City Manager's Weekly Report

	Friday, June 10, 2016	
Department:		
Administration - City N	Manager	
Notable Notes:		
Mayor and Council		
We were able to have a	re we experienced an air conditioner equipment failure in City Hall this Monday. temporary system in place by Wednesday and as of this writing staff is in the otes. Additional information will be shared or as necessary be brought before you	
I attended a meeting this Thursday at Legislative Hall arranged by Representative Baumbach on the topic of the DART service cancelation from Fairfield Shopping Center. The meeting was helpful for information sharing and DART committed to extend a shuttle service from the location to the Municipal Building until the end of August. This will provide Newark, the UD (Unicity) and DART to meet to determine options for route modifications that may address the concern. More to follow on this topic.		
I attended the DNP meeting this Thursday evening where Community Affairs Officer Megan McNerney shared that ther are 64 businesses signed up to participate in A New Night this Saturday. That's more than double the participation from last year. The Board commended her on her hard work and engagement to achieve this outcome. All are looking forward to a very successful event!		
Activity or Project:		
DEMEC		
Description:		
dispute as well as the	ed copy of an email response to a citizen related to the PJM Power line Delaware online article referred to. As more information is available we will not the Power Point slides from last weeks DEMEC Community Briefing.	
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Expected Completion:	6/10/2016	
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Department: Alderman's Court		
Notable Notes:		
We held three court ses	sions this past week.	
Activity or Project:		
Court Sessions		
Description:		
This past week we held 3 court sessions. We processed a total of 40 arraignments, 32 trials, 11 capias returns, 8 case reviews and 2 pleas. We transported 3 prisoners and videoed 2 from the various prisons. Financially we processed 965 payments if which 517 were made on line by Govolutions or Paypal.		
Status:	Completed	
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Community Relations	

Notable Notes:

New Night Downtown will take place this Saturday, June 11. To date, 59 businesses and organizations, along with five sponsors, are registered to participate for a total of 64 registered tables. There will be nine different musical acts performing on three different stages throughout the event. We secured \$7,650 in sponsorship funding for the event. We have seen strong engagement on social media regarding the event and expect a substantial crowd in attendance this year.

We have received confirmation from 10 restaurants regarding participating in the upcoming Food & Brew festival on July 23. Further planning for the event will ramp up once New Night is successfully completed.

Graphic Design

- Design Elements:
 - o Summer Activity Guide Download Button for E-Blast
 - Various New Night signage materials
 - o Parks & Recreation Flyers
 - Bricks 4 Kidz Camp
 - Mad Science Camp
 - Daring and Dangerous Camp
 - o Employee Recognition Template
 - Parks and Recreation July Calendar
- Updated Website Edits
 - o New Resident Info
 - Recycling Page
 - City Manager's Message
- · Posted public notices, as required

Press Releases/Media Inquiries

- Thousands Expected to Attend Newark's A New Night Downtown: http://bit.ly/24AsXB8
- Public Notice: 2016 Water Main Flushing: http://bit.ly/1UETbj5

Activity or Project:		
Website Redesign		
Description:		
scheduling conflict. Th	-	is been rescheduled for June 30, due to a brief presentation regarding current status r public comment.
Status:	Started	
Expected Completion:	9/6/2016	
Execution Status:	On Track	
Activity or Project:		
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Department: Electric Department		
Notable Notes:		
	p a new pad mount transformer	needed for the addition at Astra Plaza in the
_	•	he crews also delivered a pad mount to ables once the electrical contractor pulls in

primary and secondary cables.

The line crews also switched circuits and continued trimming along with a contractor on the 34kV circuits.

The electricians are changing auxiliary relays that are on substation transformers after it was found they may not operate correctly under certain fault conditions. The auxiliary relays are needed as an intermediary between the microprocessor relays that control the breakers and the trip controls, because the microprocessor cannot handle the voltages needed to trip the breakers.

The electricians also hooked up the temporary cooling tower need for the air conditioning at the Municipal Building.

Engineering compiled the University loads for the month of May, designed the underground distribution and worked up costs for Briar Creek North, started the design for relocating facilities conflicting with the new train station, and looked at an auto-restoration demonstration and field located poles where reclosers will be installed for such a system.

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Activity or Project:		
West Main Substation	Reconfiguration	
Description:		
Installing a new circuit and poles and reconfiguring other circuits and poles at the West Main Substation in preparation for a new substation transformer currently being built and to be delivered later this year.		
Status:	In-Progress	
Expected Completion:	10/31/2016	
Execution Status:	On Track	
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Finance Department			
Notable Notes:			
On June 7, I attended th with the HR Manager.	e Delaware Valley Health Trust's	s (DVHT) annual meeting of the Trust Membership	
pension and OPEB accountrustees of our retirem	I have been meeting via conference calls with DT Investments, Vanguard and PFM working to switch our pension and OPEB accounts to Vanguard; and our reserve account to PFM/US Bank. Council members, as trustees of our retirement accounts, will be seeing forms shortly to sign in order to complete the paperwork. I hope to have the paperwork completed by the end of next week.		
	o attend the American Public P	of the office from Saturday, June 11 th through ower Association's (APPA) annual conference. All	
Activity or Project: Payments and Utility B	illing (PUB)		
Description:			
The group handled 1,477 phone calls the last week. The average call length of 3:49 last week was strong, while the average hold & queue time (average speed of answer) increased from 7:51 to 11:30 due to the increase in call volume and staffing shortage. Our Welcome Center staff greeted 336 visitors in the past week, while service orders initiated by PUB in response to calls and visitors was 769 for the same period. The group processed 4,307 utility payments and CityView transactions, 733 of which were imported automatically with our electronic processes and 2,370 of which were imported via web, lockbox or preauthorized payment (PAP) over the last week.			
Status:	In-Progress		
Expected Completion:	12/31/2016		
Execution Status:	On Track		
Activity or Project:			
Budget			
Description:			
Preliminary internal budget meetings continue. The timeline for the budget process can be found on Budget Central via this link: http://cityofnewarkde.us/DocumentCenter/View/6648			
Status:	In-Progress		
Expected Completion:	9/30/2016		
Execution Status:	On Track		

Activity or Project: Independent Financial Audit Description: Audit Status: CAFR sent to CLA for initial review, and we are awaiting review from the partners. CLA target issue date is still the week of June 13-17, 2016. The Management Discussion & Analysis component of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is near completion, and we will be beginning the draft of the Transmittal Letter. Status: **In-Progress** Expected Completion: 6/30/2016 **Execution Status:** On Track **Department:** Information Technology Department **Notable Notes:** • Due to GPS accuracy failures with Dell Rugged Tablets purchased earlier in 2016, we have returned the equipment and have received the refund of 100% of the purchase price. We will be bringing a replacement solution before Council for approval in the coming weeks. Recent efforts to upgrade our 911 software, and connect it to a shared system with County, State and UDel was a success. Phone system upgrades were also completed following the software upgrade. We continue to assess our Permitting and Licensing applications to work to improve internal efficiencies and processes. We have completed several upgrades to existing systems including Backup Solution, Accounting Software, and Network Devices/Security. **Activity or Project:** Municipal Broadband Feasibility Study Description: CTC has received all surveys (resident and business) and is compiling results. It is our expectation to deliver the report to Council in July. Status: **Near Completion** Expected Completion: 7/1/2016 **Execution Status:** Behind Schedule **Activity or Project:** Disaster Planning Project Description:

Our Disaster Planning project has been completed successfully. We are now backing up to two separate offsite data centers and are able to recover from data loss rather quickly.		
Status:	Completed	
Expected Completion:	5/31/2016	
Execution Status:	Completed	
Activity or Project:		
Records Management		
Description:		
Just a quick update regarding our Records Management efforts. In February, we hired Samantha		

Just a quick update regarding our Records Management efforts. In February, we hired Samantha Corson to fill the role of Records Coordinator for the City. Since then, we has been assessing our needs, comparative to the State of Delaware's Records Retention Schedule and compiling data regarding what documents can be archived. We have recently presented the City Manager and staff with resulting information discovered in the assessment. Work is now beginning on building City wide procedures to ensure smooth, deliberate and accountable record keeping.

