vandette	Chairman
Brett Langille	Secretary
Steven Cabral	Member

#### **II. COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE FY 2017 BUDGET & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

At its January 18, 2017 meeting the North Attleborough Board of Electric Commissioners ("Board") approved the department's FY 2017 operating budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

North Attleborough Electric Department's fiscal year is the calendar year (January 1 – December 31, inclusive).

The FY 2017 budget approved by the Board of Electric Commissioners is a total revenue amount of \$33,837,925; with operating expenses of \$32,558,772 of which \$23,053,652 (71%) are "power expenses".

The FY 2017 budget reflects a decline of budgeted "Power Expenses" from FY 2016 by \$1,449,774.

The "Total Administrative & General Expenses" are reduced from \$3,679,344 in FY 2016 to \$3,539,766 in FY 2017, or 2.3%

The FY 2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) totals \$7,401,213. The principal projects in this year's capital effort will be engineering work related to the upgrade of the Sherman Substation facilities and equipment (\$5,321,736), conversion of Town street lights from sodium to LED (\$640,000) and work related to expanding NAED's fiber network to allow the department to more effectively manage and receive data from distribution system infrastructure devices (\$176,000).

The Board notes that the power expenses can be volatile and is committed to continually reviewing throughout the year NAED's FY 2017 budget and expenses.

Chairman of the Board of Electric Commissioners, Edward Vandette stated that, "The FY 2017 budget reflects a commitment by the Board of Electric Commissioners and management of NAED to ensure that NAED continues to focus on its vision and mission in a manner which illustrates its commitment to improve and maintain the department's capital assets while providing quality customer services, responsible consumer rates and effective emergency services." Mr. Vandette stated, "The community is fortunate to have high quality and motivated employees at NAED. This year's budget and capital requests reflected well considered and strategically planned projects and efforts. The Commissioners and management of NAED are committed to continue to provide its customers with responsible and quality customer services while operating in a fiscally sound manner.

### **WHAT DOES THIS BUDGET & CIP PROVIDE?**

NAED's efforts in FY 2017 will include being focused on developing organizational cohesiveness and responsiveness while continuing to focus on developing and maintaining quality customer relations and services. Of particular note are the following:

NAED will commence a major construction undertaking in 2017 (and 2018) related to the upgrading of the Sherman Substation resulting in new transformer, switchgear and infrastructure.

NAED will move forward in 2017 to complete most of the improvements to our distribution circuit system required to power up our new Circuit E-16.

NAED will install conduit under the Grid transmission lines (wire to be pulled in 2018) - as the department moves forward to create a "tie" between circuits E-10 and E-11, thereby ultimately improving our system's reliability.

NAED will assess potential local generation projects and study potential impact of projects upon our distribution system (Community Solar, Solar Park, Behind the Meter Generation, and Landfill Solar).

NAED will expand its "Fiber Network" in FY 2017 for the purpose of expanding fiber connections to NAED distribution field devices (capacitors, reclosers and the Mall switches).

NAED will institute an upgrade of the municipal street lights by installing LED street lights.

NAED will commission a "Cost of Service Study" in FY 2017 as part of its ongoing effort to maintain appropriate and accurate rates for its customers.

NAED will prepare for a planned industry audit in 2017 involving industry standards.

NAED will be instituting a review of its UG assets utilizing new technology (pilot program) and continuing for the second year an assessment of our UG cable. NAED will continue with its regular, ongoing maintenance programs, including infrared testing of distribution lines and transformers.

NAED will continue the efforts which we commenced in FY 2016 to improve our cyber security policies and training.

### **II. "WINTER PROTECTION HARDSHIP" INFORMATION**

NAED's "Winter Protection" period began on November 15, 2016 and is scheduled to continue until March 15, 2017 inclusive. "Winter Protection" is afforded during this period of time to NAED customers unable to pay due to financial hardships and whose current service is not currently shut off for nonpayment.

Applicants for "Winter Protection" must provide appropriate information to NAED prior to being "protected". Any questions may be directed to the NAED main number (508-643-6300)

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,

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General Manager