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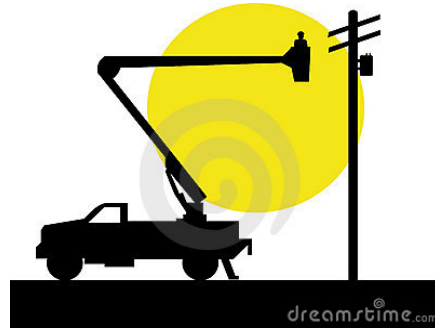
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SWAN'S ISLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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From the Manager: The SIEC has completed its line clearing for this year. By the time you receive this newsletter, the marine cable should be repaired and working. March 15 is the date set for the repair. We have a number of used telephone poles at our pole yard that we would like to offer, at no cost, to anyone who can transport them away. However, we will need you to stop by the SIEC office to sign an environmental waiver that states that you are aware of the nature of the chemicals used for pole preservation. Please contact our office for more details and to make arrangements.

From the Board; On February 12, the SIEC received a first draft of a proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement from Emera. In conjunction with its legal counsel (Eaton Peabody), the SIEC Negotiating Team of Ed Schwabe, Tom McAloon, Jeffrey Ellison, and Bob Pickup have reviewed the 50-page draft in detail and have submitted a response, this week, seeking clarifications and amendments aimed at achieving a number of goals which the Team considers important to SIEC members.

While the specifics of the negotiations, by mutual agreement, must remain confidential – as long as the negotiations are in progress, the SIEC is seeking assurances from Emera that electric rates for power and for transmission will be the same for Swan's Island and Frenchboro customers as they are for Emera's mainland customers. Additionally, we are working to suggest ways that Emera might take advantage of the knowledge of our existing on-island SIEC crew to speed Emera's assessment and response to power outages on both islands. Also, with regard to the future uses of the submarine cables (or cable-way zones) we are urging Emera to consider a commitment to participate in "host community agreements" beneficial to Swan's Island and/or Frenchboro in the event that the cable-ways are utilized to move offshore renewable energy to the mainland.

We expect that these (and a number of other issues) will continue to be subject to "the back and forth" of negotiations over a period of a number of weeks this Spring, with the goal of arriving at an Agreement which the Board can bring to the membership for full discussion of its implications and an eventual vote.

Please plan to attend the **SIEC Winter Quarterly Update** to be held March 17th, 7 PM at the Library – where the status of the Emera negotiations will take center stage. The SIEC will plan to simulcast the meeting for those members who are unable to be present in person. Join us from your PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/7448547275>; or from your iPhone one-tap: 14086380968,7448547275# or 16465588656,7448547275#.
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