Status: In-Progress

Expected Completion: 12/31/2016

Execution Status: On Track

Department:

Parks and Recreation Department

Notable Notes:

Director: Attended Preston's Playground meeting with City Departments involved in the project, reviewed several landscape plans from developers, met with Communications Team about upcoming marketing initiatives, working on bid specifications for upcoming projects, met with Recreation Superintendent about Summer staff orientation.

Recreation Superintendent: Worked on finalizing details for the July Park and Recreation month calendar with recreation staff and creating marketing flyer to use in the monthly E-blast with Kyle, attended City Manager staff meeting and conducted weekly parks maintenance meeting, sent first batches of background checks to the state for review and to Devan for review by the City outside agency conducting additional checks; look at various websites in preparation for the website redesign meeting, delivered supplies for the ice cream parties held at both after care programs donated by the local Friendly's Restaurant.

Recreation Supervisor of Athletics: Sent out bus bid confirmation for summer camp field trips; continued collecting and submitting background checks for summer staff; finalizing details regarding programs for our July is Parks & Recreation month calendar; met with tennis instructor regarding upcoming programs; visited softball, volleyball and tennis programs.

Coordinator of GWC and Volunteers: Conducted phone interviews with potential summer camp volunteers; 1 volunteer devoted a total of **21** hours assisting in the Parks and Recreation Office and the George Wilson Community Center; 1 volunteer devoted **9** hours landscaping and removing invasive plant

species along the James F. Hall Trail; 2 volunteers devoted a total of **30** hours removing litter from various parks; finalized Camp GWC field trips. Total Volunteer Hours for the week of 5/29-6/5: **60** Hours.

Recreation Supervisor of Community Events: Worked on items related to several upcoming and ongoing programs including the 4th of July, Spring Concert Series, Newark's Youth's Got Talent, and Camp R.E.A.L.; the fifth week of concerts was held with Alexis Baione and The Joe Baione Quartet. The attendance was good (55/80). Alexis performed several songs with the Joe Baione Quartet at times throughout the evening. Her amazing voice had people stopping in the middle of the sidewalk and on the street to listen. This week's performances will be from Garrett Norman and The Acoustic Jam; mailings were sent to residents surrounding Dickey Park about Camp R.E.A.L; sent the fitness instructors a survey about their programs, target markets, and course progressions. Hopefully with the information gathered, we will be able to continue to generate more interest in the programs this fall.

Parks Superintendent: Inspected four park areas and developed work orders as needed, reviewed landscape plan for proposed development and inspected one development for release of 2-year warranty, met with several fencing contractors to get quotes on fence work needed in park areas, met with our arborist contractor to get quote on several trees to be removed, met with home owner concerning a tree issue, and supervised the planting of annuals on several traffic islands.

Parks Supervisor: Assigned field staff work orders and assisted as needed, continued coordinating statistics on completed work orders, and helped Public Works with issue at City Yard (stump removal).

Parks and Horticulture Staff: Continued on mowing operations, bed maintenance, annual planting at several sites, did interior bed maintenance at City Hall, did tree pruning/removal as assigned, watered new plantings, watered nursery stock, continued/completed work orders as assigned, dragged/scarified all ball fields and lined as needed, and did trash removal from all parks.

Activity or Project:		
Summer Camp Staff O	rientation	
Description:		
Summer Camp staff orientation is being held this week with over 35 staff employed this summer. Orientation includes the review of personnel manual, completing background check information, policy and procedures when working with children as well as many other training sessions.		
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Expected Completion:	6/10/2016	
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Department:		
Planning and Developme	ent Department	
Notable Notes:		

Building Maintenance

- This week Facilities Maintenance performed the following:
 - Coordinated efforts to get the air-conditioning unit in the Municipal Building operational again when the cooling tower failed after 22 years of service. Airconditioning was restored by late afternoon on Tuesday;
 - o New storefront doors were installed by Wilmington Glass in the Municipal Building as part of the Capital Budget Program;
 - o Finished replacing fascia and soffit across the entire front of the Parks Building at Rittenhouse Park, rakes, returns and a louver on the south gable end, and rakes on the north gable end;
 - Replaced light bulbs in City Hall;
 - New PTAC air-conditioning unit was installed in the Public Works and Water Resources Supervisor's office in Building 1 at the Municipal Yard;
 - o Ceiling fans were installed in the Maintenance Garage as part of the Capital Budget Program;
 - Assembled chairs for the Finance Department;
 - o Installed new toilet valve in Alderman's Court restroom.

Code Enforcement

- On Monday, Mayor Polly Sierer spent the day with Code Enforcement to observe operations and processes.
- This week Code Enforcement inspected the Rockmoss property and met with an appraiser to determine the property's current value.
- Property Maintenance Inspectors continued to review high grass complaints.
- The building renovations plan review for Main Street Movies 5 in the Newark Shopping Center was completed and comments sent to the applicant.
- The footer/foundation work was completed and steel and wall installation began at the University of Delaware's South Academy Street dormitory.

- The framing work is ongoing at 60 North College Avenue, 52 North Chapel Street and Astra Plaza on Main Street.
- Work is continuing at the Washington House Condominiums located at 113 East Main Street.

Parking

- Parking Division staff conducted interviews on Thursday and extended offers to three applicants for the open Parking Attendant (PA) positions.
- Parking Supervisor Courtney Mulvanity attended a meeting for New Night Downtown scheduled to take place this weekend.
- Parking Manager Marvin Howard and Courtney surveyed areas around downtown to identify opportunities to increase the City's on-street parking inventory.
- Summer maintenance activities continued.

Planning

- Considerable time was spent preparing the Department's 2017 Operating Budget submittals and Planning and Development Director Maureen Feeney Roser met with Deputy City Manager Andrew Haines and Human Resources Manager Devan Stewart to discuss personnel requests. In addition, some time was spent discussing potential 2017-2021 CIP projects with Division managers.
- On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, Maureen and Development Manager Mike
 Fortner met with two different sets of owners of South College Avenue properties to discuss
 potential development opportunities.
- On Monday afternoon Maureen and Mike met with two other developers to discuss potential development projects in downtown.
- On Monday evening, Maureen attended the Cleveland Avenue Street Improvements Task Force's Open House to discuss the project and get ideas for improvements.
- This week the Department received a sketch plan for a potential hotel with convenience store and gas pumps on South College Avenue.
- On Wednesday morning, Maureen and Code Enforcement Manager Dave Culver met with City Manager Carol Houck to discuss Division operations and needs.
- On Thursday, Maureen, Dave and Public Works and Water Resources Director Tom Coleman participated in a DelDOT scoping meeting for the required Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for three potential projects.
- Some time was spent reviewing projects' suitability for consideration of the July Planning Commission meeting.
- On Friday Mike attended the settlement for a Promoting Owner Occupancy of Homes (POOH) Program loan for the property at 822 Lehigh Road. The Planning and Development Department has processed the application for another POOH applicant, for which settlement is scheduled for Monday, June 13th.
- On Friday, Mike and Planner Tom Fruehstorfer meet with officials from New Castle County's Department of Community Services to discuss new guidelines and required documentation for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
- There is no Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for June.
- The following was also completed this week:
 - o 22 Deed Transfer Affidavits
 - o 49 Building Permit Reviews

