

## Powering Our Rural Communities

### DCEC to Hold Annual Meeting

The Delaware County Electric Cooperative will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, September 10th at the Delaware Academy & Central School in Delhi. As always, the meeting gives members a chance to gather for a barbecue chicken dinner, hear reports on the activities of the co-op over the past year and learn about plans for the future. Members will also vote on matters of DCEC business including the election of three members of the board of directors (see page 2 for more details).



*DCEC members enjoying their chicken BBQ at the 2009 Annual Meeting*

The DCEC board is recommending that members approve a resolution that will allow DCEC to transition away from being regulated by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and allow the cooperative to determine its own rate structure. NYPA is supportive of the change. Directors state that this would provide DCEC greater flexibility to be more responsive to the needs of the membership over time. DCEC will be hosting several informational meetings later this summer for members to learn more about the resolution (see page 6 for more details).

More information on the Annual Meeting will be presented in a special August issue of this newsletter.

### Members Receive Solar Grants... Additional Funds Available

Five DCEC members have been awarded incentive grants to install solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on their homes. PV systems, which convert sunlight into electricity are a non-polluting renewable energy resource. The grants, made available through the New York Power Authority (NYPA), total \$125,000 and are intended to offset the higher costs of installing renewable energy systems.



*Electrical Contractor, Jim Tucker standing on his property with his own PV/Solar system and showing off a solar panel*

Engineering Manager Paul DeAndrea said during May, members Jean and Tim McCumber, Lata Kennedy, Steven Adler and Deidre Hillis all submitted the required design documentation to receive the initial payment under the program. Sue McLellan and Donald Harris were also awarded the initial grant incentive. The total electric capacity provided by those systems will be 25.5 kilowatts.

“Our members were very interested in the program,” said DCEC Operations Manager, Wayne Marshfield. “Funding was over-subscribed.” At DCEC’s request an additional \$100K has been made available to fund additional installations (see page 6 for more details).

### Commentary: The Future of Our Nation’s Energy Policy

On April 20, 2010, an explosion on an off-shore drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico changed energy policy in the United States. In addition to the deaths and injuries that occurred to platform workers, the tragic accident has caused the release of 35,000 barrels of crude oil each day into Gulf water. Beyond the environmental and economic impact that this accident has caused, the event will shape national (and perhaps international) energy policy for decades to come.

The electric utility industry finds itself in a true predicament. Approximately 70% of the electricity consumed in the U.S. today is produced from fossil fuels. Concerns over Global Warming, together with the oil rig explosion, will likely result in national legislation or direct regulation that will severely restrict the use of these fuels in the future. This will lead to a trend away from using our nation’s most abundant and indigenous fuel sources (coal and natural gas). With legitimate concerns over deep-water drilling and over drilling methods proposed for Marcellus Shale natural gas, the long-term political pressure against these resources that fuel our transportation, electricity and industrial sectors of our economy is expected to be significant.

A viable technical option to fossil fuels is nuclear energy, something that has received support from the Obama Administration. Unfortunately, despite an incredible safety record of “western” reactors, this is a game of high-stakes poker for the utility industry

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## New Nominating Process for Identifying DCEC Board Candidates

DCEC members received a letter in their June electric bills outlining a new process for becoming a candidate to serve on the DCEC Board of Directors. The DCEC Board issued the letter to improve transparency and openness of the process with the members.

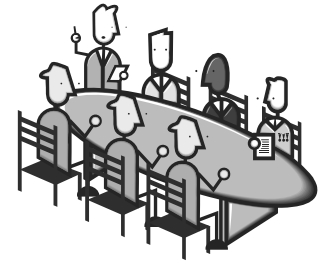
Each July, a nominating committee is formed to identify qualified candidates who are interested in serving on the board. Members interested in becoming a candidate for open director seats were required to send a letter addressing several specific questions to the DCEC office by July 2nd.

Seats up for election in 2010 include: District #4 (Towns of Kortright and Stamford), District #6 (Towns of Delhi and Bovina), and District #8 (Towns of Masonville, Sidney, Tompkins and Bainbridge).

The nominating committee will officially select candidates during their upcoming meeting on July 7th which will be presented in a special August edition of this newsletter.

In accordance with DCEC bylaws, members may also become candidates by petition and/or become nominated from the floor at the annual meeting.

DCEC directors serve three-year terms. They provide corporate governance and oversight to the cooperative.



## Energy Policy Continued from Page 1...

with plants taking over 10 years and \$6B to develop! Until the U.S. government deals with failed policies relating to the long-term disposal of nuclear waste, it is likely this technology option will remain, at best, a high-risk and long-term solution.

