

your electric Co-op's newsletter

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Danbury Bog and Ragged Mountain. Photo by Lynn LaChance

Briefly...

Candidates Wanted for Nominating Committee

NHEC is seeking members to serve on the company's Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee reviews the qualifications of potential candidates seeking election to the NHEC Board of Directors and nominates a slate of candidates to run for the open seats. Interested members are encouraged to apply. For more information about time requirements and applying to be considered, contact Sharon Yeaton at **603-536-8801**, or yeatons@nhec.com.

Recycle That Old Fridge & Get \$75

For a limited time, NHEC residential members can receive a \$75 rebate for recycling an inefficient working refrigerator or freezer. Get free pick-up and up to \$80 per year in energy savings! Limited time offer expires November 30th so don't delay. For details: www.nhsaves.com/learn/rebate/refrigerator-and-freezer-recycling or call our recycling contractor, ARCA, at **1-877-889-4763**.

SmartHub: Get It to Go!

Manage your NHEC account anywhere with the convenience of the SmartHub app for your mobile device. The SmartHub app is free and available for your iOS or Android device. With SmartHub, you can:

- View your hourly electric usage
- Report outages
- Get restoration updates
- Pay your bill

Download the SmartHub app:



Board of Directors Meetings

The NHEC Board of Directors regularly meets on the last Tuesday of each month. Please check the Board of Directors page on the Co-op web site at www.nhec.com, or call Sharon Yeaton at **603-536-8801** to confirm the current month's time and location.

Emergency Bill Relief Available

As part of a bill passed by the New Hampshire Legislature and signed by Governor Sununu last month, \$35 million in funding for emergency energy assistance will be available this fall and winter for low to moderate income New Hampshire residents.

Households with incomes **between 60 and 75%** of the state median income could receive \$650 in assistance towards their heating and electric bills. For more information or to apply, contact your local Community Action Agency: www.capnh.org/home.



Assistance towards heating and electric bills for New Hampshire residents with incomes **below 60%** of the state median income is available through New Hampshire's Fuel Assistance Program and the Electric Assistance Program. To apply for either of those programs, contact your local Community Action Agency: www.capnh.org/home.

Save Big with ENERGY STAR® Certified Appliances!



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NHSaves' utility partners offer a wide variety of rebates on ENERGY STAR certified appliances that help New Hampshire residents save energy and increase the comfort of their homes.

Keep these rebates in mind when you're shopping this holiday season... Black Friday appliance deals are right around the corner!

To learn more, or download a rebate application, visit www.nhsaves.com/nh-rebates.

APPLIANCE	REBATE (up to)
CLOTHES DRYERS	\$200
CLOTHES WASHERS	\$50
DEHUMIDIFIERS	\$25
POOL PUMPS	\$350
REFRIGERATORS	\$50
ROOM AIR PURIFIERS	\$40
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	\$20

Cold Cash: Energy Efficiency Pays off for Patch's Market

Ron Patch knows all about the cost of doing business these days. As the owner of Patch's Market & Deli in Glen, NH, he's seen his costs go up on everything from the gas at the pumps to the meat in the subs. So when the cost of power went up too, he turned to NHEC and the NHSaves energy efficiency programs for help.

"We're all stuck in it together, especially with the increases in the cost of energy," Patch said. "So to have these programs really helps out."

With advice and financial incentives from NHEC totaling 50% of the project cost, Patch was able to invest in the energy efficiency of his business. The result – nearly 30,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity savings per year!

Like the dozens of other small markets that are dotted across NHEC service territory, the biggest energy savings opportunities are in the coolers with the beer and soda. At Patch's, that meant replacing fan motors that ran 24 hours a day with Electrically Commutating (EC) motors that operate only when needed. On a busy summer day, a steady stream of customers is in and out of the walk-in cooler, buying an estimated 300 cases of beverages a day.

"The main cooler is so much more efficient now," Patch said. "I used to have trouble keeping it defrosted but had no problem whatsoever with it this summer, which was the hottest we've had in years."

He also swapped out older fluorescent lights in the 40' X 16' cooler with highly efficient LEDs, a change that Patch said elicited hundreds of comments from customers.

"The product just sparkles now and they really notice it," he said.

Other efficiency measures included the installation of anti-sweat heater controls in the cooler doors. All told, Patch's



Ron Patch is saving more than \$6,000 a year in energy costs at Patch's Market & Deli.

Market can expect to save more than \$6,000 a year in electric costs (based on current rates).

"It's been a very successful conversion for me," Patch said. "I came away thinking this was a win-win situation for everyone."

Looking to save energy at your small business? Call or email our business energy experts:

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Winter Prep for Heat Pumps

Hundreds of Co-op members have taken advantage of NHEC rebates to install high-efficiency heat pumps for their heating and cooling needs. Now that you've got your new heat pump, take care of your investment with this winter prep checklist:

- **Clean air filters**
- **Keep outdoor condensing unit free of debris; protect from snow & ice falling from roof**
- **Make sure inside vents are clear and not blocked by furniture or drapes**
- **Clean vents**
- **Schedule a check-up with an HVAC tech**



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