

## Powering Our Rural Communities

### Participating Members Benefit from Heat Pump Hot Water Heater Program



DCEC members that submitted a heat pump hot water heater program application and whose homes were eligible (per the information on the application) are now having the systems installed in their homes. The Cooperative has contracted with Wire Nutz Electric and Beveridge Plumbing of Delhi and to date have installed 21 Rheem Heat Pump Hot Water Heaters entirely funded from a NYSERDA grant. The heaters have replaced an assortment of electric, oil and propane conventional hot water heaters. Without exception, all 21 units are performing superbly. The units are operating at varying efficiencies, depending on the amount of heat

the cellars supply to the units.

Pictured is an installed unit at the Don and Bonnie Fleming residence in Delhi. This unit replaces an oil fired hot water heater. According to Don, “The unit produces an abundant amount of hot water and will really be appreciated in the summer when there will be no need for our boiler to operate. This will save us hundreds on fuel oil costs.”

Wire Nutz Electric and Beveridge Plumbing have received many calls complementing their professional and courteous service to our members. We have 19 more units to install for completion of the project, and thus far everyone has done a great job!

### Portion of Power Cost Adjustment Charge (PCA) Shifted to Energy Charge Line on Bills

All members of the Cooperative will see a change on their April 2013 bills. The Power Cost Adjustment line item on your bill will be reduced by \$0.0079 per kWh and the Energy Charge line item will be increased by \$0.0079 per kWh. The change is being made to move the Cooperative’s power costs and non-power costs into their most appropriate place on members’ bills. This change will not increase or decrease your total bill amount.

### DCEC Membership Matters

Folks on opposite sides of the road may be served by different electric providers, some by stockholder-driven investor-owned utilities, others a city-owned municipal electric system. We are a not-for-profit electric cooperative owned by you and your fellow members.



Photo courtesy of NRECA

But there’s one major difference between these entities. Every home or business that receives power from an electric cooperative—18 million in 47 states—owns a portion of the utility. As a result, anyone who receives cooperative electric service becomes a member and consumer, not a customer. Across the nation, electric co-ops serve more than 42 million people.

Being a member matters. Delaware County Electric Cooperative (DCEC) doesn’t exist to make profits for distant investors on Wall Street. We exist to provide you with safe, reliable, and affordable electric service and doing so in a way that raises the quality of life in our communities. Because electric co-ops operate on a not-for-profit basis, they have no need to increase revenues above what it takes to run the business in a financially sound manner. This structure helps keep your electric bill affordable.

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### Are You Interested in Serving on the DCEC Nominating Committee?



*See page 3 for Details*



**Save \$4.00 a month on your electric bill. Contact DCEC and ask about our hot water heater Load Management Program!**

## Membership Matters Continued from Page 1...

Membership also matters because electric co-ops care about improving the quality of life in the areas they serve. From sponsoring the local Little League teams to taking donations for the local food bank or helping out our local troops overseas, DCEC invests in local communities where you live and work.

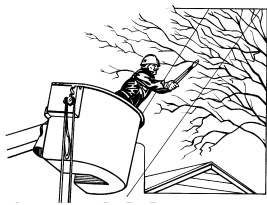
Membership matters because it entitles you to certain benefits, which include information on how to obtain a free or reduced cost energy audit, DCEC's Load Management Program (members receive a \$4.00 credit every month on their electric bill for participating) or other various energy saving programs that become available. DCEC also offers the Co-op Connections Card Program that can help save members money at local and national businesses, and on prescription costs for those without prescription coverage. Another benefit to our members is this newsletter that keeps our members aware of important co-op news and events.

Membership matters because you have a voice and a vote in how your co-op is governed. Through the democratic control of DCEC's Nominating Committee, members like you can nominate other members of the Cooperative to serve on the board of directors. (If you have an interest in serving on DCEC's Nominating Committee this year please see page 3 of this newsletter for more information.) Once the director nominations have been finalized you can then vote for those directors at your cooperative's Annual Meeting held every year. (This year DCEC's Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 4:30 pm at the Delaware Academy High School auditorium in Delhi, NY. Keep reading future newsletters and checking DCEC's website for upcoming information.)

Membership matters because you receive returns on your investment in your co-op. Electric co-ops aim to operate at-cost, so any excess revenues, or margins, are returned to members in the form of capital credits, based on their electric use.