Activity or Project:		
Planning Commission Meeting		
Description:		
At their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday evening, the Planning Commission took the following actions: 1) opposed the Comprehensive Development Plan amendment for the Barksdale Green project proposed for 1101 and 1107 Barksdale Road. As a result, no vote was taken on the subsequent rezoning and major subdivision requests; 2) recommended approval of amendments to the Zoning Code to clarify exceptions for height and setback; and 3) discussed the Code mandated parking requirements and parking waiver program study.		
Status:	Completed	
Expected Completion:	6/7/2016	
Execution Status:	Completed	
Activity or Project:		
Lofts at Center Street		
Description:		
Considerable time was spent this week reviewing plans and preparing the development summary for the Lofts at Center Street project, which is proposed for Council consideration at the June 27, 2016 meeting. The Planning Commission reviewed a similar plan twice prior to Council consideration.		
Status:	In-Progress	
Expected Completion:	6/27/2016	
Execution Status:	On Track	
Activity or Project:		
Rental Housing Needs	Assessment Steering Committ	ee
Description:		
	at 7:00 p.m. in the City Coun	Committee meeting is scheduled for cil Chamber. The Committee is expecting to
Status:	In-Progress	
Expected Completion:	6/21/2016	
Execution Status:	On Track	
Department: Police Department		
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Notable Notes:

On Friday, June 3, 2016, Sgt. Bryda attended a meeting of the Chesapeake Region Law Enforcement Accreditation Alliance (CRLEAA), which serves Delaware, Maryland and Washington DC police agencies involved in the CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation process. At this meeting the member agencies discussed the proposed changes found in the draft manual regarding the implementation of the 6th Edition Standards Manual for Law Enforcement Agencies.

On Monday, June 6, 2016, Lt. Fred Nelson attended a meeting regarding Cleveland Avenue improvements. The meeting was attended by NPD, City Officials, Council Members, DelDOT, business owners and residents of the community. Many helpful suggestions were shared with the committee and will be taken under advisement by DelDOT for possible modeling and future roadway changes.

On Tuesday, June 7, 2016, Deputy Chief Feeney and Lt. VanCampen attended a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony of the new Cpl. Robert L. Snow Training and Conference Center at the New Castle County Police facility.

On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, the Traffic Unit assisted with the Special Olympics Bike Prologue event and Torch Run kickoff in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Law Enforcement from throughout the state assisted with the event which had a tremendous turnout from both law enforcement participants and spectators alike. The Torch Run is making its way across the state and will arrive in Newark at the University of Delaware Bob Carpenter Center on Friday, June 10th.

On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, Cpl. James Spadola of the Administration Unit participated in the Parks & Recreation orientation program for camp counselors in preparation for their upcoming summer camp season. Cpl. Spadola provided safety tips, reviewed city ordinances related to the parks and provided other useful information.

Final preparations have been made for the upcoming weekend's New Night celebration.

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	er Resources Department
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We suffered another round of flooding on Main Street this past weekend due to the high intensity rainfall (0.41" over a 5 minute span). The flooding was consistent with the flooding events of 2014. Fortunately, we did not have to close Paper Mill Road which normally flooded when Main Street floods, indicating that our recent project has improved that location. All rain events are different so it is hard to say for certain the amount of improvement but it is a good sign. Also, we are going to be performing another visual inspection of the storm sewer system that drains Main Street to confirm there are no blockages that may have contributed to the flooding. If we find anything, I will provide an update in a future report. We have annual flushing scheduled to begin the week of June 13th and will run through the 24th. We will be doing all flushing overnight (between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.) this year in an attempt to reduce the impact to residents. I have attached a copy of the public notice for the flushing program to this report for your information. We will be providing periodic updates on the website, the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts, and on Channel 22.	
Activity or Project:	
2016 Street Improvem	ent Contract
Description:	
Our contractor, Fontana Concrete Contractors, is set to begin work in the West Branch neighborhood on Monday, June 13th where they will be working on Boundary Road, Point Avenue, and East Mill Station.	
Status:	In-Progress
Expected Completion:	12/31/2016
Execution Status:	On Track
Activity or Project:	
2016 Water Main Repl	lacement Contract

Description:				
Our contractor, Mumfo	ord and Miller, has begu w weeks.	n wor	k on Center Street th	is week. We anticipate
Status:	In-Progress			
Expected Completion:	12/31/2016			
Execution Status:	On Track			
Activity or Project:				
Windy Hills Water Tank Painting				
Description:				
We began filling the tank this week and found a small leak near the base of the fill riser. As a result, we have had to drain the tank to make a repair. At this point we anticipate the repair to be complete by Monday when we will be able to resume filling.				
Status:	Near Completion			
Expected Completion:	6/13/2016			
Execution Status:	On Track			
	6/5/2016	to	6/11/2016	

Good Morning Anita – Thank you for reaching out. I fully understand your concern.

In reviewing the information that has been made available to the public by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) with the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation staff (DEMEC – of which Newark is one of nine member cities in DE), it is their opinion that the public power communities that make up DEMEC will bear an unfair burden to fund the project without receiving the same level of benefit. This dilemma is similar to other power companies that provide service to the residents of Delaware. Currently, it has been publicly stated that Delaware residents will pay 90% of the costs of this project, while only seeing 10% of the benefit. Efforts are underway by DEMEC to fully understand and make legislators aware of the possible impact as the project is currently being presented, including benefits primarily for the state of New Jersey and shareholders. DEMEC and its member communities are not in support of being included in funding anything that doesn't bring value back into our communities, which is the first principle of locally-run and operated public power utilities.

As you likely know, public power communities offer electricity provided by a not-for-profit, locally owned utility. This means that the residents and businesses within the communities they serve have more control. All the benefits produced by public power such as affordable energy costs, superior service/reliability, and attention to local priorities stay within the communities they serve.

As of now it's my understanding that DEMEC has not been privy to any information that is different from what the public has been reading in the newspapers.

I'm sorry that I cannot provide better information however please know DEMEC and its member community utilities are intervening with FERC and PJM seeking a more reasonable cost and a fairer allocation of costs among our customers and other regional utilities.

All my best, Carol

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From: bluerox@verizon.net [mailto:bluerox@verizon.net]

Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 9:34 AM

To: Carol Houck < CHouck@Newark.de.us>

Subject: Electric Rates

Ms. Houck,

I read in The News Journal about a possible line connecting the nuclear plant in the Delaware River to a sub-station in Red Lion. The article mentioned that Delaware residents will pay the "lion's share" of the cost to build this line. Since I live in the City of Newark, I was wondering if we will be included in paying the cost of the project. I spoke to someone in Electrical Engineering, who spoke to her manager, who referred me to the company where the City buys their electric. I called them spoke to someone named Stephanie. She said I needed to speak to Mr. McCuller; however, he was unavailable. I called back again today and he was still not available and Stephanie told me that I needed to contact you directly before I could speak to Mr. McCuller. Can you help answer my question? I've provided the link to the article below. Thanks so much!!

http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/2016/06/05/pjm-state-dispute-power-line-cost-and-benefits/85354520/

Anita

To DARE is to lose one's footing. NOT TO DARE is to lose oneself.

-- Soren Kierkegaard

PJM, state dispute power line cost and benefits



Jeff Mordock, The News Journal

1:34 a.m. EDT June 6, 2016



(Photo: GARY EMEIGH/THE NEWS JOURNAL)

PJM and state officials disagree on the costs and benefits of a proposed power line that, if approved at its current cost estimate, could send Delaware <u>electric bills soaring (/story/money/2016/05/31/advocate-delaware-power-bills-take-big-hit/85202934/)</u>.

Audubon, Pennsylvania-based PJM is overseeing the construction of a transmission line (/story/money/business/2016/04/17/cost-artificial-island-power-line-doubles/83075014/) that would connect the Artificial Island nuclear complex in New Jersey – home to the Salem and Hope Creek facilities – to a substation near Red Lion. State officials, including the Delaware Office of Public Advocate, the Delaware Public Service Commission, Gov. Jack Markell and the state congressional delegation, have been fighting the project's cost, claiming residents of Delaware will pay much more and receive much less benefit than New Jersey residents.

