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Waterside Substation Upgrades are Underway



MARK MORRISON

THE WATERSIDE SUBSTATION AND SERVICE area is about to undergo a multi-year facelift. Significant load growth over the last several years has shown it is time to upgrade the 50-year-old wooden structure and construct a new substation. It will be a large investment, so we not only want to build to meet today's needs, but we also want to serve consumer-member needs for reliability and capacity for generations to come.

New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative purchased a 1-acre lot next to the existing substation to build the new one. Using a consulting engineering firm, a study was completed to analyze the current needs as well as predict future ones. The consultant also designed the new structure and then specified what equipment needs to be installed. The study showed that if the voltage output from the substation was increased, the existing feeder lines from the substation could accommodate more load without having to be upgraded.

Currently, the existing substation distributes power at 7,200 volts. The new one will do so at 14,400 volts. The voltage change will require all transformers to be upgraded to a dual-voltage transformer. When the line voltage is ready to be changed, an outage will be scheduled, and lineworkers will work on each transformer, enabling them to work at either voltage.

The Waterside substation provides power to members in Bloomfield, South Woodbury and Woodbury townships in Bedford County. Because of the large area this covers, it is difficult to switch the voltage on the transformers all at once. Cooperative staff developed a multi-year plan to convert the voltage in one area at a time, starting with the Salemville circuit.

The process involves building a three-phase line along Lafayette Road to connect the Bakers Summit circuit to the Salemville circuit. This will allow power to flow at the lower voltage to the outer ends of Salemville, while the voltage is increased at the beginning of the circuit. The new line will also increase service reliability by allowing power to flow in either direction if storm damage occurs on either circuit. Over the last several months, crews have been working along Lafayette Road and completed the new line.

Local contractors have been preparing the new footprint for the addition, and soon enough, pier and concrete work will begin. Later this summer, we will receive the new steel structure, followed by a new power transformer. Construction of the structure and connections to our system will be done in-house by cooperative line personnel.

As the station construction wraps up later this year and we prepare to energize parts of the distribution system, carefully planned outages will be scheduled. The cooperative will provide advanced notice to those affected as we close in on project completion. We realize there is no good time for an outage, and we apologize in advance for the inconvenience. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated throughout this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office or give us a call. ☎

MARK MORRISON
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

Youth Tour 2025 is in the Books!

BOBBI MCILNAY, MEMBER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

WHAT DO YOU THINK of when someone mentions the month of June? Here at New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative (REC), we think of our Youth Tour students taking on Washington, D.C.

What is Youth Tour? “A trip of a lifetime” is how many describe it. During this weeklong trip to the nation’s capital, high school juniors learn about rural electric cooperatives, American history, and U.S. government. The goal is to inspire the next generation of leaders. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) began the program as “Youth Tour Week” in 1964.

New Enterprise REC was pleased to send three students Alyssa Yeatts, Max Gochnour and Madi Lemin. from Northern Bedford County High School this year. Cooperatives from Pennsylvania and New Jersey shared two charter buses that departed for Washington, D.C., on June 16. Our students traveled with 77 other teens.

The students had the opportunity to see the U.S.

Capitol, meet with legislative staff from their congressional representatives’ offices, tour national monuments and memorials, and visit the National Zoo, Smithsonian museums, Arlington Cemetery, and the Holocaust Museum.

NRECA also hosted a Youth Evening for the kids. They met other students who attended from across the country and traded state pins. They heard various speakers, including keynote speaker Mike Schlappi. His message: “If you can’t stand up, stand out!” Mike was an outstanding athlete who lost the use of his legs after being shot in the chest at age 14. He overcame those odds and became a gold medalist in the U.S. Paralympics, playing basketball in a wheelchair.

By the end of the week, the students made deep friendships and learned more about rural electrification. If you are a rising high school junior and want to have the same opportunity, visit newenterpriserec.com or our Facebook page for more information. Applications open in the fall. 🇺🇸



STATE PRIDE: Pa./N.J. Youth Tour students spell out their state abbreviations on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial.



TOURING THE CAPITOL: From left, Alyssa Yeatts, Max Gochnour and Madi Lemin prepare to tour the U.S. Capitol and meet with congressional leaders and their staffs.



A MONUMENTAL MOMENT: From left, Alyssa Yeatts, Max Gochnour and Madi Lemin pose in front of the Washington Monument.



COMING TOGETHER: Students from New Enterprise REC, Bedford REC, Adams EC and REA Energy meet with staff from Rep John Joyce's office.

New Face at the Co-op

NEW ENTERPRISE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (REC) is excited to be adding a new employee to our team. Kyleigh “Shay” Reasy started as the new member service representative in June. You will most likely be seeing her at the front counter, and she’ll also be answering the phone to help with any requests or inquiries you may have. You may even see her name in *Penn Lines*.



**KYLEIGH
“SHAY” REASY**

Shay grew up in New Enterprise area and is the daughter of New Enterprise REC members Craig and Terri Reasy. A graduate of Northern Bedford County High School, she was active in the 4-H and FFA programs. Shay showed pigs, sheep and goats at the Bedford County Fair for several years.

After high school, she continued her education at Shippensburg University, but the COVID-19 pandemic prevented in-person attendance, so Shay transferred and graduated from Liberty University with a degree in accounting. Shay completed her last two years of college online while working full time at Fort Piper Prints, embroidering products.

In addition to helping on the family farm and working at the co-op, Shay enjoys being outside, spending time with family, and playing with her dog, Shadie. She recently returned from a trip to Texas with her family.

Shay is eager to learn her new position and meet our co-op members. Let’s give Shay a warm welcome to the cooperative family, and if you are passing by, stop in and say hi.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School buses are among the safest vehicles on the road — but the greatest risk comes when children are getting on or off the bus. **Whether you're a driver, parent or student, knowing these safety tips will help keep everyone safe.**

FOR DRIVERS:

- **Slow down:** Reduce speed in school zones and near bus stops.
- **Keep your distance:** Stay back at least 10 feet from a school bus — this is the most dangerous area for children.
- **Know the signals:**
 - Yellow flashing lights: bus is preparing to stop. Slow down.
 - Red flashing lights + stop arm: bus is loading/unloading — stop and wait until the bus moves again.
 - Never pass a stopped bus on an undivided road — it's illegal in most states.
- **Stay alert:** Watch for kids who may unexpectedly enter the road, especially near bus stops.
- **Respect the zone:** When flashers are blinking in a school zone, stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and take extra care to look for children near playgrounds, parks and residential areas.

FOR PARENTS:

Teach your child to arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early, and how to play it SAFE:

- **Stay back at least 10 feet**, or five giant steps, from the curb.
- **Always wait for the bus to stop** and the driver to signal before boarding.
- **Face forward** and buckle up if seat belts are available.
- **Exit carefully**, look both ways and cross in front of the bus — never behind. Make eye contact with the driver before crossing.

As students head back to school, remember: **A moment of caution can prevent a lifetime of regret.**

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