

The Energy Line

From the President & CEO

Energy information for the customers of Wellsboro Electric



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Getting Smart

As you probably know, Wellsboro Electric recently received a federal grant to be used for the deployment of smart-grid technology.

There has been a lot of talk about the so-called "smart grid" lately. So what exactly is this smart grid and why is it important to Wellsboro Electric and its customers?

"Grid 2030: A National Vision for Electricity's Second 100 Years," produced by the U.S. Department of Energy in 2003, calls for the construction of a 21st century electric system that connects everyone to abundant, affordable, clean, efficient and reliable electric power anytime, anywhere. This can be achieved through a smart grid, which would integrate advanced functions into the nation's electric grid to enhance reliability, efficiency, and security, and would also contribute to the climate change strategic goal of reducing carbon emissions. These advancements will be achieved by modernizing the electric grid with information-age technologies, such as microprocessors, communications, and advanced computing and information technologies.

The "Grid 2030" report identifies the following characteristics or performance features of a smart grid:

- Self-healing from power disturbance events
- Enabling active participation by consumers in demand response
- Operating resiliently against physical and cyber attack
- Providing power quality for 21st century needs
- Accommodating all generation and storage options
- Enabling new products, services, and markets
- Optimizing assets and operating efficiently

What will the smart grid mean for you as a consumer? It should mean fewer or shorter outages and greater control over your energy use and its costs. The ultimate goal is to have maximum efficiency achieved all along the system, from generation to consumption, with the end user playing an active role in that process. To make this a reality, the participants will need information, and a lot of it, in a format that is manageable and makes sense.

Wellsboro Electric already has some of the infrastructure in place to support smart grid activities. Much more will be deployed over the next two years as we move forward with our Smart Choices advanced metering infrastructure project that recently was awarded a \$432,000 federal stimulus grant. This new technology will help us to promote energy-saving choices among our consumers, reduce our outage restoration time, pinpoint voltage problems and set the stage for future energy conservation initiatives such as load management and time-of-use rates.

For Wellsboro Electric and its customers, a smarter future is at hand.



Craig Eccher

Tired of Writing Checks? Try Easy Pay

Your Wellsboro Electric bill can be deducted from your bank account each month—making your life a little easier. Easy Pay is our automatic bill-payment program.

By participating, you can avoid the hassle of searching for stamps, writing checks and worrying about whether your payment arrives on time.

Call our office or stop by to become an Easy Pay customer.

Customers asked to verify account info

If you use online banking to pay your electric bill, please make sure you use your correct account number when submitting payment information.

Also, please verify that your telephone number and the 911 address that appears on your electric bill is correct.

We use your phone number and 911 address when dispatching outages and to notify you about planned outages.

Call 8-1-1 before you dig

Planning excavation work? Get your project off to a safe start by calling 8-1-1 before you dig.

8-1-1 is the national telephone number homeowners and professional excavators can call to contact their state's One Call center.

State law requires that anyone doing excavation work of any kind is required to notify the Pennsylvania One Call System three days before digging.

Property owners and contractors can still call the long-time Pennsylvania One Call number, 1-800-242-1776, prior to performing excavation work.

Please join us for our

2nd Annual Spring Energy Fair

Saturday, March 27, 2010

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wellsboro High School Gymnasium
227 Nichols Street
Wellsboro, Pa.

1-hour Educational Sessions on:

- Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems
Schoonover Plumbing & Heating
- Solar Energy — A homeowners perspective
Jeff Weaver of Wellsboro
- Marcellus Shale Gas Update
East Resources
- Alternative Energy/Tax Credits and Grants
Dave Shimmel, DEP Office of Energy and Technology Deployment
- Energy Efficiency & Conservation
Public Utility Commission staff/
PUC Commissioner Wayne Gardner

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