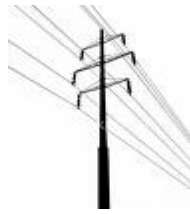




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*Powering Our Rural Communities*



## JOIN US AT YOUR CO-OP'S ANNUAL MEETING



# FRIDAY 9 2022 SEPTEMBER



Delaware Academy Central School  
2 Sheldon Dr.  
Delhi, NY 13753

Registration: 4:30 PM  
Business Meeting: 5:30 PM  
Dinner Following Meeting

[www.dce.coop/annualmeeting](http://www.dce.coop/annualmeeting)

- > Win \$500
- MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
- > Brooks BBQ Chicken Dinner after Business Meeting

Official Candidate Bio on Page 2...

Can't Make the DCEC Annual Meeting? See pages 4 & 5 for More Details



5 North Depot Street, PO Box 471, Delhi, NY 13753  
Phone: 607-746-2341 or 866-436-1223  
Secure Pay-by-Phone 1-844-209-7162

Fax: 607-746-7548  
OUTAGES: 607-746-9283

## DCEC's Annual Meeting Details

The 78th Annual Meeting of members of Delaware County Electric Cooperative (DCEC) will be held on Friday, September 9, 2022 at Delaware Academy located at 2 Sheldon Drive, Delhi, NY.

Registration begins at 4:30 PM with the business meeting to follow at 5:30 PM.

During the meeting, officers of DCEC will provide reports on the status of the Cooperative. Voting members will also be asked to vote on the Director seat up for election as well as three local charities/organizations to receive grant funds. Due to changes in the CoBank grant matching program, DCEC will make applications on behalf of the winners for matching awards when the application process opens in April 2023. Once election results are confirmed, they will be posted online.

### Prizes:

Ten (10) \$50 bill credits and one (1) \$500 grand prize will be awarded. Also, each voting member in attendance will have a special home energy efficiency kit mailed to them.

### Dinner:

Brooks BBQ dinners will be served following the meeting as carryout although the cafeteria area will be available for your convenience. This year, each in-person voting member may Reserve up to two (2) free dinners. No additional dinners will be available for purchase.

Just as a reminder, any member who voted by absentee ballot, electronically or in-person at the Annual Meeting will receive a \$10 bill credit which will be applied to the November 2022 bill.

Should you have any additional questions or wish to reserve dinners, please call the office at (607) 746-2341.

## *2022 Official Candidate*

**Edward Furgol**, born in Utica, NY, is the grandson of a Niagara Mohawk employee and has developed a strong appreciation for the value of public utilities over the years. Edward's work as Managing Director of the National Museum of the US Navy gave him a strong background in budget processes, safety, ethics, anti-discrimination, personal management, and public service. Edward spent part of each year in Delhi beginning in 2006, eventually choosing to retire here in 2018. As a consumer, who teaches and researches online, Edward has a strong interest in the reliable provision of electricity while simultaneously realizing the challenges which arise in ensuring that. "As a Director, I would act with dedication and responsibility."



**Central Region**

## DCEC Makes 2021 Capital Credit Allocation

Capital credits are the retained margins left over at the end of the year for not-for-profit utilities, such as your member-owned Delaware County Electric Cooperative. This owner equity is an essential part in maintaining good financial health by reducing DCEC's borrowing needs and reducing the interest rates DCEC pays to banks.

For 2021, DCEC has allocated (set aside) \$495,132 for members who contributed to the revenue that exceeded expenses for the year simply by paying your monthly electric bill. The allocation factor is multiplied by the amount of revenue you contributed during that year. This is your share of the margins or your capital credit allocation.

Each year, DCEC's Board of Directors, with the help of the Finance Committee, determine if capital credits can be returned to members. In December 2021, DCEC paid out Capital Credits from 1994 and 1995 for a total of approximately \$350,000. Thank you for being a DCEC member and for your contributions in making our Cooperative financially strong.



# BROOKS HOUSE OF BBQ

**ENJOY A BROOKS BBQ DINNER  
AT DCEC'S 78TH ANNUAL  
MEETING OF MEMBERS**



**DCEC'S ANNUAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2022  
DELAWARE ACADEMY  
2 SHELDON DR. | DELHI, NY 13753**

REGISTRATION: 4:30 PM

BUSINESS MEETING: 5:30 PM

DINNER FOLLOWING MEETING

DINNER WILL ONLY BE SERVED AFTER THE BUSINESS MEETING .

DINNER IS IN CAFETERIA SERVED AS TAKE OUT.

**UP TO TWO (2) FREE CHICKEN DINNERS PER REGISTERED MEMBER**

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED.

