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Special Announcement: CEO to Retire

To our valued Otsego Electric Members,

Otsego Electric Cooperative's CEO, Timothy Johnson, has announced his plans to retire on January 2, 2027, after 10 years of dedicated service as CEO of Otsego Electric Cooperative (OEC). Prior to his years as CEO, Johnson served OEC as its attorney and served Cooperatives nationally on staff at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

During Johnson's tenure, he helped guide OEC through significant improvements, most notably launching OEConnect, a critical broadband internet initiative to connect underserved rural members. Otsego members expressed their satisfaction with Johnson's leadership in the recent Customer Satisfaction survey—receiving an excellent rating.

"I have greatly enjoyed my time at Otsego Electric. I want to thank the employees, our board of directors, and the entire membership for all their support throughout the past 10 years," said Johnson. "I am fortunate to leave a very dedicated team of employees to lead the co-op into the future."

"The Board of Directors sincerely appreciates Tim's leadership and commitment over the years," said Gary Potter, OEC Board President. "His leadership has helped position OEC for continued growth and success. We thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his retirement."

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A familiar face for Otsego Electric Cooperative has been selected as the new CEO. To support a smooth transition, the Board has chosen Cody Allen to take on the role of CEO. Allen's 14 years with OEC has given him valuable insight into the co-op's operations and as the Director of Operations & Finance, he has played a key role in managing our financial health and working on strategic initiatives alongside Tim.

"I am grateful for the trust the Board has placed in me," said Allen. "The cooperative has a proud tradition of delivering safe and reliable energy services at fair prices to its members, and I am dedicated to building on that legacy."

Allen is a local graduate of Laurens Central School and holds a bachelor's degree in business economics from SUNY Oneonta and an MBA from Clarkson University.

Johnson stated "It has been a true privilege to serve OEC's members and work with such a committed team. I am proud of what we've accomplished together and look forward to seeing the cooperative continue to grow under Cody's leadership."



Capital Credit Allocations

As a member-owner of the Co-op, you earn your share of equity in the Co-op each year. Any year that OEC collects more money through its distribution rates than it spends, active members are allocated Capital Credits. This is why each year you receive an "Allocation Notice" that explains what you earned in the previous years time. If you are an active member, this note is printed on your current bill. If you are a previous member, without an active account any longer, you would receive a physical letter with this information.

- Please note, even when you are no longer an active member, any capital credits earned in previous years are still owed to you!
- While members will receive annual allocation notices, actual retirements of the money take longer. Currently, we are actively working to pay back the year of 1990.
- If a member passes away, those funds are still owed to the proper executor for that member and will become part of their estate.
- We have many unclaimed capital credits. You can check to see if you or a family member may have unclaimed funds here: <https://www.otsegoec.coop/capital-credits>

OEC Safety Corner

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

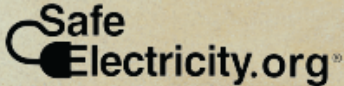


Make sure that any lighting equipment in your pool is up to code and regularly examined by a professional. To change or repair a light, ensure the electricity to the pool is first turned off at the circuit breaker.

*If you are in the water and feel electric current, which can cause a tingling sensation, shout to let others know, try to stay upright, tuck your legs up to make yourself smaller, and swim away from anything that could be energized. **Do not use a metal ladder to exit the pool.***

*Remember, water and electricity are a dangerous mix, even outside the pool. **Never touch any electrical appliances or outlets when you are wet or standing in water.***

Learn more at



Back to School - Bus Safety

Back-To-School Safety:



KNOW THE SIGNS



As school buses hit the road, remember the most dangerous time for kids is when they're getting on or off the bus.

- Yellow Lights - Slow down - the bus is stopping
- Red Lights & Stop Arm - STOP - kids are loading or unloading
- At all times - stay at least 10 feet back



July Storm Recap



The recent tornado that moved through the West Laurens and Pittsfield area left a trail of extensive damage, particularly to trees and utility infrastructure. Numerous trees were snapped and uprooted, causing widespread road blockages and power outages. In one area alone, more than eight utility poles were broken, highlighting the intensity of the storm. Our crews, along with emergency personnel and highway departments worked tirelessly to clear debris and restore power.

As always, we remind our members to always stay away from downed lines in these situations. We also appreciate your patience and understanding of the extent of the repairs needed when damage is this drastic. Safety is always priority one for our crews, and these repairs take time, especially when working through extensive cleanup and damage.

We extend our gratitude to one of our sister cooperatives, Delaware County Electric Cooperative, for their mutual aid and to all hands that helped in the restoral and clean up efforts.



Annual Meeting August 19th 5:00 PM
Cooperstown High School - 39 Linden Ave, Cooperstown



Upcoming Office Closures

- Monday, September 7th
- Monday, October 12th