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Third Special Cash Back Return Scheduled for August

Total of \$17.4 Million Returned to Customers This Summer

For the third time this summer, the NOVEC Board of Directors approved a special Cash Back return. Approximately \$5.5 million is being distributed to customers as a credit on their August 2006 billing statements.

This Cash Back distribution is going to current customers who were on the NOVEC system anytime between 1987 and 2004.

With this third Cash Back return, NOVEC has distributed a total of approximately \$17.4 million to customers so far this year. In June, \$6.1 million in Cash Back was returned to customers and in July, \$5.8 million.

NOVEC Fees: Other Charges and Credits

Operation Round Up

0.05

Your CASH BACK Amount

-42.14

Current NOVEC customers will see their CASH BACK return as a separate line item on the August billing statement.

Annual Meeting Next Month

2006 NOVEC Annual Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2006*

6:00 p.m. — dinner

7:30 p.m. — business meeting

Battlefield High School

1500 Graduation Drive

Haymarket, VA 20169

*Inclement weather date: Wednesday, October 25

Be Careful Around Substations!



If you happen to live near a NOVEC substation, be sure to keep your distance.

A substation is the place where huge amounts of high-voltage electricity are brought in on transmission lines and then distributed to your neighborhood.

The fences surrounding NOVEC substations have barbed wire and warning signs clearly posted.

Remember, there's a lot of power behind that fence so stay away from substations!



NOVEC Substations are clearly marked with signs warning of their danger.



One Quarter Powers Your Hot Morning Shower

(except for your teenagers)

The Value of Electricity. The best value in energy today is at your fingertips. NOVEC, your customer-owned electric cooperative, delivers power when and where you need it and at delivery rates that haven't changed in 14 years.

So, while we encourage you to conserve, we invite you to enjoy. That's the value of power from the region's most reliable electric utility.



Based on one 10 minute shower using a 2.5 gph showerhead at home level.

To Be Safe, Look for the NOVEC Uniform

Earlier this summer in Florida, a scam artist posed as an electric company employee responding to a power outage, entered a customer's home and robbed them. This incident serves as a good reminder for customers to always confirm that NOVEC employees, as well as other utility workers, are who they say they are.

No Need to Enter Your Home

Most important to remember is that NOVEC employees and contractors usually have no reason to enter a customer's home. The only work that requires entering a home is to install load management equipment, and this work would be scheduled by the customer. There should be no unannounced NOVEC employees needing to enter your home.

Look for the Uniform

NOVEC employees working in the field always wear a uniform with a patch clearly identifying them as being employed by NOVEC. In addition, all NOVEC employees will have a NOVEC-issued identification badge.

NOVEC Contractors

Contractors doing construction, right-of-way or other work on our system do not wear NOVEC uniforms and do not carry NOVEC-issued ID. However, if asked, they will always identify themselves as working for NOVEC. The only contractors who will have NOVEC-issued ID badges are those installing load management equipment in customers' homes.

Right-of-Way Contractors

NOVEC routinely uses the services of numerous contractors for right-of-way maintenance work. To see some of the companies that may work on your property on NOVEC's behalf, visit www.novec.com/rightofway.cfm?viewId=130.



All NOVEC field employees wear a uniform with their name and NOVEC clearly identified, as shown here on Field Service Technician Kevin Black.

Congratulations to Calvin Furlow of Manassas.

His new customer survey card was randomly selected from our quarterly drawing and he received a \$25 gift certificate to Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse.

Tree Trimming: We May Be Coming to Your Neighborhood

As part of NOVEC's cyclical tree maintenance program, trees under or along every mile of our overhead right of way are trimmed or removed, if necessary. Trees that are closer than 10 feet to overhead power lines are trimmed, while trees that are potentially dangerous, dead or decayed are removed if they pose a threat.

Currently Working in Dale City, Stafford and Leesburg Areas

NOVEC tree trimming contractors from Asplundh will be starting work in the Lindendale area of Dale City and the Sowego area of Stafford. Crews are currently working and preparing to finish in the Lovettsville and Taylorstown areas of Leesburg.

Customers in the affected areas are notified of tree trimming activities with a door-knob card before work begins. Please remember this card is notification for work that will be done. NOVEC contractors have specific tree trimming clearance requirements that must be followed to meet state and federal safety regulations. This notification card explains the details of these clearance specifications.



With their trademark bright orange trucks, NOVEC tree-trimming contractors from Asplundh are working this summer in the Lindendale, Sowego, Lovettsville and Taylorstown areas.

Do You Have Potential Trees for Removal?

If you have trees located under NOVEC's main overhead utility lines that you would like to have removed rather than trimmed, contact the right-of-way department at (703) 392-1661, or (888) 335-0500, extension 1661 as soon

as you receive a door-knob notification card. A NOVEC representative will visit your property to evaluate the tree and remove it at no charge if we can justify its removal. Wood from such trees will not be removed from the property, but left in 4-foot long lengths near the removed tree. However, brush will be chipped and removed from the site.

No New Trees With Mature Heights Above 15 Feet

Please remember — no new trees that have a mature height over 15 feet are allowed to be planted within a

NOVEC right of way. This practice prevents adding new trees to the NOVEC system that must be trimmed away from utility lines in the future.

For more information about NOVEC's right-of-way program, visit www.novec.com/rightofway.cfm.



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