



## Powering Our Rural Communities



WHEN THE LIGHTS  
**GO OUT**  
SO DO THEY  
**#thanklineman**

### April 8, 2019 is Co-op Lineworker Appreciation Day

Please join us in  
thanking our  
lineworkers for all  
their hard work!

When the weather causes an outage, lineworkers respond to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. Even in normal conditions lineworkers maintain the safety and reliability of our electrical infrastructure.

Line Crew and Tree Crew members are at the heart of our safe and reliable service to members.



### April Billing Brings NEW Charges

The Cooperative will be changing Monthly Fixed Charges on members' April electric bills.

Members in all residential and small commercial classifications will see a 50 cent per month increase in their Monthly Fixed Charge. For example, members in the 202/ Residential SC-2 rate classification will see their Monthly Fixed Charge change from \$26.00 per month to \$26.50 per month. This change is part of the 5-year rate plan announced in April of 2016. Members will see similar increases in 2020.



The net impact of the rate change on a typical residential member consuming 1,000 kWh per month would be a very small decrease in cost, by 0.4%.

If you would like to discuss these rate changes, please contact CEO/General Manager Mark Schneider at 607-746-9282.



**DCEC's**  
**Family Fun Day**  
**Saturday, 8/3/2019**  
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## Summer Office Position Available

The primary responsibility of this position is to assist with scanning and filing of both paper and electronic documents. The right candidate must be able to learn a complex software program and navigate appropriately.

### Desired Qualifications

- Commitment to maintain confidentiality
- Experience in a fast-paced work environment or ability to learn quickly
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Excellent computer skills
- Willingness to learn complex software that is tailored to the electrical industry
- Strong interpersonal skills and a professional demeanor

This position starts in June and will last 3 to 4 months. The hours would be Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, with a one half an hour lunch, and two 15 minute breaks.

Please send resumes with cover letters to Delaware County Electric Cooperative at P.O. Box 471 in Delhi, NY 13753 by Monday, April 15, 2019. You may also drop off your resume at our office location at 39 Elm Street in Delhi, NY.

## The Tree Doctor

New for the 2019 spray season, Delaware County Electric Cooperative will be contracting with The Tree Doctor. The Tree Doctor, founded in 1961, has been providing tree and shrub care to their extensive client base. Based out of western New York they have developed a Vegetation Management arm responsible for the removal and management of invasive and other undesirable species in and along Electric Rights of Way. They will be providing this service for Delaware County Electric Cooperative this year. The Tree Doctor's crews will be applying the same herbicides that the Cooperative has applied in the past. For details about the process please visit our website at [www.dce.coop/content/vegetation-management](http://www.dce.coop/content/vegetation-management).



## Broadband Improves Job Opportunities for Member in Meredith

DCEC members Landa and Ron Palmer struggled for several years with Internet service on their farm in the Town of Meredith. Every time there was a snowstorm they would have to go out and clean the snow off the satellite dish they were using for their service. They even cut down some trees to try and improve the satellite signal, to no avail.

The poor quality of their Internet made even basic tasks like managing their farm's record keeping a challenge. The poor quality also impacted Landa's work as a professor of nursing at SUNY Delhi. Half of her work involves on-line teaching. Landa was experiencing a lot of difficulties with the old satellite connection. On-line meetings and courses were not working from her home, leading to lost job opportunities.

So she was thrilled when discussions began about the Delaware County Broadband Initiative. Many things in her life changed when Broadband came to the farm. Interaction with her on-line students now is much smoother. She can take advantage of high-speed internet to educate students from all over the country. While many of her on-line students come from New York, there are many who do not. She currently has a student from Texas. Broadband has opened other job opportunities for her, too.

Landa still likes the face to face classroom experience she gets at SUNY Delhi, but also likes the flexibility to teach from home on-line. Recently, when she was ill, she was able to teach to her SUNY class from home without exposing them. The ability to work with faculty and students on-line has allowed her to work with a wide range of people. One professor with whom she is working comes from Israel.

