

# SWANS ISLAND ELECTRIC COOP NEWSLETTER

## From the Manager:

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The weather remains cold and, at times, windy. We continue to be blessed with steady power. so far.

We have Right Of Way clearing going on in places that have needed it for years. The lines at the end of Stanley Point that serve Frenchboro were tangled in the trees and in serious danger. Since Frenchboro is hard to get a lineman to in bad weather, we are doing work that will decrease the likelihood of an outage there.

Since last summer, we have been studying the prospect of removing the two large oil tanks that were used for many years in support of the Kent's Oilbusiness. Since the Co-Operative is no longer in the oil business, these empty tanks, along with the underground pipelines which supply them –

are no longer needed and represent a

contamination risk as they continue to age. It is our goal to have the tanks and lines cleaned and decommissioned this Spring and to either sell them to interested buyers or cut them up and sell them for scrap. Hopefully, by summer's end, the tanks will have been removed and this will take us off the EPA Watch List..

## From the Board:

A reminder for all our members to plan to attend the Rate Increase Hearing scheduled for Tuesday evening,, March 4th, 2014 at the School Gymnasium, beginning at 7 PM. We will discuss the financial realities of doing business in 2014 compared to how we were faring in 2007 – when we were considering our last rate increase. This is your opportunity to examine the need for the increase and to ask questions about how the additional revenues will be used. By this time, all members should have received your formal notification of the proposed increase (mailed out in mid-January with the January light bills.)

On a different subject, your Board has voted unanimously to engage the services of a collection agency to assist the Co-Op in its efforts to collect back debts owed. Members who are making good efforts to keep up with previously negotiated payment agreements should not be concerned. However, members who left the island owing the Cooperative for power used – and who have not responded to our efforts

to collect, will be notified by phone or mail to contact the Co-Op and arrange a payment agreement. This also applies to past customers of Kent's Oil. Failure to respond within 30 days will result in your account being turned over to our collection agency for collection. So, if you have an old account that falls into these categories, now is the time to call the office and arrange a payment agreement.

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

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