They contend Delaware residents and businesses will be paying 90 percent of the project's \$272 million price tag, but receive only 10 percent of its benefits. The project's advantages are said to include increased reliability and improved electrical output.

A PJM executive said the state's numbers are wrong. Steve Herling, PJM's vice president of planning, said Delaware will be responsible for 60 percent of the project's cost and will receive most of its benefits.

"They have either misinterpreted what we said or misspoke," Herling told The News Journal. "It's very frustrating."

But Delaware Public Advocate David Bonar said this was the first he heard about the new numbers. He said the 90 percent cost assigned to Delaware and 10 percent return on investment are based on numbers PJM has provided to the state.

"The figures were compiled by PJM," Bonar said. "We have been paying 90 percent of the cost, and until today, not one person from PJM has disputed that percentage."

PJM spokeswoman Paula DuPont said the company plans to address the disconnect with state officials.

"Obviously, there is a miscommunication somewhere along the way, and we will reach out to clear up what the numbers are," DuPont said,



DELAWAREONLINE

Editorial: Power line cost an unjust punishment

(http://www.delawareonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/05/31/editorial-power-line-cost-unjust-punishment/85207672/)



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Delaware power customers to pay Artificial Island bill

(http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/2016/04/25/delaware-power-customers-pay-artificial-island-bill/83497378/)

The transmission line was originally estimated to cost \$137 million. However, in March, a company executive told PJM's Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee its price tag is now \$272 million. The additional \$135 million will be added to the cost of other upgrades at Artificial Island, increasing the project's overall total from \$280 million to more than \$400 million. Those costs will be borne by Delaware's residential and industrial consumers who receive electric from Delmarva Power, the Delaware Electrical Cooperative and the Delaware Municipal Electric Corp.

At the transmission line's current cost structure, Delaware residents could be paying more than \$13 more per month in electric costs, according the Office of the Public Advocate. Businesses will be hit even harder. Small companies' electric bills could increase by as much as \$6,600 per month, and larger businesses could see their bills climb by nearly \$50,000 per month, the public advocate reported.

Herling said PJM does not play a role in establishing retail electricity rates so he could not comment on the project's potential impact on utility bills.

"We will need to sit down and talk about how [the public advocate] is coming up with these numbers," he said.

The public advocate's numbers are based on Delaware footing 90 percent of the power line's bill, not the 60 percent Herling said the state will cover.

Under the current cost allocation, Herling said Virginia will pick up the tab for just under 40 percent of the project with Delaware paying for the remainder.

Herling added the expected \$272 million price tag is not final and he expects it come will down, which would reduce Delaware's contribution.

But Bonar countered even at a lower price, the power will still cost Delawareans.

"There is no question it is going to be expensive," he said.

Both sides also disputed the project's benefits. Herling said Delmarva Peninsula residents will receive the majority of the benefits because the transmission line will be flowing another power source into the region. That will improve reliability in the face of a serious weather event such as a hurricane.

"This project is going to have a big impact on Delaware and the Delmarva Peninsula," he said.



DELAWAREONLINE

<u>DuPont</u>, <u>Chemours to benefit from new legislation</u>

(http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/2016/06/02/dupont-chemours-benefit-new-legislation/85304764/)

Bob Howatt, executive director of the Delaware Public Service Commission, said he doesn't dispute that Delaware will benefit from the project. However, he said the power line's benefits and costs are not commensurate.

"Whether you subscribe to the 90/10 cost allocation theory or the 60/40 cost allocation, we still have a conflict with the benefits and costs of this project," Howatt said.

Delaware businesses, both large and small, contend the project could be devastating to their bottom line if the public advocate's estimates are correct.

"We believe that the current cost allocation for the Artificial Island transmission line project is unfair and unduly burdensome to Delaware ratepayers and large energy users like DuPont, in particular," said Dan Turner, a DuPont spokesman.

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Dominick Filingeri, owner of Dom's NY Style Pizzeria in Newport, said he will have to raise prices if his electric costs rise. (Photo: JOHN J. JANKOWSKI JR./SPECIAL TO THE NEWS JOURNAL)

Dominick Filingeri, owner of Dom's NY Style Pizzeria in Newport, said if \$6,000 is added to his electric bill, he would have to raise pizza prices by a few dollars. He said that even if he replaces his equipment with energy-efficient models, they would reduce his electric bills only by 10 or 15 percent, not enough to offset the utility costs.

"If this comes to fruition, I would have to reconsider a lot of things," he said. "That number is not a number that can be sustained for a long time."

Brian Nixon, chair of the Delaware Manufacturing Association, said companies could change their production schedules by operating at early in the morning or late at night when energy usage is at its lowest. However, that could also require businesses to pay workers more because they are working off-peak hours. Nixon added that increased energy costs could force companies to re-evaluate or curtail manufacturing a product.

"Anytime we have energy costs impacted, we have to find ways to balance that out somewhere else," he said.

Herling vowed to reduce the project's price but said the company has received an unfair rap for how the cost allocation is structured. Under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rules, that allocation is set by the Transmission Owners within the PJM region. The Transmission Owners in this case are comprised of Delmarva Power; Newark, New Jersey-based Public Service Electric and Gas; and LS Power, a New York company that is building the Artificial Island power line.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and a District of Columbia Court of Appeals decision have upheld Transmission Owners' authority to decide cost allocation.

Bonar conceded PJM should not bear all the blame for the project's cost allocation, but said PJM should have been open with the state about the overall price.

"This has become a public process because it showed up in the papers," he said.

Delmarva Power spokesman Nick Morici said PJM should take time to reconsider the project's price tag, noting it is still in the early stages. Karen Johnson, of PSE&G, said PJM has applied the cost allocation correctly under FERC rules. Casey Carroll, a project manager at LS Power, did not respond to a request for comment.

"The costs of the solution that was ultimately selected by PJM are being allocated according to the rules that have been in place and were well known," Johnson said. "PJM has applied the rules consistently."

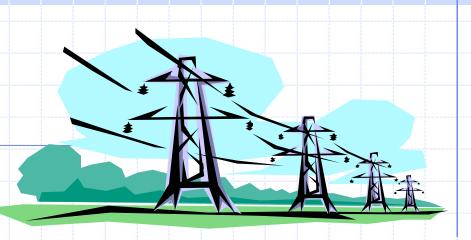
In an April ruling, FERC upheld the project's cost (/story/news/2016/04/25/delaware-power-customers-pay-artificial-island-bill/83497378/) allocation after a challenge by the public advocates of Delaware and Maryland. Both states have filed a motion for reconsideration (/story/money/2016/05/27/delaware-appeal-cost-artificial-island-power-line/85008404/). If that motion is denied, Delaware officials said they could pursue an appeal with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals because it has jurisdiction over federal agencies.

In the meantime, Herling said PJM will look at options to contain the project's cost.

"This is not a dispute between Delaware and PJM," he said. "We share some of their concerns and are going to work with them. There is just not a whole lot more we can do."

