



DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- William J. Wells, CHAIRMAN
- Bruce A. Henry, VICE CHAIRMAN
- Laura T. Phillips, SECRETARY/TREASURER
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- Charles L. Towles, Jr.
- Bruce R. Walton

PRESIDENT & CEO
 J. William Andrew, P.E.

ATTORNEY
 John Terence Jaywork

OFFICE HOURS
 Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

DRIVE-UP WINDOW AND THE CALL CENTER IS OPEN FOR BILL PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT INQUIRY SERVICE
 Monday-Friday, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
 NIGHT DEPOSIT IS AVAILABLE

302-349-9090 SUSSEX COUNTY
 302-398-9090 KENT COUNTY
 800-282-8595 NEW CASTLE COUNTY & OUTF-STATE
 302-349-5891 FAX NUMBER
 EMAIL memberservices@decoop.com

Regular Board Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month. Copies of the agenda for each monthly meeting are posted on our website and are available at our Greenwood office.

Should you have questions or comments, please call us at (302) 349-3117.

Our New Website

We are excited to launch our revamped website, designed for members to easily access DEC information and pay their bills online. The new *delaware.coop*, which debuted in February, features a simplified look allowing members and businesses to quickly navigate the site.

The revamped website allows members to log into their ebill accounts right from the homepage. The *delaware.coop* homepage also includes links to a live outage map and a link for members to sign up and learn more about our “Beat the Peak” program.

A variety of safety and energy conservation tips are also included on the new website. According to Rob Book, the Co-op’s Assistant Vice President of Member Services, “We redesigned the website to better serve our members. Our members have busy, hectic lives and our new webpage provides them with the tools they need to quickly take care of business.”

We are also offering a new online video service on the website. The videos will help member-owners understand how they can save money by changing energy habits.

“We strive to effectively communicate with our member-owners. This website and the videos we produce will provide members with additional resources to help them understand the programs we offer and what makes our Co-op so unique,” said Book.



Delaware Electric Cooperative

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MAY 2012

DEC Recognized as an Energy Leader

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE NEWT GINGRICH RECENTLY VISITED DEC addressing our Board of Directors and senior staff.

The former U.S. Speaker of the House was encouraged to speak at DEC because of our reputation as one of the nation’s most innovative electric cooperatives.



From left, President & CEO Bill Andrew, Assistant Vice President Rob Book, Presidential Candidate Gingrich & wife Callista and Board Chairman Bill Wells.

Mr. Gingrich spent a lot of time asking about efforts to reduce demand while applauding DEC for saving their member-owners \$8 million through the “Beat the Peak” Program.

Co-op President & CEO Bill Andrew said, “We were honored to host a presidential candidate and enjoyed the energy policy discussion with Mr. Gingrich. All of us at the Co-op are proud the Gingrich campaign recognized DEC as a leader in the energy field.”

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual meeting of Delaware Electric Cooperative will be held this year on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington.

Registration and polls open at 3:00 p.m. and the Business Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

1. Registration of members attending the annual meeting
2. Report of officers
3. **Election of four (4) Directors for Districts 3, 6, 9, and At-Large position**
Director Petitions must be received at our Greenwood office ON OR BEFORE Friday, June 8, 2012
4. Any proposed By-Law amendment(s)
5. All other business which may properly come before said meeting

BY-LAWS

The following information concerning the election of directors is taken from our By-Laws. A complete copy of the By-Laws can be obtained by contacting our office, or you can visit our website at www.delaware.coop to see our By-Laws online.

Article III

DIRECTORS

Section 3. Nomination and Election of Directors

(a) Any fifteen (15) or more members, acting together, may nominate a qualified candidate from any district of the Cooperative from which there is to be elected a member of the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the members held for that purpose. Such petition shall be in writing, signed by the members presenting such position, and filed at the principal office of the Cooperative not less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting at which such election is to be held.

The Secretary shall promptly cause such petition to be posted at the principal office of the Cooperative and shall cause to be mailed with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates, arranged by districts. Only candidates who have been nominated by petition in accordance with this section shall be eligible for election.

The members may, at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations, except that the new directors must be bona fide domiciliaries in the same district as the directors in respect of whom the vacancy occurs.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section, shall not affect, in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any election of directors.

(b) Election of directors (and amendments to the bylaws) shall be by printed ballot or voting machines as determined by the Board of Directors; provided that if there are no contested directors' seats and no proposed By-law amendments, election of directors may be conducted by voice vote or a show of hands. The ballots/ voting machines shall list the candidates arranged by districts. Each member of the Cooperative present in person at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each district, for which a director is to be elected. The candidate from each district receiving the highest number of votes shall be considered elected as director.

(c) In the event that the ballots counted at any meeting of the members for the election of a Director or amendment of the By-Laws results in a tie vote, such tie vote shall be decided by secret ballot of those sitting directors physically present at the meeting; except that no incumbent director shall be permitted to cast a vote regarding his own re-election.

ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, August 7



Bill Andrew
President & CEO

THE ANNUAL MEETING IS UPON US AGAIN SO I WILL take this opportunity to personally invite you, the member-owner, to attend this most worthwhile event. Though the program includes dinner, entertainment and billing credits, the primary emphasis of the meeting is on the business affairs of the Cooperative.

The Annual Meeting is mutually important to the Cooperative management and its members for it

allows our member-owners to exercise their right to elect those directors who will serve them as Board members in future years, and it provides an opportunity for both parties to communicate with each other about their concerns and the proper direction of the Cooperative.

Our meeting this year will again feature the very popular fried chicken dinner.

There will be a community fair prior to the meeting and billing credits will also be awarded.

We have quite a program planned for Tuesday, August 7. Registration and the chicken dinner will be in the Centre and the Business Meeting will be in the Dover Building - BOTH AIR CONDITIONED.

Make plans now to join us. Hope to see you there.

ANNUAL MEETING

Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington
Air-Conditioned Buildings

Tuesday, August 7

Registration & Polls Open 3:00 p.m. • Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Annual Inspection of Our Poles

The annual process of inspecting our poles for any potential problems is underway.

Osmose crews are examining poles in Sussex County, between Ellendale and Milford. Members may see utility workers on their property during the inspection process wearing marked clothing.

About ten percent of our poles, approximately 7,000 are checked for rot and other problems every year. During a ten year cycle, crews will check each of our 70,000 poles.

According to Ken Ellers, Vice President of Operations and Engineering, "If the pole is in immediate danger of falling, Osmose workers alert us and we'll fix it immediately."

Crews check for structural weaknesses by hammering on the wood and occasionally boring into poles to obtain samples, which sometimes reveal rot. Ellers said some utility poles may appear to be in need of replacement when they are actually structurally sound.

The process essentially serves as an annual check-up on the poles and electrical equipment and will end in July. Checking poles and transformers for problems helps keep our electric system running efficiently and ensures public safety.

"This increases our reliability and protects the public from possible dangers. Our yearly inspection is a benefit to the community," said Ellers.

