

Powering Our Rural Communities

DCEC Helps to Restore Power In Rockville Centre Long Island



DCEC Linemen Doug Rosa, Mike Pietrantonio, Scott Tuttle, and Jim Green with Rockville Centre Mayor Bossart receiving recognition for their help during a major storm in March

Pursuant to the cooperative spirit, it is common for electric cooperatives to lend assistance to each other during times of severe power outages so that service can be restored to members as quickly as possible. But when CEO Greg Starheim received a call for assistance on Sunday, March 14th, it wasn't a typical request for "mutual aid".

On Saturday, March 13th, heavy rains and severe winds wreaked havoc with the electrical infrastructure throughout Long Island and downstate New York. This included the utility network of the Village of Rockville Centre in Nassau County, on the south-side of Long Island. When it became obvious that assistance was needed, Rockville Centre Superintendent Paul Pallas put out a call for assistance and the closest utility that had resources available was DCEC.

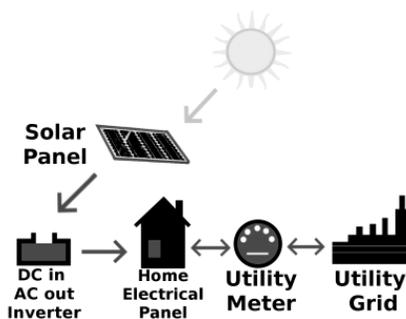
"It's pretty unusual for us to be on Long Island," said Line Foreman Doug Rosa. "It was a very different experience, especially working across folk's fenced-in backyards." Rosa, along with veteran Linemen Scott Tuttle, Jimmy Green and Mike Pietrantonio all traveled to Rockville Centre to lend a hand

over a six day period of time. "They got hit pretty hard" said, Scott Tuttle. "There were many old and large trees uprooted taking down lines throughout their system".

"We were very glad to have helped out Rockville Centre," said Starheim. We have a very close relationship with the municipal electric systems throughout the state and although their systems look very different than ours, we have many common interests."

"DCEC was invaluable to helping us restore power to our village citizens," said Mayor Mary Bossart. "The guys worked very well with our staff. We were very impressed with them and very appreciative of their assistance."

NYPA Residential PV Program



Response by DCEC members to the Residential Solar-Photovoltaic (PV) Incentive Program has been very positive. Earlier this year, this program was made available to DCEC members through grant funding provided by the NYPA. As of April 15th,

all available incentive funding had been awarded to five DCEC members. Member applications were considered on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. The total power capacity associated with these installation is 31 kW. All five installations will operate in a "grid-parallel" mode on a "net metered" basis. DCEC will aggregate and market the environmental attributes produced by these PV systems. DCEC is exploring with NYPA whether additional funding can be made available to support the remaining applications that were received.

Outage and Operations Update



DCEC Linemen working at the Kortright Sub

Consistent with strong utility practices, DCEC annually conducts a thorough "infrared" inspection of substations and other critical facilities. This technology helps identify problem areas by showing high temperatures that are

caused by high electrical resistant and/or arcing. On March 31st, this routine testing procedure detected severe over-heating of a regulator bypass switch in the DCEC Dryden Brook Substation. Although not visible to the naked eye, the testing revealed temperatures exceeding 300 degrees F indicating a developing yet severe problem that would have resulted in an extended outage had it not been detected. Immediately, DCEC scheduled a two hour unplanned emergency outage to correct the situation.

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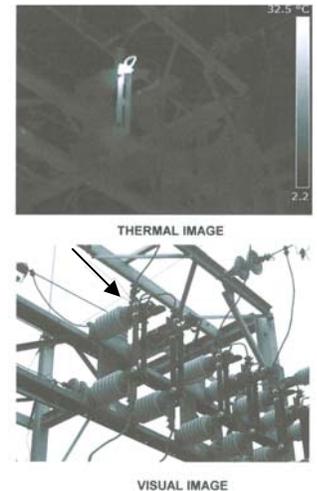
Members affected were in the Towns of Walton, Masonville, Sidney, Franklin and Tompkins. DCEC linemen successfully repaired the switch. We sincerely appreciate the understanding of our members during this emergency outage and apologize for an inconvenience it might have caused.