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DEMEC

Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation

Joint Community Briefing

Electric Market Changes and Their Impact
On Your Power Supply Costs

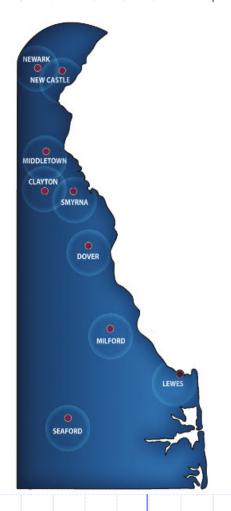
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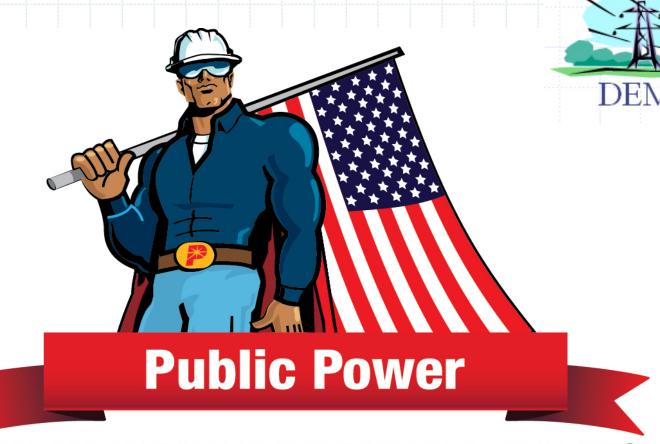
DEMEC Overview

- DEMEC is a Joint Action Wholesale Electric Utility incorporated in 1979.
- DEMEC members are all of the nine municipal distribution utilities in the state of Delaware.
- Eight of the members receive 100% of their electric requirements from DEMEC through Full Requirements contracts and seven participate in DEMEC's existing Beasley Generation Project. City of Dover receives partial requirements service.
- DEMEC's power supply value comes from a portfolio of existing selfsupply generation assets, staggered short, medium, and long term power contracts, and spot market purchases. This optimized portfolio provides low-cost wholesale power supply to its members.

Newark New Castle Middletown Clayton Smyrna Dover Milford Lewes Seaford







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National Public Power Week

Public Power Week celebrates the importance of public power to local citizens and other public constituencies, including state and national officials.



History of Public Power

What is it?

- not-for-profit community electric service
- owned and operated by your local community
- provides your communities with reliable, responsive services
- directly accountable to the people you serve
- local elected or appointed officials are regulators

First established in the 1880s, most DEMEC Member communities have operated their electric distribution utilities for the benefit of their community for over 100 years.



Joint Action Agency

What is it?

- A wholly-owned extension of your community electric utility
- Jointly pooled resources for efficiency and lower cost
- An efficient vehicle to finance, build and acquire power supply
- manage regulatory and market complexities
- implement public policy
- provide other electricity-related joint services



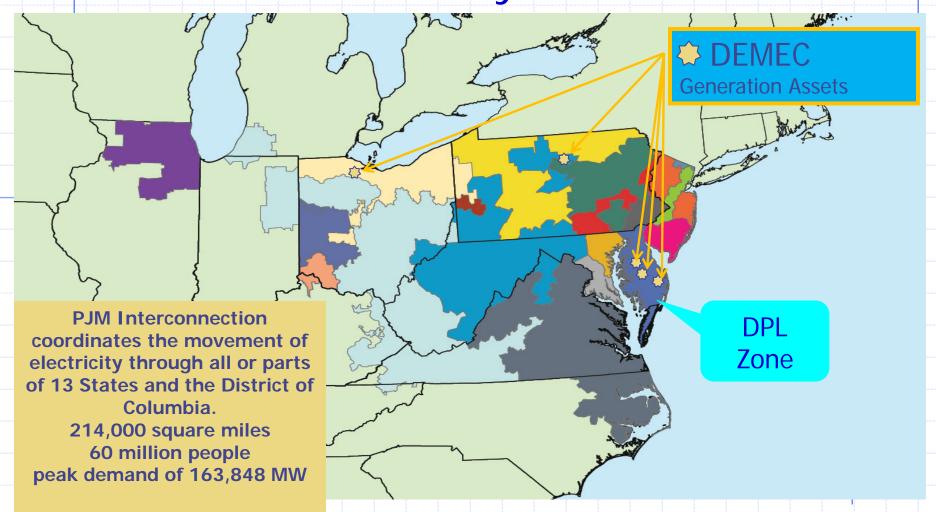
Joint Action Agency

The aggregation of power generation and related services yields:

- Higher reliability of electric service
- Lower costs
- Higher efficiency
- Local benefits for our communities
 - Police and Fire Protection
 - Streets
 - Parks
- Higher quality of life

PJM Service Territory







DEMEC is:

- a Public Power Utility and a Joint Action Agency
- an extension of your community-owned not-for-profit electric utility
- a Generation Developer/Owner/Operator
- maintaining a diverse resource mix of owned generation assets and power purchase contracts
- responsible for delivering reliable electric service for your communities and the Delmarva Peninsula
- financing and constructing electric infrastructure for the benefit of our member communities
- managing the regulatory and market complexity and risks for our communities
- supporting and promoting desirable economic development and business retention in your communities



DEMEC Responsibilities:

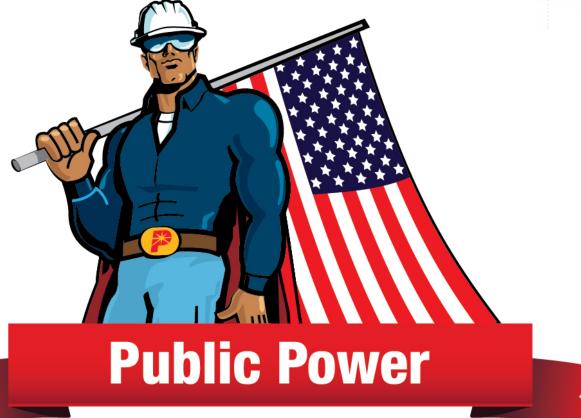
- Provide of valuable low-cost, competitive, high quality energy supply and services to our member communities.
- Provide stable prices to our communities by managing risk and price volatility in the markets.
- Meet projected demand growth, load requirements and reserve margins by building or contracting for adequate generation resources.
- Provide training in technology and best utility practices to our community utility staffs to help them operate more efficiently.
- Serve as a technical resource to our federal, state and local elected officials and community utility staffs.



DEMEC is not:

- a stand-alone entity
- a for-profit corporation
- a retail electric utility
- a transmission owner
- a publicly traded investor-owned utility
- a rural electric cooperative
- a natural gas or propane provider





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Public Power 101:

- You are Public Power
- We have consumers, not shareholders
- Consumers are constituents
- Constituents are voters
- All decision making is local
- Local elected officials recognize the power of local control and local decision making to benefit their community



Public Power 101:

Public power is a longstanding reflection of the American ideal of local people joining together to meet local needs.

- Local focus: Small towns > Big Cities
- Locally regulated, locally accountable
- Reliability and customer service passion
- Money generated by the utility stays and is reinvested in the community
- Community commitment, community benefits



The Electric Utility Industry

- <u>Critical</u> Modern civilization and the American quality of life depends on electricity
- <u>Complex</u> Our industry is rapidly evolving, creating complexity and uncertainty
- <u>Capital-Intensive</u> Facilities such as generators, wires and transformers are highcost, long-life assets
- <u>Connected</u> Electrical infrastructure is an interconnected and increasingly intelligent web of devices



The Components of Power Supply

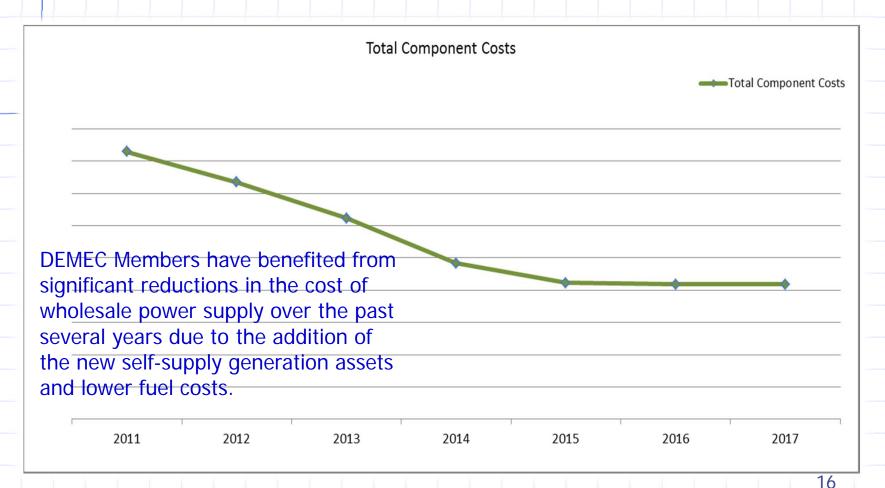
- Energy The generated electrons that do the work to power your home or business. Cost of fuel and variable O&M.
- <u>Capacity</u> The ability of an electric generator to be ready to produce electricity <u>on demand</u>. Capital and fixed O&M Costs. "Steel in the Ground".
- <u>Transmission</u> Facilities such as wires and transformers to move energy from the generation source to the end user.
- <u>Distribution</u> local delivery of electric power to homes and businesses.
- Regulatory Compliance Cost of meeting mandates such as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") rules, EPA Clean Power Plan rules and State Renewable Portfolio Standards.

