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**NAED ANNOUNCES "WINTER HARDSHIP" PERIOD EXTENDED**

Chairman of the Board of Electric Commissioners, Edward Vandette, announced today that NAED's "Winter Protection" period which began on November 15, 2016 has now been extended until **April 1, 2017**.

The change in the date was approved by the Board of Electric Commissioners at its meeting of February 22, 2017. Initially "Winter Protection" was scheduled to end on March 15, 2017, inclusive.

Chairman Vandette stated that, "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. The Commissioners are pleased to be able to assist our neighbors and friends by extending the period of protection by an additional two weeks."

Applicants for "Winter Protection" must provide appropriate information to NAED prior to being "protected".

Any questions may be directed to Ms. Marie McCabe at NAED (508-643-6376), or the NAED main number (508-643-6300)

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