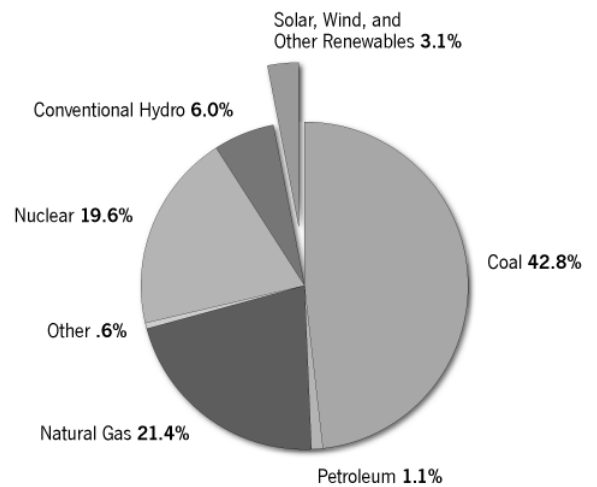
So, why not renewable energy? Good question. Renewable resources MUST be part of a long-term national (and state) energy policy (unfortunately, neither exists today). But, to suggest that renewable resources like wind and solar will solve our problem is both naïve and misleading. These unpredictable resources cannot replace the predictable “base load” generation that we depend on from fossil or nuclear generation sources. Despite the political rhetoric that we routinely hear from candidates and elected officials that these renewable resources are “the answer”, local residents that live in Stamford, Richmondville, Meredith, Cherry Valley, Andes, etc. know all too well the opposition of sighting such plants. Further, the markets for “renewable attributes” and other incentives that make these projects economically viable have evaporated with the economic recession which began in 2008 and still continues today. Development of new renewable resources has ground to a halt in New York State.

Energy and environmental issues will most certainly be a major discussion in the upcoming mid-term elections. The controversy over many of these issues make this a very difficult topic for our elected officials since whatever their position, it will likely enrage some special interests. But, like with Federal and State budget deficits, we must elect officials who have the courage to confront these difficult issues on our behalf, even at the risk of going against public opinion. As we listen to candidates in upcoming months, ask them how they suggest our country should simultaneously: 1) reduce dependence on fossil fuels, 2) reduce dependence on imported fuel sources, 3) create an environment that allows for the economic viability of renewable resources, 4) create an environment that allows our economy to recover and grow, 5) maintain stewardship to the environment and, (6) (something very close to the heart of the staff and board at DCEC) keep electric rates affordable for American consumers.

Let's listen carefully.

Greg Starheim, CEO & General Manager

U.S. Electric Generation Mix



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## DCEC Needs to Update Member Contact Information

We need your help! The following is a list of members that we are unable to locate. Please contact our office with any information that would be helpful in finding them or their nearest relative. Thank you!

Adams, Paul	Cotton, Robert D	Gabrielsen, Harald	Holm, E
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All, Ken	Crum-Christman Farm Prop	Gage, Henry P.	Jahn, Betty
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Archer, Colleen	Daran, Laura	Gavett, James	Johnson, Frank A.
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Chylack Casimir	Fletcher, Edward C.	Herzig, Gary	Levolello, Joseph
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## Member Contact Information (Continued from Page 3)

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Marcisz Estate, Lillian	Paganica, Jiovanna	Sawicki, William	Van Ness Jr, Sherman W
Mark, Ingrid	Pagnotta, Frank	Scalzo, G.	Van Valkenburg, Denny L
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Marzocco, Philip J.	Pardee, Bradly C.	Seely, Reginal	Vesel, George S.
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Mc Devitt, Steve J	Prehna, William	Simon, Keith	Wangler, Mildred E.
Mc Donald, Kenneth	Prentice, Stanley R.	Siple, Clifton	Weber, Emil
Mc Mullen, Thomas Daniel	Presti, Charles	Skala, Colleen	Weber, Jr Edwin J.
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Mueller, Renhold	Roe, Leilani	Theall, Ralph D	
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## St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Forms Electric Cooperative

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has decided to get into the electric business. Earlier this year, the Tribe decided that it would be in the best interests of its members if it became its own electric utility. After evaluating various legal forms of business, they formed the Mohawk Electric Cooperative (MEC). The utility would serve their Akwesasne Territory near Massena, NY.

“The Tribe benchmarked and consulted with rural electric cooperatives, including the DCEC”, said Dan Duthie, attorney advising the tribe in their pursuit. “The Tribal Council concluded that a not-for-profit utility based on cooperative principals of democratic member control/ownership and independence would best serve the members of the Tribe.”