*DEADLINE TO RESERVE DINNERS IS 9/2/2022.*

CALL (607) 746-2341 TO RESERVE YOUR DINNERS

# Official Absentee Ballot Request Form

The Cooperative is making every effort to plan and execute the 2022 Annual Meeting in its customary fashion on Friday, September 9, 2022. DCEC is closely monitoring coronavirus (COVID-19) and continues to prioritize the health and safety of our members, staff and event participants. Local, state and national orders, recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization, and travel industry guidance all inform our decisions regarding DCEC events.

**DCEC strongly encourages all members to vote! If you vote by absentee ballot, electronic ballot or in person at the Annual Meeting you will received a \$10 bill credit which will be applied to your November 2022 bill.**

**VOTE BY MAIL:** One method for a member to be eligible to vote by absentee ballot is to request a ballot by completing an official form (available below) and submitting it to the Cooperative by **August 20, 2022**. Once the Cooperative receives your form we will provide you with an official absentee ballot which you can then complete and send back to the DCEC office. DCEC will count properly completed absentee ballots as long as they are received by **September 2, 2022** (4 business days prior to the Annual Meeting). Once DCEC has received a member’s absentee ballot it cannot be revoked if the member decides to attend the Annual Meeting and vote once there.

**VOTE EARLY AT THE CO-OP OFFICE:** Members can also complete an absentee ballot in person at the Co-op office during regular business hours between **August 20, 2022 and September 2, 2022**. You must have a government issued photo ID with you to vote by absentee ballot in the Cooperative office.

Members can return the below form either in person to 5 North Depot Street, Delhi, by mail to the DCEC office at: P.O. Box 471, Delhi, NY 13753, fax to (607) 746-7548, or email to [office@dce.coop](mailto:office@dce.coop).

**For the most up to date information about DCEC’s 2022 Annual Meeting please visit our website at [www.dce.coop/annualmeeting](http://www.dce.coop/annualmeeting) or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DelawareCountyElectricCooperative/>**

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Members who are unable to attend in person are permitted under Article III of the Cooperative’s Bylaws to vote, by absentee ballot, on any and all issues presented to the general membership at that meeting.

To be eligible to vote by absentee ballot, members may request that an absentee ballot be sent to them by providing the following information and returning this completed form to the Cooperative. **The Cooperative must receive this request no later than August 20, 2022.** All absentee ballots will be sent out on August 20, 2022.

I HEREBY REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING.

Member’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions with respect to this form or the Annual Meeting, please contact DCEC at (607) 746-2341 or (866) 436-1223, or at Delaware County Electric Co-op, P.O. Box 471, 5 North Depot Street, Delhi, NY 13753.

# Official Electronic Voting Request Form

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**DCEC strongly encourages all members to vote! If you vote by absentee ballot, electronic ballot or in person at the Annual Meeting you will received a \$10 bill credit which will be applied to your November 2022 bill.**

**VOTE AND ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY** : One method for a member to be eligible to vote is to request a ballot by completing an official form (available below) and submitting it to the Cooperative by **August 20, 2022**. Once the Cooperative receives your form we will provide you with an email link to attend and participate in the meeting virtually as long as they are received by **September 2, 2022** (4 business days prior to the Annual Meeting).

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# Official Virtual Attendance Request Form

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To be eligible to attend and vote virtually, members may request that a meeting link be sent to them by providing the following information and returning this completed form to the Cooperative. **The Cooperative must receive this request no later than August 20, 2022.**

I HEREBY REQUEST A LINK TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTRONICALLY.

Member’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Members Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions with respect to this form or the Annual Meeting, please contact DCEC at (607) 746-2341 or (866) 436-1223, or at Delaware County Electric Co-op, P.O. Box 471, 5 North Depot Street, Delhi, NY 13753.

## Many Options to Pay Your Bill

### SmartHub

Account management at your fingertips! SmartHub's online self-service platform allows our members to make payments, view billing and usage history, report outages, and more. To enroll, visit <https://www.dce.coop/content/smarthub> and select New User Registration.

### Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Never miss a payment! When you sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), your utility bill is automatically deducted from the account of your choosing on or after the 5th of each month. To sign up for EFT, visit <https://www.dce.coop/content/paying-your-bill>, complete the Automatic Payment Authorization Form, and return to DCEC at your earliest convenience. To have an Automatic Payment Authorization Form mailed to you, contact our office at (607)746-2341.

### Secure Pay-by-Phone Automated System

Pay anytime, anywhere! Dial 1(844) 209-7162 to pay your monthly utility bill via telephone. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. No additional fees apply. To verify your identity and locate your account, be prepared to enter your account number or the telephone number associated with your account.

### Visit the Office

Come say hi! Visit our office, located at 5 North Depot Street in Delhi, NY 13753. Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM-4:00 PM to pay your monthly utility bill.

### Night Deposit

If you are unable to visit our office during regular business hours, there is a night depository located at the entrance of our office. Your payment will be processed the next business day.