The rest of the Palmer family also have found broadband helpful. As well as making the bill paying process much easier, their daughter-in-law, a teacher, found it useful for her graduate studies. Landa and her husband are the fourth generation on the family farm, and soon, their son will become the fifth generation to manage the family farm. With the challenges facing farmers in the area, having an efficient Internet connection that costs less than the old satellite system is greatly appreciated by the Palmers.

*Article written by Ray LaFever*



***Held at the Courthouse  
Square in Delhi  
FREE ADMISSION TO ALL  
FUN FOR ALL AGES***

# **Family Fun Day**



**Our Activities  
Bounce Houses, Lawn  
Games, Face Painting,  
Live Music provided  
by the Blues  
Maneuver, Food  
Trucks, and MORE!!**

**For More Info:  
[www.dce.coop/content/  
family-fun-event](http://www.dce.coop/content/family-fun-event)  
or call (607) 746-9299**



**Aug. 3  
2—5 pm**

***HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!***



**April 8, 2019 is  
National Cooperative Lineworker  
Appreciation Day**

*For members that would like to write words of appreciation to DCEC's Line Crew and Tree Crew members there will be blank Thank You cards available at the DCEC Office in the lobby.*



***Thank A Lineworker***

## Can You Help the Cooperative Locate Lost Members?

Being a member of a cooperative does have many perks. One perk is that if you were ever a member of the Cooperative you or in some cases your estate could potentially receive money from the Cooperative. A cooperative is not an investor owned utility. It's a non-for-profit member-owned utility. This means your cooperative does not earn profits in the sense other businesses do. Instead, any margins, or revenues remaining after all expenses have been paid, are returned to the members in proportion to their usage of the Co-op's services through capital credits allocations and retirements. Margins are "allocated" or assigned to members who belong to the Cooperative during the year in which a margin is generated. The allocation is based on the member's proportion of revenue contribution for that year. Each member's portion is referred to as a "capital credit allocation." The cooperative has established a retirement cycle, approximately 27 years, for the retirement of capital credits. Under a 27-year cycle, capital credits that were allocated in 1991 would be retired in 2018. Capital credits of a deceased member are paid to the member's estate. What happens to a member's capital credits if the member moves away from the system? A member who terminates service no longer receives additional capital credits allocations. It is the member's responsibility to notify the Co-op of any changes in address or phone number so the member can be located when it is time for the Co-op to retire capital credits allocated to the member's account.

The following is a list of DCEC members whose capital credit checks have been returned to DCEC by the USPS due to an insufficient or outdated address. Please review the list and if you have any information that will be helpful to us in locating these members, please contact the DCEC office at (607) 746-2341 or email us at [billing@dce.coop](mailto:billing@dce.coop). For a complete list of Lost Members please visit our website at <http://dce.coop/content/missing-members>. Thank you for your assistance.

Judy	Albrecht
Brian	Alimena
Eric	Ambrose
Edward C.	Antczak, Jr.
Traci	Armstrong
Debra	Arnold
John	Askew
Richard J.	Bachelder
Robert	Baird
Kevin	Baker
Barbara	Baldwin
William	Banks
Judith	Barnett
Aaron	Barnett
Jason	Barnhart
Tabitha	Barnhart
Kim M.	Bartlett
Janna	Basmajian
Robin	Bates
Roger	Bates
Victoria A.	Batsford
Thomas J.	Batson
Christopher	Battista
Robert W.	Baxter
Rebecca	Beams
Robert F.	Bell
Theodore S.	Bell, Sr.
William H.	Belle
Dana J.	Benson
Herbert F.	Biddle, Jr.
Serina E.	Bishop