The bottom line: Membership matters because you matter to your electric cooperative.

### Trimming Future Problems



At DCEC, we're committed to providing you with reliable power. There are some things we can't stop—high winds, ice storms, hurricanes—but we do what we can to prevent other outage culprits.

As you can probably guess, high winds and trees growing too close to power lines contribute for the majority of DCEC power outages.

To "cut back" on potential tree-related problems DCEC operates an aggressive right-of-way maintenance program. Our right-of-way crew looks for foliage growing under lines, overhanging branches, leaning or other types of "danger" trees that could pull down a power line if they fall, and trees that could grow into lines. It's a job that's never done, by the time crews finish trimming along our 780 miles of distribution lines, vegetation has started to grow back at the starting point.

In working to keep a safe, reliable, and affordable supply of power flowing to your home or business, we need your help. Let us know if you notice trees or branches that might pose a risk to our power lines. Even more important, before planting trees in your yard, think about how tall they may grow and how wide their branches may spread. As a rule of thumb, 25 feet of ground-to-sky clearance should be available on each side of our utility poles to give power lines plenty of space. Choose tree varieties with care and plant with power lines in mind.

Thanks for your help as we work together to keep electricity reliable. To report trees you think may pose a problem please call the DCEC office.

### DCEC Board Districts and Directors

<b>Northern Region</b> <b>Represented by:</b> <b>Ed "Rusty" Pick</b> <b>&amp;</b> <b>Shawn Hartwell</b>	<b>Central Region</b> <b>Represented by:</b> <b>Paul Menke,</b> <b>Steve Oles &amp; Meg</b> <b>Hungerford</b>	<b>Southern Region</b> <b>Represented by:</b> <b>Frank Winkler,</b> <b>Ernie Bartz &amp;</b> <b>Hartley Russell</b>
<b>Davenport</b>	<b>Bovina</b>	<b>Andes</b>
<b>Gilboa</b>	<b>Delhi</b>	<b>Bainbridge</b>
<b>Harpersfield</b>	<b>Franklin</b>	<b>Colchester</b>
<b>Jefferson</b>	<b>Hamden</b>	<b>Masonville</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>Kortright</b>	<b>Middletown</b>
<b>Stamford</b>	<b>Meredith</b>	<b>Sidney</b>
<b>Summit</b>		<b>Tompkins</b>
		<b>Walton</b>



Frank Winkler



Hartley Russell



Meg Hungerford



Steve Oles



Paul Menke



Shawn Hartwell



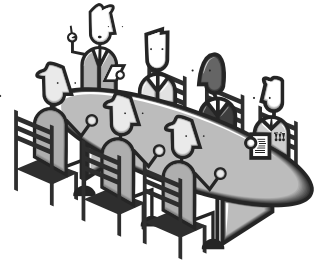
Rusty Pick



Ernie Bartz

## Nominating Committee Forming to Identify Director Candidates

Consistent with Cooperative Bylaws, a Nominating Committee is formed each spring for the purpose of identifying Cooperative members interested in serving on the DCEC Board of Directors. This committee is made up of members of the Cooperative who are interested in learning more about the governance structure of DCEC and working to identify qualified candidates to serve as directors of DCEC. The candidates that are nominated by this committee are included on the ballot for a membership vote at the Annual Meeting which takes place each September.



The board takes their governance responsibilities very seriously. Over the last few years, they have worked hard in ensuring that our director nomination process is very transparent and fair.

If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact the DCEC office by March 25, 2013. In accordance with DCEC bylaws, the committee is comprised of between 5 and 11 members representing the geographic diversity of the DCEC service area. Members serving on the committee receive a modest stipend for their service. The committee typically meets 2-3 times from April through June in the evenings.

DCEC would like to thank the members who served on the 2012 Nominating Committee: Frank Eppich, Sheila Paul, Dennis Lawrence, Thomas Courtenay-Clack, Bob Foote, Stephen Hodge, Carol LaTourette, Steven Mason, Wayne Oliver, and Wesley Warren.