We have control over some but not all of these components.





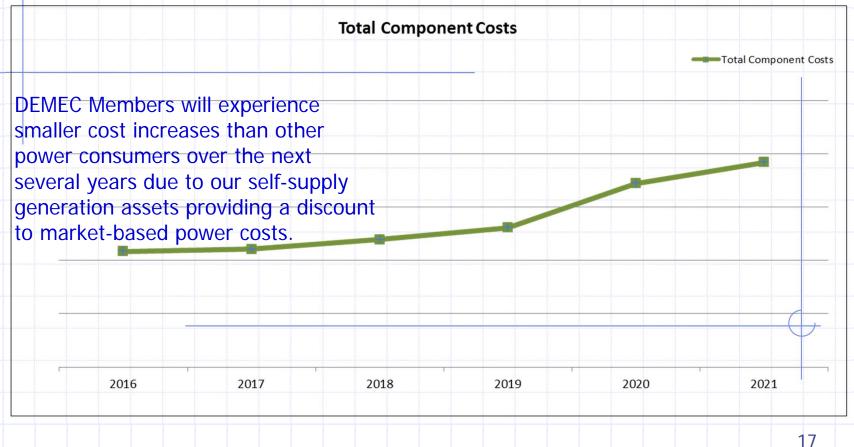
Power supply cost to DEMEC communities reduced 10% over 4 years from new self-supply assets replacing market-based contracts



Future Power Supply Costs



Industry power supply costs are expected to be higher over the next 5 years due to increasing Capacity costs, Transmission costs, and RTO costs. We also expect the Fuel and Regulatory costs will rise over the period.





Market Changes increase costs to all Consumers in the Eastern US

- Unfavorable Change in the Capacity Rules in PJM will increase Capacity Costs.
- Higher Cost for Transmission Facilities
- Generation Retirements in our region
- EPA proposed Clean Power Plan Rules
- PJM Demand Response Program is threatened
- Increasing Renewable Portfolio Requirements



Unfavorable change in the PJM Capacity Rules

- Generation Owners are paid for their generation capacity, while the Consumers must pay for the cost of capacity in their bills.
- Generation Owners have complained that they are not receiving enough to cover their fixed costs and continue to threaten to close plants.
- PJM filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to change the way Capacity is priced in our region. They call it "Capacity Performance".
- Historically, Capacity Prices in our region have already increased <u>1,800%</u> since 2006.
- The new Capacity Performance structure has caused another 33% jump in 2016 Capacity Prices and an 86% jump in 2018.



Artificial Island Transmission Project An example of bad planning and bad policy

- PJM conducts RFP for project, awards \$137 million, then builders say the cost will now be over \$400 million?
- New cost allocation methodology assigns 90+% of total cost to Delaware ratepayers, even though only 10% benefit to Delaware can be identified.
- Unfair impact on our communities and unfair to business
- We are fighting through all channels and will go to federal court to sue FERC if necessary.

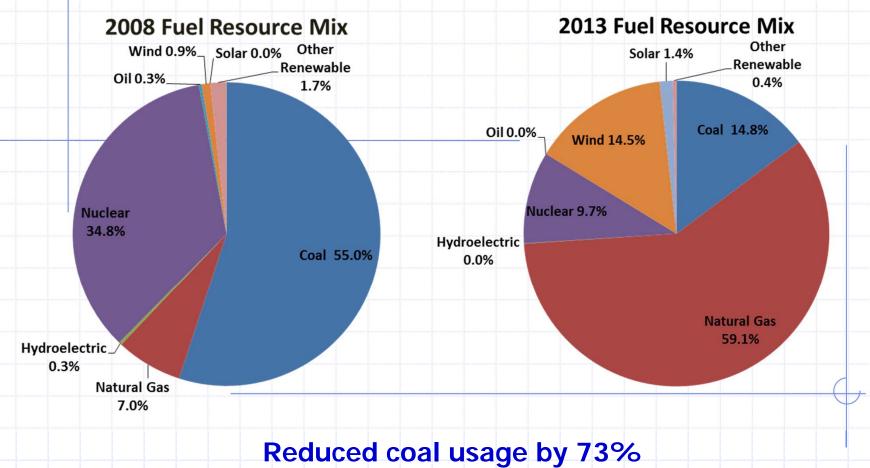


DEMEC Assets Mitigate Costs

- All electric consumers in the eastern US are facing increasing costs.
- DEMEC, by virtue of the investments in generation assets we have made in the past few years, is better positioned to mitigate these cost increases for our communities.
- Our generation assets' value will result in lesser cost increases for DEMEC communities compared to others that do not own generation assets.
- DEMEC will continue to seek assets and services that benefit our member communities.







Reduced coal usage by 73%
Increasing generation efficiency lowers costs



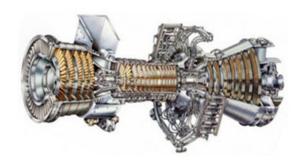
DEMEC GENERATION ASSETS



Beasley Power Station - Unit #2

Smyrna, DE





DEMEC – Existing Facility Expansion

- Beasley Power Station; Total Capacity 100MW
 - Unit #1 50MW Commissioned April 2001
 - Unit #2 50MW Operational June 1, 2012
- ➤ Plant Configuration (2) GE LM6000 combustion turbines, fueled by Natural Gas or #2 Fuel Oil as a backup.
- ➤ The Beasley Power Station is primarily a peaking unit operated to save costs during high periods of energy demand; however, the plant can be called upon by PJM for system reliability and with its black start capability the plant may be used for system restoration.
- The Beasley Power Station has the capability to provide island operation with the Town of Smyrna and has demonstrated this ability on several occasions.
- Beasley Power Station meets DEMEC's long term goals of providing predictable, reliable, low cost power through a diversified power supply portfolio which includes owner assets.
- DEMEC's 7 full requirement members benefit from the output and capacity of the facility.



AMP Fremont Energy Center (AFEC)

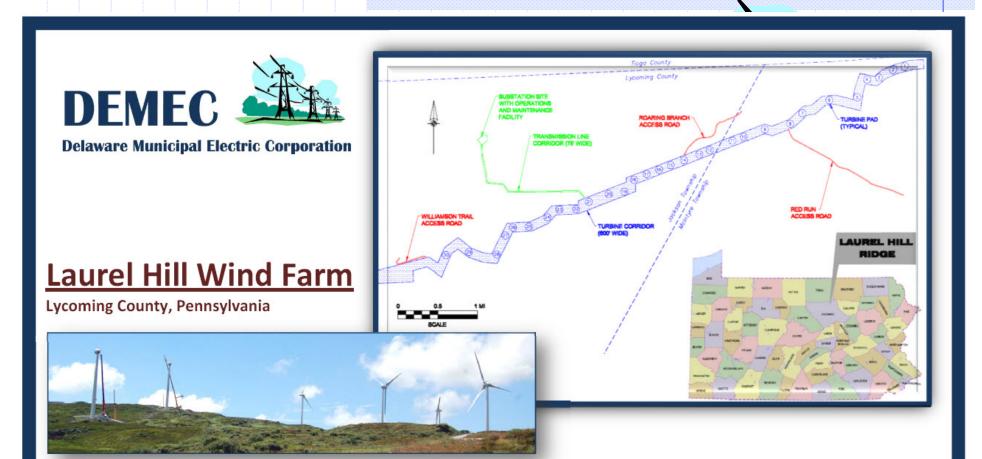
Fremont, Ohio



DEMEC Partners with American Municipal Power (AMP)