### Mail in Payment

Signed, sealed, delivered! Mail your monthly utility payment to P.O. Box 471, Delhi, NY 13753 prior to the 12th of the month to avoid late penalties.

If you choose to pay by mail, please:

- Do not send cash.
- Verify that the written and numerical values of your check/money order match.
- Verify that your check/money order is not stale-dated or postdated.
- Do not staple or tape your check/money order to the envelope or bill stub.



### Hot Water Heater Load Control Program

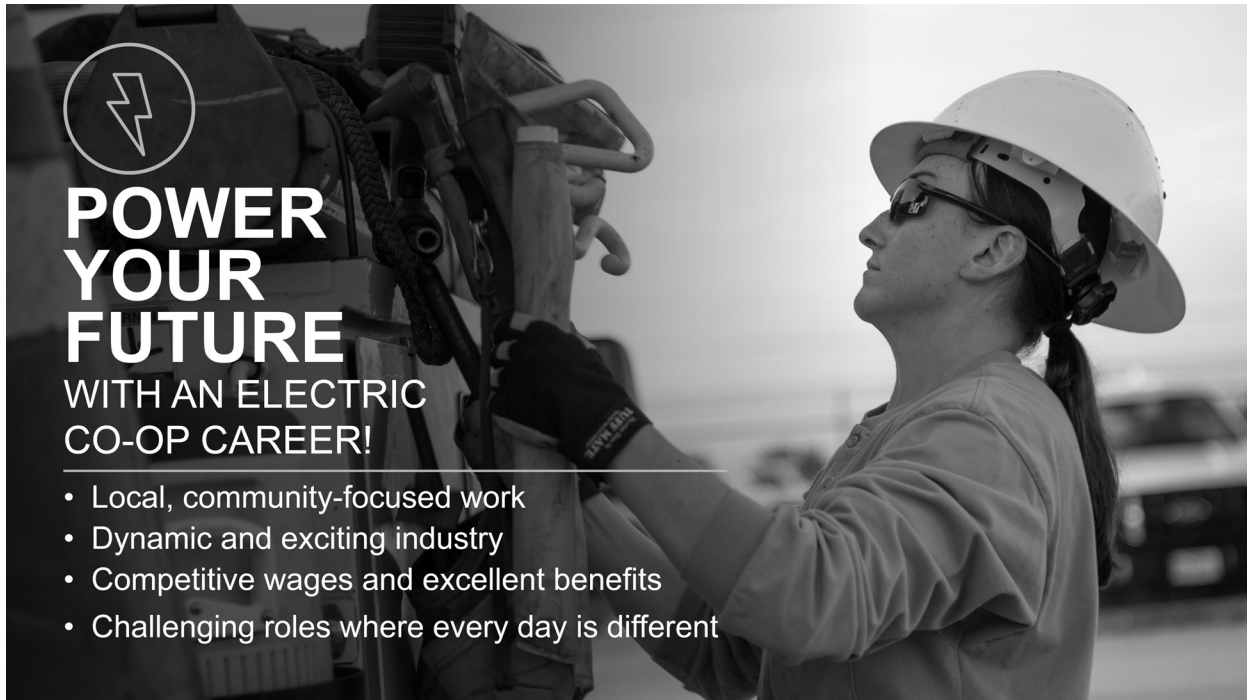
Sign Up for DCEC's Load Control Program and Get \$4.00 Taken Off your Bill Every Month!

- Do you have at least a 30 gallon electric hot water heater?
- Do you use at least 350 kWh's per month?

If your answer was "YES" to all questions above and you would like to participate in DCEC's Load Management Program, which helps all DCEC members save money, please give us a call at (607) 746-9284 (no installation charge)!

To learn about DCEC's Vegetation Management practice please visit our website at:

<https://dce.coop/content/vegetation-management>



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### We Are Hiring

Delaware County Electric Cooperative is more than a great job and great benefits.

DCEC highly values its talented employees and provides a great working environment.

Our corporate culture has a strong focus on community with management and employees working together to reach shared goals which serve our local communities. To view a job description and requirements, please visit our website at <https://dce.coop/content/job-openings>.

DCEC is currently accepting applications in consideration for the following full-time positions working from our Delhi, NY Headquarters:

- Engineering Manager
- Cooperative Services Administrator
- Line Apprentice 1st Year
- Line Clearance Arborist

Please submit your resume with letter of interest by mail to:

DCEC

ATTN: HR

PO Box 471

Delhi, NY 13753

or by email to [finance@dce.coop](mailto:finance@dce.coop).



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**Keep your Contact Information Updated**

It's important to keep your contact information including all your contact numbers and current address up to date with the Cooperative. If any of this information has changed please give the office a call at, (607) 746-2341.

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