## 2013 Board of Director Nominations

*As a democratic organization, Cooperative members vote each year to elect directors to represent them on the DCEC Board. Elections for director positions occur at the DCEC's Annual Meeting in September. DCEC currently has 8 directors representing three regions of the DCEC's service territory (see DCEC Board Regions chart on page 2). Directors serve 3-year terms. In accordance with the DCEC bylaws, a Nominating Committee considers members interested in serving on the board and nominates candidates for the election. If you are a full-time residential 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.*

In accordance with DCEC bylaws, the Nominating Committee must prepare a list of candidates for membership consideration at least 60 days prior to the Cooperative's Annual Meeting. The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Members is scheduled to be held September 20, 2013 at [4:30 p.m.](#)

Elections will occur at the 2013 Annual Meeting for the following regions which are currently served by:

**Central Region:** Stephen G. Oles —Towns of Bovina, Delhi, Franklin, Hamden, Kortright and Meredith.

**Central Region:** Meg Hungerford—Towns of Bovina, Delhi, Franklin, Hamden, Kortright and Meredith.

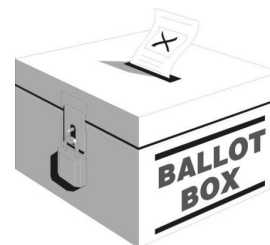
The Committee will meet from April through June at the DCEC office at 39 Elm Street, Delhi, for the purpose of identifying candidates for the above positions.

Nominations for directors are governed by Article 4 of the Bylaws. A director may be nominated either through:

- 1) The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**. The Nominating Committee meets to identify at least two candidates to run for each region up for election.
- 2) 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 45 days before the Annual Meeting.

Rules regulating director elections are outlined in DCEC's bylaws which are available on [www.dce.coop](http://www.dce.coop). Voting for directors is covered by Article 3. Each member may cast one ballot for a nominee in each region. A husband and wife holding a joint membership may cast one vote for two nominees, one from each region.



## Herbicide Treatment for Vegetation Control



### Specialty Herbicide

For the control of woody plants and broad leaf weeds on rights-of-way, industrial sites, non-crop areas, non-irrigation ditch banks, forests, and wildlife openings, including grazed areas on these sites.

**Active Ingredient:** triclopyr: 3,5, 6-trichloro-2-pyridinyloxyacetic acid, butoxyethyl ester 61.6%, **Inert Ingredients** 38.4%, **Acid**

**Equivalent:** triclopyr- 44.3% -41b/gal. Contains petroleum distillates

EPA Reg. No. 62719-40, EPA Est. 464-MI-1, Net Content 2.5 gal

**Precautionary Statements:** Keep Out of Reach of Children. Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals

### CAUTION

**Harmful if Swallowed, Inhaled at Absorbed Through Skin.**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, or clothing. Avoid breathing mists or vapors. Avoid contamination of food. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

### FIRST AID

**If on skin:** Flush skin with plenty of water. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

**If swallowed:** Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician.

### Physical or Chemical Hazards

**Combustible.** Do not use or store near heat or open flame. Do not cut or weld container.

### Environmental Hazards

This pesticide is toxic to fish. Keep out of lakes, ponds or streams. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment wash waters.

**Notice:** Read the entire label. Use only according to label directions. **Before buying or using this product, read "Warranty Disclaimer" and "Limitation of Remedies" inside label booklet.**

In case of an emergency endangering life or property involving this product, call collect 517-636-4400.

Agricultural Chemical: Do not ship or store with food, feeds, drugs or clothing.

### General Use Precautions

Apply this product only as specified on this label. Be sure that use of this product conforms to all applicable regulations. Before using any recommended tank mixtures read the directions and all use precautions on both labels.

**Chemigation:** Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.

*During the year 2013 DCEC will again be clearing trees and brush from our primary distribution lines in Delaware and Schoharie counties. Once the trees have been cut, a ready-to-use herbicide known as Garlon-4 will be applied to the stump to prevent undesirable future sprouting. DCEC is licensed and registered with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to purchase, store and apply this herbicide. If you would like more information or would like to discuss the herbicide, please feel free to contact Wayne Marshfield at 607-746-9284.*

Do not apply Garlon4 directly to or otherwise permit it to come into direct contact with grapes, tobacco, vegetable crops, flowers or other desirable broadleaf plants and do not permit spray mists containing it to drift onto them.

