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Annual Meeting September 26

Board of Directors Nominations Now Being Accepted

NOVEC's 2007 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26. This meeting is an opportunity for customers to learn about the Cooperative, visit displays on various NOVEC programs and listen to CEO/President Stan Feuerberg's "State of the Cooperative" speech.

Board Elections

One of the guiding principles of cooperatives is governance by customers, including having the opportunity to participate in elections for the NOVEC Board of Directors. At the annual meeting, customers may participate in elections for the District 2 (Loudoun County) and at-large seats. Don Middleton is retiring from the District 2 seat and At-large Director Malcolm Ames is up for re-election. Any customers unable to attend the meeting can designate a board member or other customer as their proxy to vote on their behalf. An information packet, including the proxy form, will be mailed to all customers before the meeting.

2007 NOVEC Annual Meeting
Wednesday, September 26
6 p.m. - dinner
7:30 p.m. - business meeting
Battlefield High School
15000 Graduation Drive
Haymarket, VA 20169
(Inclement weather date: October 24)

Making a Nomination

As detailed in the NOVEC Bylaws, "Nominations for directors shall be made by any 15 or more members in writing over their signatures, said written

nomination petitions to be delivered to the office of the president/CEO not less than 70 days prior to the next annual meeting. No additional nominations shall be made from the floor at the meeting of members."

Nomination Deadline

Nomination petitions must be submitted by the close of business Wednesday, July 18, 2007. To obtain a nomination petition, call 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500. Mail petitions to: Stan Feuerberg, President/CEO, NOVEC Corporate Office, P.O. Box 2710, Manassas, VA 20108.



NOVEC CEO/President Stan Feuerberg's "State of the Cooperative" speech is a highlight of annual meeting.

NOVEC
The Powerful Choice

Have fun, play games, and learn about electricity.

www.novec.com/kids

Check out the Power Kids Web Site for Summer Fun!

NOVEC's "Power Kids" Web pages feature a family of robots ready to teach kids about electricity, electrical safety and energy conservation. There are also fun interactive games for elementary age children!

Check it out at www.novec.com/kids

Need Help Understanding Your Electric Bill?

To access a detailed description of how to read your bill, visit www.novec.com. Click on "Pay Your Bill," then "Understanding Your NOVEC Bill."

Or contact the NOVEC Customer Service Center at 703-335-0500, 1-888-335-0500 or customerservice@novec.com to request a copy of this document.

Understanding Your NOVEC Bill

Several years ago, in preparation for the Virginia Energy Choice Program, your electric bill was expanded in order to include more information as required by the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC). The above table for separate fees covering the cost of delivery (distribution) and supply. For more information about your bill, call NOVEC at (703) 335-0500 or (888) 335-0500 or send e-mail to customerservice@novec.com. You can also visit www.novec.com.

Page 1 presents your account summary, which details about these charges listed on page 2. Definitions for many of the items are printed on the back of your bill.

1. **Account Summary**
NOVEC's most current activity from last month, along with a summary of the current charges, is provided. This information does not reflect your recent, current, account.

2. **Message**
Information about new services, programs or upcoming events will appear here.

3. **Energy Usage Comparison Chart**
This chart helps you determine your actual energy usage history.

4. **Get Out**
Under the Virginia Energy Choice Program, NOVEC's most current activity from last month, along with a summary of the current charges, is provided. This information does not reflect your recent, current, account.

5. **Additional Offer Consideration**
Write on any amount you wish to contribute to the NOVEC Energy Choice Program. This amount will be used to fund the program. If you have any questions, please call (703) 335-0500 or (888) 335-0500. For more information, visit www.novec.com.

6. **Is Your Phone Number Correct?**
Your phone number is very important. If this number is incorrect, please write to us at customerservice@novec.com or call (703) 335-0500 or (888) 335-0500. Please include your account number when you call.

Understanding Energy Choice

If you choose to participate in Energy Choice, you can do this by selecting a supplier of your electricity. A participating supplier provides electricity and offers that electricity for sale to customers at a regulated rate to the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC). NOVEC's "Your Electric Distribution Company" is regulated utility. Our main business and operation is distribution of electricity to the electric power system.

NOVEC is required to provide and distribute electricity to all customers who choose to provide electricity to their homes. NOVEC will continue to deliver electricity to all customers who choose to use it. A power outage from any source will affect all customers who are affected.

Home Energy-Efficiency Tax Credits

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provides consumers with federal tax credits for making certain energy-efficiency upgrades to their homes or businesses. This program phases out in 2007 and 2008. If you act quickly there may still be time to claim tax credits for certain specific energy improvements.

Home Shell: Insulation, Windows, Sealing

Homeowners can get a one-time income tax credit of up to 10 percent of the cost for energy improvements, such as windows, insulation, and envelope and duct sealing placed in service from

January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2007. There is a \$500 cap per taxpayer, including the amount received for heating and cooling equipment.

Home Heating and Cooling Equipment

Homeowners can take one-time income tax credit of up to \$300 for qualifying highly efficient heating, cooling and water heating equipment placed in service from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008. There is a \$500 cap per taxpayer, including the amount received for insulation, windows, air and duct sealing.

Solar Energy Systems

Homeowners and businesses are eligible for tax credits for qualified solar water heating and photovoltaic systems placed in service between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2008.

Fuel Cells and Microturbines

Credits are available to homeowners and businesses who install qualifying systems that are placed in service in 2006 and 2007.

For More Information

There are very specific criteria to receive these tax credits. For more information, visit www.energytaxincentives.org

**All NOVEC Offices Closed
Wednesday, July 4**

**The Operations Center is staffed
24 hours a day, seven days a
week, even on holidays.**

Call 703-335-0500 or

1-888-335-0500

to report power outages.

Herbicide Application Crew Working on Rights of Way

NOVEC uses herbicides as part of a system-wide vegetation management plan. Herbicide use is an environmentally friendly form of brush control, since it does not disturb the surrounding ground and only eliminates targeted species, leaving the remaining right of way untouched.

In early May, a contract crew from Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. began applying herbicide to brush growing within the NOVEC rights of way. This year, the crew will be working primarily in the Arcola, Evergreen and Bull Run Mountain areas.

The herbicide application targets fast-growing brush under NOVEC overhead power lines. Species typically targeted are tulip poplar, oak, maple, sumac, ailanthus, gum, locust, beech, cedar and pine. If left untreated, these species could grow directly into overhead lines in a very short time period. The herbicide application eliminates these unwanted trees and encourages lower growing grasses, wildflowers and shrubs. Vines growing on poles and guy wires are also targeted.

The lower-growing material that thrives within NOVEC rights of way after unwanted brush is removed never needs trimming and allows easier access to power lines and equipment for inspections or repairs. The long-term effects of these applications are wildlife-friendly rights of way with lower maintenance costs due to less tree trimming and removals.

The herbicide NOVEC uses is an Accord/Arsenal mix, which is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and is used widely throughout the country. The only noticeable effect of this work should be the browning of leaves on targeted plants several weeks after the application.

For more information visit www.novec.com. Click on "Residential Customers" and then "Herbicide Application."



Herbicides are typically applied using a backpack sprayer

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