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HOWARD SELECTED AS STUDENT LEGISLATIVE DELEGATE

The Delaware County Electric Cooperative (DCEC) announces today the selection of Erica Howard of Sidney Central School as their 2009 Student Youth Delegate. As a Youth Delegate, Erica will represent DCEC at the upcoming National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. that is scheduled for May 3-6, 2009. Erica is the daughter of Kenneth & Ellen Howard of Sidney Center.

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.

"We were very impressed with Erica", says Frank Winkler, DCEC President. "This is an excellent opportunity for Erica to see first-hand the legislative process of our country."

As a Youth Delegate, Erica will accompany DCEC officials to Washington D.C. She will join representatives from 900 other rural electric co-ops in meetings with

Congressional leaders on Capitol Hill to discuss critical issues facing the energy industry.

DCEC is a non-profit, rural electric cooperative utility serving over 5,200 residential, commercial and industrial members/customers throughout Delaware, Schoharie, Otsego and Chenango Counties. Rural electric cooperatives represent the largest utility association nationally servicing over 65% of the U.S. geography and over 17% of the U.S. population.