### Avoid Injurious Spray Drift

Applications should be made only when there is little or no hazard from spray drift. Very small quantities of spray, which may not be visible, may seriously injure susceptible plants. Do not spray when wind is blowing toward susceptible crops or ornamental plants near enough to be injured. It is suggested that a continuous smoke column at or near the spray site or a smoke generator on the spray equipment be used to detect air movement, lapse conditions or temperature inversions (stable air). If the smoke layers or indicates a potential of hazardous spray drift, do not spray.

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Read all Directions for Use carefully before applying. Do not use for manufacturing or formulating.

### General Information

Garlon4 herbicide is recommended for the control of unwanted woody plants and annual broadleaf weeds in forests, and on non-crop areas including industrial manufacturing and storage sites, rights-of-way such as electrical power lines, communication lines, pipelines, roadsides and railroads, fence rows, non-irrigation ditch banks and around farm buildings.

Use on these sites may include application to grazed areas as well as establishment and maintenance of wildlife openings.

### Grazing and Haying Restrictions

#### Grazing or harvesting green forage;

1) Lactating dairy animals 2 quarts/acre or less: Do not graze or harvest green forage from treated area for 14 days after treatment. Greater than 2 quarts to 6 quarts/acre. Do not graze or harvest green forage until next growing season.

2) Other Livestock: 2 quarts/acre or less: No grazing restrictions. Greater than 2 quarts to 6 quarts/acre: Do not graze or harvest green forage from treated area for 14 days after treatment.

**Note: If less than 25% of a grazed area is treated, there is no grazing restriction.**

#### Haying (harvesting of dried forage):

1) Lactating dairy animals: Do not harvest hay until the next growing season.

2) Other livestock: 2 quarts/acre or less: Do not harvest hay for 7 days after treatment. Greater than 2 quarts to 4 quarts/acre; Do not harvest hay for 14 days after treatment.

Greater than 4 quarts/acre: Do not harvest hay until next growing season.

### Slaughter Restrictions:

Withdraw livestock from grazing treated grass or consumption of treated hay at least 3 days before slaughter. This restriction applies to grazing during the season following treatment or hay harvested during the season following treatment.

### Warranty Disclaimer

DowElanco warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes stated on the label when used in strict accordance with the directions, subject to the inherent risks set forth below. DOWELANCO MAKES NO OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ANY OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY.

### Inherent Risks of Use

It is impossible to eliminate all risks associated with use of this product. Plant injury, lack of performance, or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as use of the product contrary to label instructions (including conditions noted on the label, such as unfavorable temperature, soil conditions, etc.), abnormal conditions (such as excessive rainfall, drought, tornadoes, hurricanes), presence of other materials, the manner of application, or other factors, all of which are beyond the control of DowElanco or the seller. All such risks shall be assumed by Buyer.

### Limitation of Remedies

The exclusive remedy for losses or damages resulting from this product (including claims based on contract, negligence, strict liability, or other legal theories), shall be limited to, at DowElanco's election, one of the following:

1. Refund of purchase price paid by buyer or user for product bought, or
2. Replacement of amount of product used.

DowElanco shall not be liable for losses or damages resulting from handling or use of this product unless DowElanco is promptly notified of such loss or damage in writing. In no case shall DowElanco be liable for consequential or incidental damages or losses. The terms of the "Warranty Disclaimer" above and this "Limitation of Remedies" cannot be varied by any written or verbal statements or agreements. No employee or sales agent of DowElanco or the seller is authorized to vary or exceed the terms of the "Warranty Disclaimer" or this "Limitation of Remedies" in any manner.

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## SUNY Delhi to Host Regional Energy Symposium

On Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> Delaware County and SUNY Delhi will host a regional energy symposium to highlight energy conservation improvements and practical alternative energy applications for the home and small businesses. Homeowners and business owners that are concerned about lowering their energy costs and/or interested in learning about locally available sources of renewable and sustainable energy are encouraged to attend. The symposium, entitled Efficiency and Savings for Now and the Future will be held at Catskill Hall on the SUNY Delhi Campus from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. **Space is limited and pre-registration is required by Friday April 5, 2013.**

The symposium will feature presentations and demonstrations on a variety of energy conservation applications, as well as the practicality and feasibility of locally available alternative and renewable sources of energy for home and business use. The specific topics to be covered during the symposium include; Implementing Conservation Practices in Home and Business, Heating with Wood Pellets, Grass Pellet Demonstration Project, Alternate Energy Solutions including wind, solar electric and solar thermal. The speakers will include SUNY Delhi Professors, alternative energy industry professionals and community organizations engaged in this field. The symposium will conclude with tours of several renewable energy projects installed on the SUNY Delhi Campus, as well as the green, sustainable construction of the new Sidney Federal Credit Union facility in Delhi. Buses will be available for transportation to and from the Sidney Federal Credit Union site.