Through negotiations with National Grid, the investor-owned utility who historically provided electric service to the area, the Mohawk Tribe is acquiring the power distribution system on the reservation.

“We’re very pleased that the Tribe shares our opinion that an electric cooperative business model best serves consumers”, offered Frank Winkler, DCEC Board President. “We look forward to a cooperative relationship with them over time.”

## Your Co-op In the Community



DCEC CEO, Greg Starheim & Engineering Technology Manager, Paul DeAndrea speak to participants of Cornell Cooperative Extension’s 29th Annual Spring Housing Tour at the Delaware County Landfill Waste-to-Energy Project



DCEC employee Randy Tweedie demonstrates electrical safety to Townsend Elementary 4th graders in Walton

## Event Reminder

**DCEC Annual Meeting  
Friday, September 10, 2010**



**The Delaware County Fair is coming!  
August 16-21, 2010**



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July 31—August 1  
For more info visit [www.artandsoulofthecatsskills.com](http://www.artandsoulofthecatsskills.com)

## DCEC and Youth Delegate Visit Washington D.C.



Kristen Starheim of Stamford and a Junior at Jefferson Central School, was chosen by the DCEC Board of Directors as the 2010 DCEC Youth Delegate. Kristen accompanied DCEC officials on a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with government representatives and participate in the 2010 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Legislative Conference. Kristen will be reporting on her experience at the Legislative Conference at the upcoming DCEC annual meeting on Friday, September 10, 2010.

Kristen was chosen from a pool of very qualified applicants. “She has true leadership qualities which show in all of her extra-curricular activities”, said Frank Winkler, DCEC Board President. “She has a wonderful personality and we are proud that she was chosen to represent DCEC at the NRECA Legislative Conference.”

Photo to left: DCEC’s Legislative Youth Delegate Kristen Starheim & NYS Congressman Paul Tonko

## Operations Update



DCEC line crews continue to rebuild a five mile section of line in the Skip Gray and Huntley Hollow Road areas in the Town of Colchester. Approximately four miles have been completed to date with the balance to be completed by the end of September. In conjunction with this work, DCEC crews will be replacing defective utility poles in the Andes and Colchester areas.

DCEC through KW Reese (our contractor) continues to clear right of ways in the Fall Clove Rd. (Andes) and Terry Clove Rd. (Hamden) areas. Upon completion of these areas the plan is to move to Honest Brook Rd. (Delhi).

DCEC crews are also clearing utility right-of-way on Russell Road (Franklin and Walton), White Hill Road (Walton), Teed Road (Walton and Sidney), County Rte. 23 and Budine Roads (Sidney), and Loomis Brook (Walton).

For more information on any of these projects please feel free to contact the DCEC office at (607) 746-2341.



Shown Above: DCEC Employees: Jim Bright and wife Jean, Greg Starheim, also DCEC Director Tom Lubbers and wife Donna all participated in the Stamford Flag Day Parade on June 14th

## Meet The DCEC Employees!

### This Month: Dave Schmidt



After 10 years of contributing to DCEC's right-of-way clearing crew, Dave Schmidt was recently promoted to Apprentice Lineman. His new job duties include assisting in building lines and setting utility poles. "I enjoy everything I do," he says.

He enjoys working outside. "I like working with a great group of guys and keeping everybody's power on," he says.

Keeping up with the newest technology and learning his new job presents a challenge.

Dave, 32, lives in Sidney Center with his girlfriend, Josie, and his son Skylar, 7.



## Congratulations to the Graduating Classes of 2010!



## Do You Know the Seven Cooperative Principles?

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community



### Office Closing Reminder:

The DCEC office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in recognition of Labor Day

### Capital Credit Checks

General retirement capital credit checks issued in December 2009 that have not been cashed have now been voided. Please contact our office if you are still in possession of one of these checks.

## Upcoming Membership Informational Meetings

DCEC will be hosting informational meetings for our members regarding the proposed resolution for the upcoming Annual Meeting in September. Area DCEC Board of Directors and management will be on hand to share information and answer any questions members may have. Meetings will be held:

- \* Wed. 7/28 @ 7:00 pm at the Andes Fire Hall
- \* Sat. 7/31 @ 2:00 pm at the Walton Town Hall
- \* Thurs. 8/5 @ 7:00 pm at the Hobart Fire Hall

## Members Can Apply for Residential Solar/PV Incentive Funding

DCEC members are being given another chance to apply for solar energy grant funding. DCEC has received an additional \$100,000 in funding from NYPA to continue the program. Additional grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. New grants will be awarded up to \$3/watt with a maximum of \$20,000 per recipient.

Details on the program and application requirements are available at [www.dce.coop](http://www.dce.coop).



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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!**

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