- July 2011 DEMEC is the 129th member to join the public power partners of American Municipal Power (AMP). Including DEMEC, there are 89 participants in the AFEC Project.
- AFEC is a natural gas-fired combined cycle electric generating facility which will supply intermediate power to participating communities. Intermediate power is needed Monday Friday during the 16 highest demand hours.
- ➤ AFEC's approved capacity injection rights = 675MW; 512MW intermediate and 163MW during peak demands.
- > Plant Configuration:
 - (2) 180MW ea. Siemens Combustion Turbine Generators
 - (1) 360MW Siemens Steam Turbine Generator
- DEMEC will take 70 MW of intermediate energy and capacity and 22MW of peaking energy and capacity from the facility for a term of 35 years.
- The Project provides DEMEC and its members a cost-effective, safe, environmentally friendly, asset-based alternative to wholesale energy and capacity markets.





DEMEC – Supporting a Renewable Portfolio

- Renewable Portfolio Goal; 25% by 2025 with a 3.5% solar carve out.
- > July 2011 DEMEC entered into an agreement with Duke Energy Renewables; developer and owner of the Laurel Hill Wind Farm Project.

 DEMEC is the sole participant in the Project and will receive all the renewable energy and SRECs generated from the Project.
- > Total capacity of the Project = 69MW (30 Siemens wind turbines, each capable of generating 2.3MW)
- > Laurel Hill will be capable of generating enough electricity to power more than 20,000 homes.
- Term of Agreement: 25 years
- Operational September 2012
- The Laurel Hill Wind Farm is located in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. (Near Williamsport, PA)





The Dover SUN Park is a 10 MW utility scale facility located in the Dover-owned Garrison Oak Technology Park. The park was made possible by the partnership of several utilities:

- · City of Dover
- Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC)
- Delmarva Power
- Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU)
- LS Power

DEMEC – Supporting a Solar Portfolio

Target: 3 1/2% by 2025

SRECs: DEMEC will receive 15 % of the Solar Renewable Energy

Credits (SRECs).

Projections: Dover SUN Park will only provide a portion of DEMEC's

needed solar environmental attributes. More is required.

Term: 20 years

Societal Benefits: Will provide clean power to 1,300 homes

Operational: June 2011



<u>Costs:</u> Seeking the best value for the customer, the park uses the most cost effective technology available today. Additionally, community-scale solar projects offer the most cost effective method to meet solar power goals – over 2,000 solar rooftop systems would be required to supply the same amount of clean energy of the Project at more than double the cost.



Milford Solar Generation Project

Project is a 13MWp Utility-scale Solar Generation Plant on 70 acres located in Milford, Delaware. Project went into operation in December, 2012.

Project has significant economic benefit to the Milford Area:

- Injected up to \$2 million into the Milford local economy
- Employed in excess of 150 local workers from construction to operation
- Utilizing more than 75% from Delaware labor force.
- DEMEC will use 100% of the project energy and a schedule of SREC output for a 20 year term.







Future Solar Generation Projects

DEMEC is working with several members in the design and development of community-owned solar facilities. (Newark, Smyrna, Seaford)

These Community Solar Projects will enable all the members of a community to own solar, even low-income which cannot otherwise afford to invest in solar. These solar projects:

- create jobs
- educate about solar voltaic technology
- Utilize Delaware labor force and materials.

DEMEC will assist as needed with the financing, design and construction.







UD-DEMEC Fellowships-Marine Wind Research

DEMEC sponsors fellowships in the UD School of Marine Studies

These fellowships are full-year funding for graduate-level students doing research into off-shore wind siting and production efficiency

DEMEC purchases RECs from the UD Wind Turbine and City of Lewes purchases the energy produced







Increasing Renewable Generation: DEMEC

DEMEC has made significant investments in Wind and Solar assets:

- 1) Laurel Hill Wind 69MWs
- 2) Dover Sun Park 10MWs
- 3) Milford Solar 13MWs
- 4) Encouraged Distributed Generation- 6.2 MW (300 installs)

Benefits:

- DEMEC renewable energy generation powers 18,000 homes.
 (equals 1/3 of all homes in our service territories)
- Reduces 150,000 metric tons of emissions each year, equivalent to removing 32,000 cars from the road.
- Eliminates the burning of 158 million pounds of coal each year.



Greener, smarter, more efficient, and more flexible

Let's discuss the evolution of:

- Customer Attitudes
- Regulatory and Societal Trends
- Technical Innovations



Customer Attitudes:

- More Renewable Energy in their power supply
- Self-generation from solar, wind, etc.
- Interested in energy efficiency
- More information about how they use power
- More control over their power consumption
- Cheap power, of course
- Independent but secure
- Utility as resource and enabler



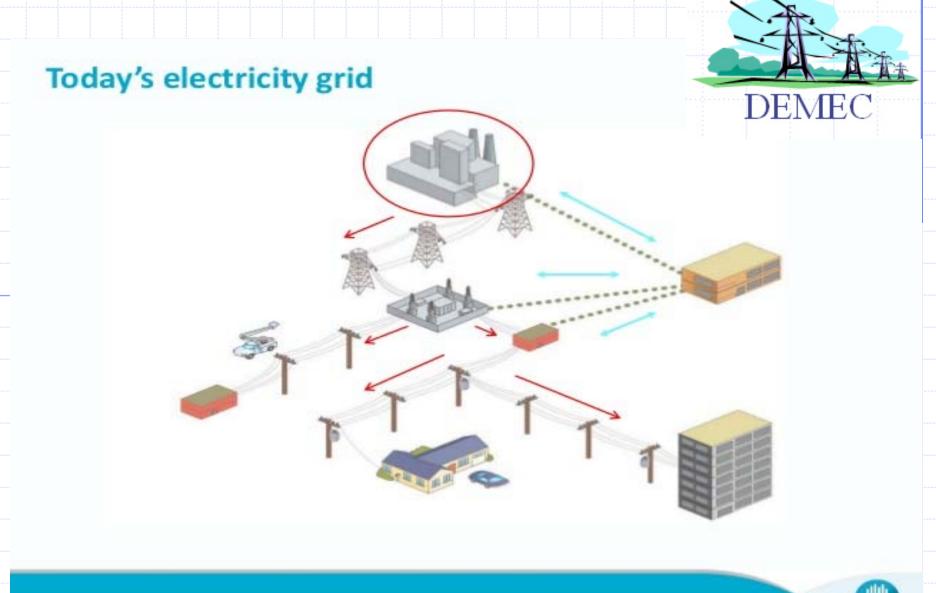
Regulatory and Societal Trends:

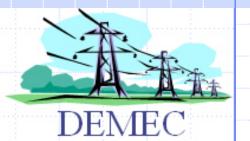
- Cleaner, greener: air and water
- More control over generation, transmission, and distribution
- Enable technological innovation and adoption
- Reliability is still paramount
- Maintain balance and fairness for utilities, consumers and investors



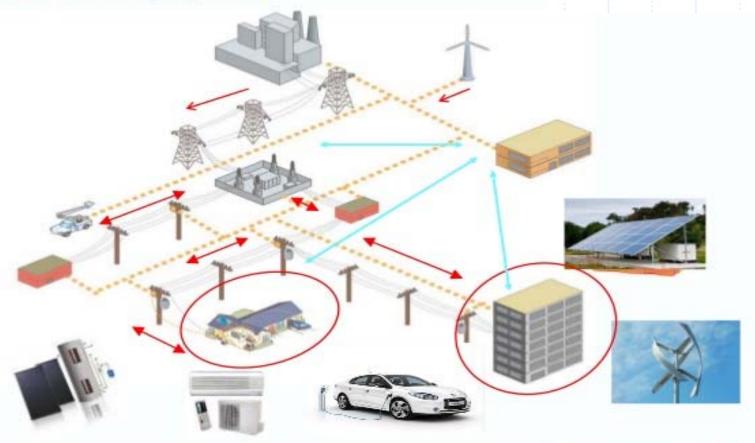
Technical Innovations:

