

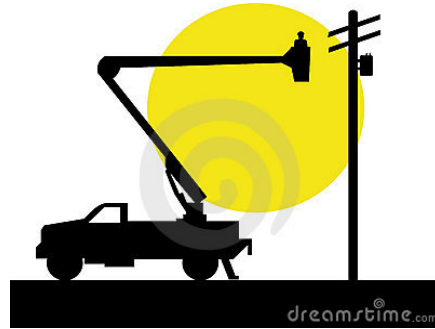
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SWAN'S ISLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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From the Manager :

I have had several members ask me if they could buy the used poles left over from the grid upgrade. They are stored behind the new pole rack by the ball field. The Board has agreed to letting them go on a first come, first serve basis. We will ask for \$30 per pole and you will have to sign an environmental waiver saying that you know the poles are treated with chemicals that should not be used around wells or near the shore. This is the procedure that EMERA uses and we just copied their waiver.

The repair to our marine cable is moving forward. We have located the fault location and have a buoy tied to it at Lopus Point. When trying to see if there was enough slack to get the cable into the back of a boat (there was not enough slack in the cable), the diver identified several other places on the cable that are worn badly. To solve this problem and to satisfy the extra length we need to get the cable out of the water to splice, we are going to cut the cable at the last bad wear spot, and splice in approximately 125 feet of new cable to go all the way to the shore and splice it in there. We will also encase the new cable in a steel sleeve for protection from the tide and waves. EMERA will do the splice and asked for a barge instead of the back of a boat. We will contract ACADIA FUELS for a barge to work from. Hopefully this can be accomplished the week of November 16. When we complete the repair of this cable, we will take the other three cables out of service one at a time to inspect their conditions and repair as needed.

From the Board:

At a Special Membership Meeting on November 12th, members voted 65-0 to amend the By-Laws to provide the Board with the authority to use a confidential mailed ballot for membership votes on important issues – such as a possible acquisition by EMERA.

Face-to-face negotiations with EMERA will begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in Augusta with the Maine PUC and Office of the Maine Public Advocate sitting in. The SIEC negotiating Team consists of President Ed Schwabe, Manager Jeffrey Ellison, Treasurer Bob Pickup and Board member (and former Manager) Tom McAloon. We will be assisted by Bill Ferdinand, a Maine utility lawyer associated with Eaton Peabody.

Our objective will be to determine what type of agreement might be reached with EMERA which will guarantee mainland rates for our members on Frenchboro and Swan's Island; resolve the Cooperative's debt on its Federal loans; assist EMERA in its efforts to provide timely response to power outages on the two islands; and provide a benefit to island customers if our cableways are utilized at some point in the future to move renewable power back to the mainland for resale.