Kent S.	Bistoll
Eleanor C.	Bledsoe
Shirley M.	Blumberg
Carol D.	Bogart
Pamela	Borrows
Barbara	Bouton
Christine Y.	Bouw
Hera A.	Boyer
Corinne	Brady
Kelli L.	Brown
Raymond S.	Browne
Jamie	Bruns
Jessica	Buel
Cheryl J.	Bullis
Colleen M.	Bump
Isabell A.	Burgess
Cindy	Burman
David L.	Buscemi
Tyre C.	Bush
Melissa M.	Bush
Joseph W.	Buzek
Amanda M.	Buzie
Jonathan	Cabelly
Dorothy	Caffrey
Greg	Cameron
Kimberly	Cammer
Richard M.	Campbell
Paul L.	Campbell
John B.	Campbell
Roberta	Canaday
Adrienne	Capeless

Fred	Cardinale
Leroy	Carley
Nancy J.	Carpenter
Terri L.	Carrier
Dawn	Casey
Keith R.	Chambers
George C.	Cherpelis
Chris	Christensen
Taylor	Church
Edward A.	Cioro
Carl	Clapper
Betsey K.	Clark
David C.	Clark
Michael	Clugston
Kelly A.	Clukey
Clyde	Cobb
Daniel P.	Colasuonno
Betty J.	Conine
Blain	Conklin
Tracey L.	Connelly
Robert	Constable
Kerri	Cornell-Roth
Michael J.	Cornish
Patrick	Coyne
Tina D.	Cryer
Raymond	Cubberly
Faith	Culletto
Theresa	Currie
Brian	Curnow
Stephanie F.	Daire
William	Dalton

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Antone	Daoud
Gary W.	Dasher
Jacob	Day
Mary E.	De Forest
Angeline	De Korte
Al	De Matteo
Darryl A.	Decker
Robert P.	DeMott
Jennifer	Dempsey
Richard T.	Di Gregorio
Jeffry J.	Dineen
Colleen M.	Dixon
Clifford G.	Doig
Daniel	Dormevil
Lisa L.	Dotey
Jamie L.	Dougherty
Susan E.	Douglass
Stephanie	Downey
Deborah I.	Du Mond
Dennis L.	DuMond
Charles C.	Dunham III
Denise	Dysart
Lolita	Eason
Dottie	Edwards
Jane	Ehrhardt
Joseph P.	Eismann
Andrew M.	Elwood
Dennis	Emerson
Lewis	Epstein
Jean	Everitt
Gustav J.	Falkenmeyer
Steve	Fancher
James	Fehsal
Gerald L.	Fedrich
Debra F.	Ferranti
John	Ferranti
Robert	Ferriera
Maria	Filor
Tamulia M.	Finch
Richard A.	Finch
Susan C.	Fingado
William T.	Flamensfeld
Lee A.	Fleming
Crystal	Fletcher
Shannan L.	Fleury
Joseph	Flikkema

Britney	Fraser
Stephen M.	Frazee
Joseph F.	Froehlich
Billy	Fry
Leonard	Fudge
Margaret	Furey
Robert A.	Ganz
Gregory P.	Garrison
Anthony B.	Genco
Antonio	Genise
Mark	Geraghty
Garald	Gerow
Justin	Gibbs
Karen	Gillespie
Maria	Gizas
Michael D.	Gladfelter
Sherri L.	Goodspeed
Melinda	Grabo
Nancy	Griffin
Jessica	Gutliph
Steven W.	Hale
Kristina	Hamalainen
Dorinda	Hamilton
William	Hartigan
Todd	Hartman
Jordin	Haynes
Genevieve K.	Healy
Marc	Healy
Euginia	Hedman
Robert J	Henderson
Ann	Hendrickson
Jean A.	Hidge
Carlton R.	Hinman, Jr.
Keri	Hirsch
Crystal	Hitt
Mariah	Hogan
Catherine E.	Holbert
Maria	Holewienko
Melissa	Houck
Vicky	Howard
David	Howe

