

NEWSLETTER – SWAN'S ISLAND ELECTRIC CO-OP

MANAGER: JEFFREY ELLISON

Thank you for your patience during the November 2nd & 3rd power outage. Also, thank you for taking care of neighbors and family. Candice Joyce had the library open as a warming station. There were showers taken at the school too. I have lived here for about 11 years now and this was the worst storm for wind damage that I have seen. We had lines down in about 8 places. Northern Line came on Monday morning and had all but Island Retreat's lines repaired before Emera Maine restored the island power at about 4 PM Monday. They had Island Retreat back up by early afternoon Tuesday. Steve Green, Grant Joyce, Jason Joyce, Josh Joyce, Billy Banks, Timmy Treadwell and Davy Lunt all made major contributions to restoring the power. Thank you all.

We are operating without a bucket truck on Swan's Island. Inquiries are being made to fix, replace, or rent a bucket truck.

The Swan's Island portion of the Work Plan grid improvements is completed, with a few touch-ups left. Frenchboro's work will start soon and be in full swing by Spring.

Later

Emera Maine will be raising their kwh usage rates over the next months:

Oct 1, 2014 \$0.06291 per kwh

Nov 1, 2014 \$0.08863 per kwh

Dec 1, 2014 \$0.12416 per kwh

Jan 1, 2015 \$0.16046 per kwh

Feb 1, 2015 \$0.15492 per kwh

These rates are established and approved by the Maine Public Utility Commission annually in March. We have petitioned for a new rate category for residential accounts rather than small commercial accounts. It won't make a large difference in your total annual bill, but it will level out the rates so they are the same for each month.

We are optimistic that later in 2015 we will no longer be subjected to such big swings in power costs per kwh from month to month..

Bonnie is working about 7 hours per day, 5 days a week. Although she is not totally better, she is back keeping the co-op running smoothly.

From the Board:

As of this writing we are planning our Fall Quarterly Community Update scheduled for Thursday, Nov 13, at 7 PM at the Library. We plan to report to the membership our progress in four areas, including:

1. Our progress in determining what revisions are needed to our By Laws (last formally updated in 1984).

2. Our progress in examining how the Cooperative can accommodate the integration of alternative energy, (such as solar and wind) into the grid.

3. Our progress in examining needed changes in our Terms and Conditions – which is a PUC-approved document – outlining what members can expect from the Cooperative in providing dependable and safe electric power).

4. Our progress in discussions with Emera to determine the costs and benefits of the Cooperative merging with a larger utility – should the membership wish to consider such an option.

November, 2014

Our Quarterly Community Updates offer a great way to stay informed on what is going on with your Cooperative and to influence members of the Board with your views. We are beginning our third year of quarterly updates and are grateful to the Library for hosting these events for the Swans Island and Frenchboro communities..

- ELECTRIC CO-OP OFFICE
HOURS: 7:30 AM - 4 PM
- PHONE # 526-4336
- OFFICE MAY BE CLOSED
BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND 12:00
PM FOR LUNCH.
- OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
HOLIDAYS.

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