On April 22nd a planned outage occurred at the DCEC South Kortright Substation for the purpose of repairing and adjusting a 115kv substation high side switch. Recently, intermittent arcing was observed and reported by a nearby cooperative member. Due to the voltage involved and the proximity of the switch, a coordinated planned outage was scheduled with our transmission supplier. Fortunately, the switch was successfully repaired avoiding what could have been a much more serious outage. We thank the members in the Bovina, Kortright, Meredith, Harpersfield, and Davenport areas for their understanding and cooperation.

For the next couple of months, DCEC line crews will continue to reconstruct five miles of single phase electric line on Coles Clove and Huntley Hollow Roads in the Town of Colchester. About 1 ½ miles of the project has already been completed with the balance of the project scheduled for completion by the fall of 2010. Members in these areas may experience short unplanned outages during this period as this work continues.

DCEC contractor KW Reese is continuing vegetation clearing of right of ways in the Fall Clove, Murphy Hill and Fish Hollow Roads in the Town of Andes and on East Terry Clove Road in the Town of Hamden. They will be using a mowing machine where the terrain permits and should be completed with the above areas within the next couple of months.

DCEC crews will be right of way clearing in the Franklin and Walton areas of Freer Hollow, Palmer Hill, Russell, D'Agostino roads and County Route 21. Completion of the clearing in these areas should be sometime in June. For more information on any of these projects please call the DCEC office.



Above: Thermal imaging that shows the glow of a bad regulator bypass switch. Below: The actual photo with an arrow showing where that switch is located.

DCEC Board Recommending Member Approval of Resolution

Plans are underway for the 2010 DCEC Annual Meeting on September 10, 2010. The meeting will once again be held at the Delaware Academy & Central School.

The DCEC Board will be proposing that members approve a resolution relating to a change in how the cooperative structures its rate schedule. This resolution was presented to members at the 2009 meeting but the vote was deemed inconclusive due to confusion that occurred last year over membership registration and voting. The DCEC Board elected to postpone the vote on the resolution to ensure members got full opportunity to learn about why the Board is recommending this change and to give members the opportunities to ask questions.

Currently, DCEC is the only electric cooperative in New York State that remains regulated. Cooperatives are local in nature and directors are elected by the members to make decisions in the best-interest of the members. For that reason, and based on various disputes between DCEC and our current regulator, the board believes that members would be better served by this action. More details on this resolution and the Annual Meeting will be forthcoming in future newsletters.



DCEC CEO Greg Starheim visits with DCEC members Gordon and Theresa Miller of Jefferson at the 2009 Annual Meeting

Starheim Selected As Student Youth Delegate



DCEC Youth Delegate, Kristen Starheim

The Delaware County Electric Cooperative (DCEC) announces the selection of Kristen Starheim from Jefferson Central School as their 2010 Student Youth Delegate. As a Youth Delegate, Kristen represented DCEC at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. that was scheduled for May 2-5, 2010. Kristen is the daughter of Greg and Elaine Starheim of Stamford.

Each year, 11TH grade sons and daughters of DCEC members are given the opportunity to apply and be considered to represent the cooperative at this national event. Students are selected based on their academic achievement, involvement in extra-curricular activities, letters of recommendation, and service to the community.

As a Youth Delegate, Kristen accompanied DCEC officials to Washington. She joined representatives from 900 other rural electric co-ops in meetings with Congressional leaders on Capitol Hill.

2010 Board of Director Nominations

Annually, 3 directors on the DCEC board complete their 3-year terms. Elections for director positions occur at the co-ops Annual Meeting in September each year. DCEC has 9 directors comprising its Board representing each of the nine districts that represent the co-ops service territory. In accordance with DCEC bylaws a nominating committee is formed to identify interested candidates for a 3-year director position. If you are a member of the Cooperative, at least 21 years old and are interested in being a candidate, or if you would like additional information, contact the DCEC office or any of the current Board members.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Cooperative, the Nominating Committee must meet and prepare a list of nominees at least 60 days before the Annual Meeting to make nominations for six candidates, three of whom will be voted in as directors, at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Members, to be held September 10, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

The names of the Directors whose terms are expiring are:

District No. 4: Meg Hungerford —Towns of Kortright and Stamford, Delaware County.