Susan	Hubbard
David T.	Hulle
John	Ianniello
Donald D.	Ingraham
Evelyn	Jackson
Carol G.	Jackson
Robert W.	Jacob
Paul	James
Lynn C.	Jennings
Melissa A.	Johnson
Gerard	Johnson
Deborah A.	Jones
James M.	Jones
Aleta	Kahn
Barbara J.	Karus
Charles P.	Katsanis
Joyce A.	Keegan
John J.	Keever
Edward W.	Kelly
Robert C174	Key
Stephen A.	Kilmek
Adrian E.	Kleimann
Deborah	Koch
Eugene	Kolomatsky
Michael P.	Kontaxes
Monica	Korst
Frank	Kuehn
Edward W.	Kurz
Soonam	Lama
Craig	Lane
Cleve	Lane
Donald W.	Langlois
John	LaTorre
Dennis B.	Laughlin
Matthew P.	Le Clerc
Anthony M.	Lee, Jr.
Robert C.	Lent
Kira	Leonard
Nina A.	Lindley
Vincent	Liotta
Robert	Lipari
Patricia M.	Locke
Charles C.	Lockwood
Debra F.	Loft



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Ruth	Long
Lillian J	Lovitt
Michael	Lozier
Lillibet	Luto
Karen A.	Mac Fadden
Claudia	Macaluso
Michelle L.	MacIntyre
Odd	Magnussen
Julie	Manzer
Peter P.	Marcinkevich
Laura	Marcley
Paul	Marinello
Scott	Marino
Joseph	Markey
Robert	Marquez, Jr.
Emily	Martin
Michael B.	Martin
Heather	Martin
Charles C.	Matteson
Shara	Mc Callum
Jason T.	McManus
Kevin M.	Mead
Tracy	Mella
Sandra	Merchant-Gillingh
Harold E.	Meres
Connie	Merwin
David B.	Merwin III
Melanny A.	Mickel
Stephen G.	Miller
Robert A.	Mitchell
Samantha	Moleski
Paul P.	Monje
Richard T.	Monko
David A.	Monroe
Dolly J.	Monroe
Abelardo	Montnez
Phyllis	Moore
Michael D.	Moore
Shannon E.	Moore
Thomas	Moore, Jr.
Renay M.	Morrell
Jeff	Morrell
Carl	Morrell
Dawn	Morris
Mary J.	Morse

Floyd	Moseman
Robert A.	Moseman
Stacey	Mueller
Karen	Murfitt
Terri M.	Murphy
Julius	Nagy
Richard M.	Nason
James	Nattrass
Kelsey	Neave
Carolyn A.	Neer
David	Nelson
Thomas	Newman
Jerome T.	Nial, Jr
Thomas J.	Niemiec
Mariah	Nitsky
Joseph A.	Nolan
Jennifer	Oakley
Margaret M.	O'Connor
Jennifer	O'Dell
D.	Ogden
Donald T.	Ogden
Elaina	Osterhout
Richard L.	Owen
Ronald W.	Page, Jr.
Philip M.	Palazzo, Jr.
James L.	Palmer
Bobbi-Lynn	Palmer
Cathy	Palumbo
Melody	Pangburn
Fatima C.	Pangillo
Irene	Papadopoulos
Ronald J.	Panny
Bruno	Parodi
Jeffery	Parslow
Dawn	Patterson
Karen A.	Patterson
Anna May	Pearsall
Eric	Pedersen
Ian	Penson
David	Phillippe
Brett	Pidgeon
Bruce G.	Piesecki
Paige A.	Pistone
Martha	Pledger
Louis R.	Ponterio
Patricia	Pomeroy