- Wind and solar generation
- Smart grid
- Fuel cells
- Small, high-efficiency turbines
- Electric cars
- Battery storage
- Internet of Things





Future Electricity System



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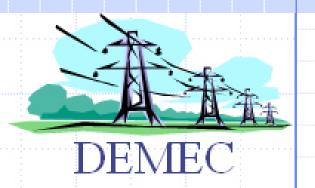
DEMEC's Value to Members:

- Aggregating the energy requirements of all of our member communities together creates an economy of scale, reducing the overall cost of power supply to our members and our State.
- Managing the risks and complexity of a rapidly changing electric industry:
 - Market design changes
 - Legal and Regulatory complexity
 - Challenges to the Public Power business model
 - Rapid technology developments
- On-behalf of financing and construction services for electric infrastructure projects:
 - New Castle high-voltage Substation 2009
 - Middletown high-voltage Transmission Line 2017
 - Future projects as members need



DEMEC's Commitment: Member Focused

- Provide Reliable and Economic Power Supply to our Communities and our State.
- Deliver the Benefits of our investments and changes in the electric industry to our Communities and our State economy.
- Protect the Rights of our Public Power Communities.
- Support Local Control for our Communities' Social and Economic Welfare.
- Provide resources and industry knowledge to our members as needed.
- Capitalize on industry innovations for the benefit of our members.



If you have questions or need further information

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Thank You

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 05/29/16-06/04/16	II	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES			
	2015	2016	THIS	2015	2016	THIS		
	TO	TO	WEEK	TO	TO	WEEK		
	DATE	DATE	2016	DATE	DATE	<u>2016</u>		
PART I OFFENSES						<u></u>		
a)Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0		
b)Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kidnap [']	4	4	1	1	2	0		
Rape	3	2	0	1	3	0		
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	4	4	0	1	1	0		
Robbery	17	22	2	20	7	0		
- Commercial Robberies	8	9	0	7	0	0		
- Robberies with Known Suspect	1	2	1	1	0	0		
- Attempted Robberies	2	2	0	5	0	0		
- Other Robberies	6	9	1	7	7	0		
Assault/Aggravated	2	11	1	12	16	0		
Burglary	24	38	3	13	27	Ö		
- Commercial Burglaries	4	9	0	1	4	0		
- Residential Burglaries	18	23	3	11	21	0		
- Other Burglaries	2	6	0	1	2	Ö		
Theft	191	302	19	87	89	2		
Theft/Auto	18	17	0	6	8	0		
Arson	1	1	ő	0	0	Ö		
All Other	34	55	3	34	36	2		
TOTAL PART I	298	456	29	175	189	4		
PART II OFFENSES								
Other Assaults	138	143	9	83	66	9		
Rec. Stolen Property	2	0	0	11	16	0		
Criminal Mischief	85	83	6	36	36	2		
Weapons	6	6	1	41	19	0		
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Alcohol	118	110	4	196	196	5		
Drugs	38	68	0	107	92	5		
Noise/Disorderly Premise	209	313	4	97	137	0		
Disorderly Conduct	76	74	9	48	55	2		
Trespass	75	81	6	35	33	2		
All Other	195	226	16	141	140	5		
TOTAL PART II	942	1104	55	795	790	30		
MISCELLANEOUS:								
Alarm	420	351	11	0	0	0		
Animal Control	199	224	9	0	2	0		
Recovered Property	109	121	0	0	0	0		
Service	12937	14781	721	0	0	0		
Suspicious Per/Veh	212	249	14	0	0	0		
TOTAL MISC.	13877	15726	755	0	2	0		
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	THIS	2015	THIS	2016				

	THIS	2015	THIS	2016	
	WEEK	TO	WEEK	TO	
	<u>2015</u>	DATE	<u>2016</u>	DATE	
TOTAL CALLS	1,033	18,331	942	19,812	



Newark Police Department Weekly Traffic Report 05/29/16-06/04/16



TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	THIS WEEK 2015	THIS WEEK 2016
Moving/Non-Moving	4,249	4,829	168	151
DUI	89	72	1	1
TOTAL	4,338	4,901	169	152

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS				
Fatal	2	0	0	0
Personal Injury	80	111	5	10
Property Damage (Reportable)	214	347	17	34
Property Damage (Non-Reportable)	166	70	8	6
Hit and Run	129	119	8	4
TOTAL	591	647	38	54



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June 7, 2016

Public Notice: 2016 Water Main Flushing

Newark, DE - The Public Works and Water Resources Department will begin its 2016 water main flushing program on Monday, June 13, 2016. Water main flushing is necessary to test the hydrants to ensure adequate flow and pressure is available. Additionally, flushing also removes sediment from the pipes to help ensure optimum water clarity and quality.

In an effort to reduce the impact on our customers, the City is planning to flush the water mains overnight between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Water main flushing is scheduled to begin Monday, June 13, and run through Friday, June 24.

Updates and any schedule changes will be posted online at www.cityofnewarkde.us, via the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts and on Newark TV Channel 22.

Schedule*

Monday, June 13, 2016 - Friday, June 17, 2016

Area of Paper Mill Road, Main Street and Capitol Trail. Includes Chapel Hill, Cleveland Avenue, Creek Bend, Fountainview, George Read Village, Jenney's Run, Lumbrook, Stafford, Main Street, Middle Run Meadow, Nonantum Mills, Ridgewood Glen, The Hunt at Louviers, Woods at Louviers and White Chapel.

Area of Christianstead, Evergreen, Fairfield, Fairfield Crest, Nottingham Green, Oakland's, Philips Mill, Woodmere, West Branch and Stone Spring.

Area around Chestnut Hill Road. Includes Arbour Park, Bellevue Road, Cannon's Gate, Cobblefield, Silverbrook, South Chapel Street, South College Avenue, Welsh Tract Road, Yorkshire and Yorkshire Woods II.

Monday, June 20, 2016 - Friday, June 24, 2016

Area bounded by Main Street, South Chapel Street, CSX tracks, Apple Road, Beverly Road and South Main Street. Includes Academy Street, Amstel Avenue, Dallas Avenue, South College Avenue, Granthum Place, Indian Road, Kells Avenue, Kent Way, Manns Avenue, Manuel Street, Lovett Avenue, Orchard Road, Park Place, Phillips Avenue, Ritter Lane, Sunset Road, Townsend Road, Winslow Road, Wollaston Avenue and Wyoming Road.

Area west of Apple Road, south of Nottingham Green, and west of Casho Mill Road. Includes Abbotsford, Binns, Briar Creek, Cherry Hill, Country Hills, Country Place, Devon, Elan, Madison Drive, Timbercreek, and Williamsburg Village.

*all flushing is to be performed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Tips for Residents

As flushing of water mains is conducted, you may experience fluctuations in water pressure and changes in water clarity. These changes are temporary.

If you experience discoloration, please wait approximately 30 minutes for our flushing crew to move out of the area, then run cold water in a bathtub or basin sink until clear.

Residents are advised to postpone laundering, dish washing and showering between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each day during this week to avoid discolored water and possible water pressure fluctuations.

If your laundry becomes stained, keep the clothes wet and rewash with "Rust Rover" powder. Rust Rover packets are available from the Public Works and Water Resources Department located on the second floor of the Municipal Building.

Reminder: Please make sure to register for utility notifications on the City's website at www.cityofnewarkde.us under 'Inform Me" on the main page.

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