District No. 6: Stephen G. Oles—Towns of Delhi and Bovina, Delaware County.

District No. 8: Ernest W. Bartz—Towns of Masonville, Sidney and Tompkins, Delaware County.

The Committee will meet at least once at the DCEC office at 39 Elm Street, Delhi, New York on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of discussing and nominating at least two candidates for each of the above positions.

Nominations for directors are governed by Article 4, Section 3, of the Bylaws. A director may be nominated in three ways: two ways in advance of the meeting and one at the meeting.

✎ The first way is by the **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**. Each year the Nominating Committee meets to consider at least two candidates to run for director in districts up for election. This year they meet on July 7, 2010.

✎ The second way is by **PETITION**. Any 15 or more members may petition the Cooperative to place a qualified member on the ballot. This must be done not less than 15 days before the Annual Meeting.

✎ The third way is by **NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**.

A member's name may be placed as a candidate for election by a nomination from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Rules regulating Director elections are outlined in DCEC's bylaws which are available on www.dce.coop. Voting for directors is covered by Article 3, Section 5. Each member may cast one ballot for a nominee in each district. This year there are three positions to be filled so each member may cast one vote for three candidates.

A husband and wife holding a joint membership may cast one vote for three nominees, one from each district (joint membership is covered by Article 1, Section 3). ✎

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DCEC Hosts Carbon Verifier

DCEC's Delaware County Waste-to-Energy Project has been successfully operating since December of 2008. Since that time the renewable energy project has been producing electrical energy for DCEC members along with environmental attribute credits. The station "generates" these attributes as it destroys the methane gas naturally produced by decomposing solid waste at the landfill through its use as a fuel in an engine generator. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas source, generally considered to be 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide. DCEC can market the results of the destruction of methane in specialty markets. Revenues derived from the sale of these environmental attributes help to fray operating expenses and benefit members. DCEC is working with its business partner, Carbon Solutions Group, to market these "carbon credits" in the Climate Action Reserve market, located in California. Participation in this market requires DCEC to meet specified protocols with respect to the measurement and data collection of the methane gas produced by the landfill. An independent verifier, Ruby Canyon Engineers, visited DCEC and the project on April 30th to conduct and audit the operating processes and methods. Delaware County Department of Public Works also participated in these meetings.



From right to left: Mark Maloney of Carbon Solutions group and Sally Phipps from Ruby Canyon Engineers on-site at the Delaware County Waste-to-Energy Project.

DCEC Employees Complete Training

The following DCEC employees recently completed training to improve their job skills to better serve our members:

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| Alan MacGibbon
<i>Apprentice Lineman</i> | Basic Climbing School |
| Dave Schmidt
<i>Saw Operator 1</i> | Basic Climbing School |
| All DCEC Linemen | Pole Top Rescue Training |
| Wayne Marshfield
<i>Operations Manager</i> | NRECA Supervisory Certification |
| Millie Faulkner
<i>Finance Manager</i> | NRECA Supervisory Certification |



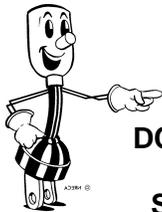
Meet The DCEC Employees! This Month: Bob Coager



Bob Coager joined DCEC as a part of the Tree Crew in 1976 part-time. From there he moved on and became the Tree Crew Foreman and today he is now a 1st Class Lineman.

“I really enjoy the guys I work with and I just want everyone to go home safe at the end of the day. The folks in the office are great to work with too.”

Bob is a South Kortright Central School graduate. He lives in Bloomville with his wife, Peg. He has also recently become a grandfather to a beautiful new granddaughter, Addy.



Mark Your Calendars!

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

Community Calendar



**Stamford Flag Day
Parade
June 14, 2010**



Annual Civil War Re-enactment at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Walton. Friday, May 28th to Sunday, May 30th from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm. Free! For a schedule of activities call (607) 865-6656.



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2009 DCEC Capital Credits Allocated

Delaware County Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that the 2009 Capital Credits have been allocated. This is the net margin, after all financials have been completed and audited, that is returned to the members. The amount that is allocated to each member is based on the total KWHs consumed by that member. Please look for your 2009 allocation on your May 2010 bill.