John	Posa
Vincent	Presico
Nathan	Purcell
Martin S.	Quinn
Feroze	Rahim
John	Radice
David B.	Ramsey
Susan A.	Rawlins
Sommer	Reed
Michael P.	Reed
Heather R.	Rieck
Roger	Riehl
Heather	Rings
Helen	Rivenburgh
Mike	Roberts
Marcus	Robinson
Amanda	Robinson
Herbert R	Rockwell
Gary E.	Rosa
Quentin	Roe
Karl	Rosenberg
Jim	Roxbury
Peter	Rudnicki
Laura	Ruff
Rose	Ryan
Bonnie	Rydz
Joseph C.	Sackett
Vincent	Salamone
Sandra	Santos
Wayne N.	Santos
John	Sanzone
Anthony	Sapienza, Sr.
Susan M.	Sapienza, Sr.
Filippo	Saracino
Pamela	Sargent, Jr.
Thomas H.	Sargent, Jr.
Wendy	Schoelier
Mary E.	Schordine
Anthony	Schorr
Inge	Schroek
Carl H.	Schulte
Lisa	Scott
Stefanie	Scully
Donna	Seager
Becky-Ann	Sears
Diana	Seiger

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Paige	Shaul
Roxanne	Shaw
Kerry	Shear
Michael C.	Sheldon
Francine E	Shelton
Walter	Shelton Jr
Bert	Sherman
David	Shibley
Christopher J.	Shine
Nancy R.	Short
Kimberly	Shults
Kristina	Sidote-Keller
Christy	Sietsma
Deborah F.	Simcox
James	Sites
Wendy	Slicer
Tina	Sliwa
Adrian E.	Slusser
Jerry S.	Smith
Linda	Smith
Alice E.	Smith
Robert S.	Smith
David	Smith
Brenda Lee	Snyder
Andrea	Snyder
Wanda M	Snyder
Joanne	Socci
Thomas	Soja
Michael	Spencer
Galen M.	Sperbecck
Douglas W.	Sprague
Conrad	Spry
Airelle	Spry
Jeri W.	Stafford
Tammy	Stankovich
Carol D.	Stenz
Joseph	Stolz
Susan	Stone
Justin	Stratton
Robert	Stratton
William J.	Sutton
Rebecca L.	Swart
Stephen E.	Sweet
John F.	Synan, Jr.

Neal A.	Tarbox, Jr.
Rosemary	Thomas
Thomas E.	Thompson
Darlene	Tiger
Michael A.	Tognino
Duane	Tompkins
Joseph	Torch
Betty	Tuttle
Donna M.	Van Dusen
Joyce A.	Van Sickle
Micheale J.	Vanacore
Robert C.	Vandenburg
Timothy M.	Vaughn
Dennis	Visco
Dianne	Vitale
Matthew	Vittucci
Thomas P.	Walker
Robert J.	Walker, II
Michael D.	Walts
Allen B.	Wamsley
Stephanie	White
Doreen T.	White
Lydia	Wicks
Eugene	Wilke
Brian R.	Wilkie
Brian	Williams
Ronald	Willimas
Susan	Winkler
Vincent	Wodzenski
Brian A.	Wood
Jesse	Woodard
Clifford	Worden
James R.	Wright
James	Wright
Michelle L.	Wright
Kelly A.	Wyfeels
Pamela A.	Zuk
Kim E.	Zupo
Bearkat Brewery	
ERA Clark Real Estate	
Sumner of New York	
LLC Conklin Hill Blue	
Pinnacle Construction	



**Member  
Advisory Group**

**DCEC will be establishing member advisory groups to offer DCEC members an opportunity to take an active role in providing feedback, increasing access to services, identifying innovative solutions, and improving the overall quality of energy efficiency and conservation services available to members. If you are interested in serving on a DCEC Member Advisory Group please contact Administrative Assistant Alicia VanZandt at (607) 746-9299.**



## Call Before You Dig!

As spring time comes upon us we all have projects that we've waited all winter to get started and the spring weather excites us to get outside. Many of these projects include digging or excavating. Some may be big projects and others just simple things that really don't seem like much at all, but, regardless of what we may be digging it is very important to call 811 before we begin.

