
Sidney Grants Franchise To Delaware Co. Electric

SIDNEY – The Village of Sidney granted a franchise to Delaware County Electric Cooperative to provide electric services within the village following a public hearing Monday night.

The franchise grants Delaware County Electric Cooperative the right to build, operate and maintain an electric distribution plant in the village to provide electric service. The focus is on Amphenol with the cooperative to provide low cost power to the firm's new site as part of an economic incentive package worked out last fall in cooperation with Delaware Co. IDA.

General Manager/CEO of

Delaware County Electric Cooperative Greg Starheim made a presentation at the hearing.

In response to a question raised by one of several people at the hearing regarding the availability of power through the cooperative to others in the village, the answer was that if the premises is already served by NYSEG the cooperative can't serve them. A possible exception is if the premises is upgrading to a higher service. The village was told that it is the cooperative's intent to come up with a way to reimburse the village for any short fall in the gross receipt taxes that the village would have received from NYSEG.