For more information on the program, directions and to register contact Kelly Blakeslee at the Department of Watershed Affairs at 607-746-8914 or email -- [kelly.blakeslee@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:kelly.blakeslee@co.delaware.ny.us).

### Community Calendar



#### 18th Annual Maple Open House

Shaver Hill Farm  
Harpersfield, NY  
March 16-17 & March 23-24  
9:00 am—4:00 pm

#### 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 23  
Main Street Delhi  
Parade starts at noon



## Amphenol Service Design Complete

DCEC's engineering and operations staff members have completed the design of the electric line that will serve the new Amphenol Aerospace manufacturing and office building on Delaware Avenue in Sidney, NY. Equipment has been ordered and plans are in place for construction this summer. Service is expected to be available to the new facility in late August of this year.

DCEC is the electric distribution utility for the new site, but other utility partners are critical to DCEC's ability to serve the facility. The New York Power Authority will be selling clean, renewable, hydro energy to DCEC, which helps DCEC provide Amphenol with electric service that is both economical and environmentally responsible. New York State Electric and Gas Corporation will be providing electric transmission service to feed DCEC's distribution system in Sidney. "We appreciate the cooperation and support DCEC has received from our utility partners, NYSEG and NYPA," said Mark Schneider, DCEC General Manager.

The new relationship between Amphenol and DCEC will benefit both companies. Amphenol will benefit by getting low-cost electricity, which helps them stay competitive in their industry. All members of the Cooperative benefit by gaining a new member because each new member of the Cooperative helps pay a portion of DCEC's fixed costs. That helps keep rates affordable for all members in the future.



## DCEC Needs to Update Member Contact Information

The following is a listing 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). Thank you for your assistance.

Andrew Becker  
Barry Blair  
Lauren Bryce  
Robert Constable  
Joseph DeLeo, Jr.  
Lawrence Eckert

Karenlee Hannan  
Robert Hannan  
Frank Hitt  
Lorraine Hoffman  
Connie Hopkins  
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Jennifer Lorette  
Helen W. Lubnew  
Anthony Mastroianni  
Barbara Miller  
Richard D. Moore

Barbara Picardi  
Victor L. Richette  
Eugene Roe  
Ludwig Sebald  
Clifton Siple  
Jessie J. Tompkins

Rachel Whitehill  
Edna Wright



## What Is An AMI (Advanced Meter Infrastructure) Meter?

The endpoint of the DCEC electric delivery system is the electric service meter. While technology has advanced over the years since the first meters were installed on the DCEC system, the main function of the meter has remained the same: to accurately measure, record and display the energy delivered to the member/consumer. The original electric meters, which were very similar to an electric motor, made use primarily of electrical and mechanical components to measure and record the delivered energy.



DCEC recently completed an upgrade of its metering equipment on a system wide basis, which was partially funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and DCEC. The new metering equipment still accurately measures, records and displays the delivered energy, as in the past, but it also reports the energy consumed by communicating over the power lines so that billing statements may be prepared automatically. All of the new metering equipment makes use of electronic technology.

Other important functions of the metering equipment are to monitor the system voltage at selected locations to ensure quality power delivery and to report loss of service or outages at all locations, which assists DCEC staff in power restoration efforts.

## Operations Update

### Line Reconstruction:

DCEC line crews are currently replacing poles and wires on Perch Lake Road and they have also started replacing poles and wires on NYC Road 9 (from Mud Lake Road to Barkaboom Road) in the Town of Andes.



### Right of Way (ROW) Clearing:

DCEC ROW clearing crews will be working on Donna Brook Road and Brickhouse Hill in the Town of Davenport and on County Route 12 in the Town of Kortright.



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### 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!**



### Mark Your Calendars!

**DCEC Annual Meeting**  
**Friday**  
**September 20, 2013**

**More information to come in upcoming newsletters**

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### Buyer's Market

*If you would like to place an ad in our Buyers Market please call our office at (607) 746-2341*



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