811 or Dig Safely New York, as many of you know, is a free service for people to call to be sure that before you begin any project that requires digging or any type of excavation that the area to be excavated is clear of any underground utilities. These can include electric lines, gas lines, water lines, and other phone or communication cables.

It is the law to make these calls to prevent not only damage to utilities but, to also protect the public from any of the danger that can be caused by coming in contact with these types of underground facilities.

Any damage caused to any types of these facilities that have not been called in to be located and flagged or painted will be the responsibility of those doing the excavation to pay for the repairs.

Anyone who has an underground electric service going to your home can certainly call the Electric Cooperative to have this line located. This is a cost free service to our members and we encourage you to take advantage of this.

Remember as we prepare for our upcoming projects, before you dig call 811.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

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## Please Make Room for Roadside Crews

When the power goes out, so do DCEC's line crews. Lineworkers are often the first to respond after an outage occurs. They work tirelessly to restore power to the communities that we serve and to do so, they may need to use the roadside area to make repairs. At other times, it may be necessary for DCEC line crews to make use of the roadside area to construct new facilities or to maintain existing lines.

If you're traveling and you see DCEC crews working by the side of the road, we kindly ask that you slow down and move over if it is safe to do so, allowing them extra space to do their work. DCEC is committed to fostering a safe work environment for its employees. This extra precaution will help to ensure the safety of DCEC line workers and you, too.

Utility crews aren't the only ones who could use the extra space. Emergency responders, such as police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians often respond to emergency situations near busy roadways. We ask that you follow the same precautions previously mentioned to help keep these crews safe as well.

There's plenty of room for all. Let's work together.





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For More Information or to Confirm Compatibility Please Contact DCEC at (607) 746-2341.

### Meter Safety

During the summer months insects find safety in your electric meter causing meter malfunctioning. Please keep your meter free from overgrowth and plants that attract pests.



### Is Your Location Number in This Issue?



Your service location number begins with two letters and is located on your bill next to your account number. Keep your eyes peeled for the “hidden location number” in this newsletter! If you find the number, and it is your service location you will receive a DCEC fleece sweatshirt! **Good luck!**

### DCEC Annual Meeting Friday, September 20, 2019

The Annual Meeting is your opportunity to ask questions about your cooperative. We value your input and are always looking for ways to serve you better.

Event begins at 4:30 p.m. with a Brooks BBQ Dinner and the Business Meeting to follow.

#### Attention Members—Annual Meeting Agenda

For those of you interested in adding an item on the agenda for the *Annual Meeting of Members* please review **Member Participation in Annual Meetings of Members Policy** listed on DCEC’s website, www.dce.coop, under About Us > DCEC Bylaws & Policies > Public, Member & Government Relations > Member Participation in Annual Meetings of Members or call the office directly at (607) 746-2341.

**Congratulations**  
to all Co-op Staff Members  
for going 15 years without an  
on-road vehicle accident.  
Safe Driving is No Accident!  
**KEEP UP THE  
GOOD WORK!!**

CATSKILL HI-LINE is a Publication of the Delaware County Electric Cooperative, Inc. and is published bi-monthly for the membership. This newsletter has articles submitted by CEO/ General Manager Mark Schneider, Engineering & Technology Manager Paul DeAndrea, Operations Manager Ryan Sullivan, Systems Coordinator Larry Soule, Billing Specialist Rosemary Alwine, and Administrative Assistant Alicia VanZandt.

The information contained herein is designed to promote action and discussion among members. Statements published do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Cooperative. The information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, and the editor has exercised reasonable care to assure its accuracy.

### Operations Update

Line crews are wrapping up make ready in Masonville, Tompkins, Hamden, and Davenport on behalf of Delhi Telephone, Margaretville Telephone and Spectrum. Crew have regular work planned on Clark Road and Randall Hill in the town of Masonville.

Right of way crews will be trimming trees and mowing in Hamden, Franklin and Delhi.

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