

SWANS ISLAND ELECTRIC CO-OP NEWSLETTER

From the Manager:

While doing your spring cleaning, please remember to clear the area around your electric meter. We have had personal injuries to meter readers and that raises our workers' compensation costs. Thanks. We encourage members to attend the monthly SIEC board meetings that are held the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Co-op office. If the attendance causes overcrowding, we will start meeting at the library. The State of Maine exempts certain fishery related businesses from sales/excise taxes. In order for the SIEC to remove this tax from your account, you must file an "Affidavit of Exemption" form (available at the SIEC office) and a copy of your valid exemption certificate with Jane Savage. There are several on file in the office now that will expire in June. These must be updated in order for us to continue to remove this tax from your account.

As a matter of law, we must post the following notice:

Nondiscrimination Statement

"Swan's Island Electric Co-operative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.htm, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

From the Board

On May 8th, representative of the Swan's Island Electric Co-Op traveled to Augusta for the initial meeting with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC).

The purpose of this meeting was to set the agenda for the process by which the MPUC will review the SIEC's proposed rate increase. The review was triggered when 57 SIEC members signed a petition requesting that the rate increase be examined.

The SIEC will be required to submit a chapter 120 filing by May 28th. This will be a more detailed breakout of the need for more revenue for the Cooperative. The MPUC will have until June 11th to request any additional data, and then a Technical Conference will be conducted in Augusta on June 24th. The results of the conference will determine what additional requirements and meetings may be necessary before the MPUC can rule on the sufficiency of the proposed increase.

May, 2014

Workshop Planned

Once the rate increase proposal has been settled. The Island Institute has expressed interest in hosting a day-long workshop on Swan's Island for the purpose of exploring what future directions could be pursued for the mid and long term to contain energy costs on Swan's Island and on other unbridged islands on the Maine coast. Participants could include Emera, the PUC, Efficiency Maine, and selected political representatives. While the planning for this Workshop is still preliminary, we will keep members posted through this monthly Newsletter as more details become known.

- 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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