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A Newsletter for and about the Members of *ElectriCities*

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NCAMES 49th annual conference and rodeo held in Hickory



Congratulations to this year's winners, who are eligible to compete in the 2011 APPA National Lineman's Rodeo in Nashville. Inset from left to right, Chris Bosnick of New Bern, Connie McGowan of Greenville, Keith Gaskins of Greenville, and Mike Harper of New Bern

Power Lines:

News from Concord and Rocky Mount

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Legislative update

The North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems (NCAMES) held its 49th annual conference at the Hickory Metro Convention Center May 17-20.

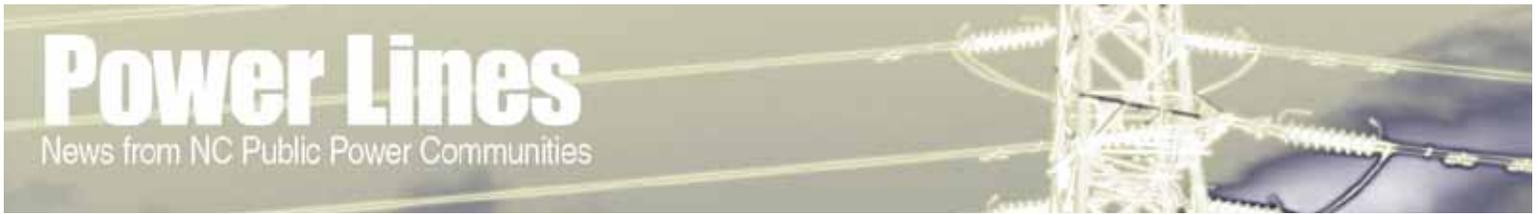
Members from across the state came together to view the latest equipment and technology from vendors and discuss issues affecting the industry. Featured workshop topics included concentric underground stray voltage, contractor safety, smart grid technology, power quality and substation automation.

"This year's conference was one of the best annual meetings we've

had," said David Young, *ElectriCities* senior safety and training specialist. "All the folks attending – the vendors, the linemen, the cities – got a lot out of it and were pleased."

Overall Journeyman Rodeo winner Mike Harper of New Bern agreed. "I've made a lot of friends with linemen from other cities, and it's always nice to get together with them for good safety training and practice."

Harper knows a thing or two about the importance of practice – he's attended all but one NCAMES Rodeo and has won four. "You have good days and bad days," he said. "This year I had a good day."



Concord Concord selected for national health IT program

Concord has been selected as one of 15 pilot communities across the nation as part of the Beacon Communities program. The Southern Piedmont Community Care Plan in Concord will receive \$15.9 million in federal recovery funds for health information technology that will improve patient care and create new jobs.

"By integrating information technology into our health care system, we can improve the quality and efficiency of care and make sure North Carolinians get the right care, at the right place, at the right time," said Governor Beverly Perdue. "This award is another indication that North Carolina is a leader in health IT."

The Southern Piedmont Community Care Plan provides increased access to health care and transportation services for Medicaid recipients in Cabarrus, Rowan and Stanly counties.

Rocky Mount APPA vice president presents RP₃ Diamond award

The City of Rocky Mount was presented with the Reliable Public

Power Provider (RP₃) Diamond status award given by the American Public Power Association (APPA) at the City Council meeting May 24. Mike Hyland, vice president of engineering services for APPA, was on hand to present the award to Rocky Mount Public Utilities staff.

Diamond status is given to utilities that have achieved 100% of the defined criteria. Recipients are recognized for providing the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. The City of Rocky Mount was one of only six out of more than 2,000 publicly owned electric utility systems to receive this designation. The City of Rocky Mount has maintained the Diamond level status since 2008.

"Being designated as a Diamond status RP₃ utility for the second time in a row is a proud achievement," said Rich Worsinger, utilities director. "It is a testament to the dedication, hard work and commitment of our utility crews who work tirelessly to provide customers with safe, reliable and efficient power."

RP₃ is a program designed by the American Public Power Association to recognize utilities that demonstrate



proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. This program encourages utilities to document high workforce standards as a way to publicly recognize their sustained efforts in providing reliable electric service.

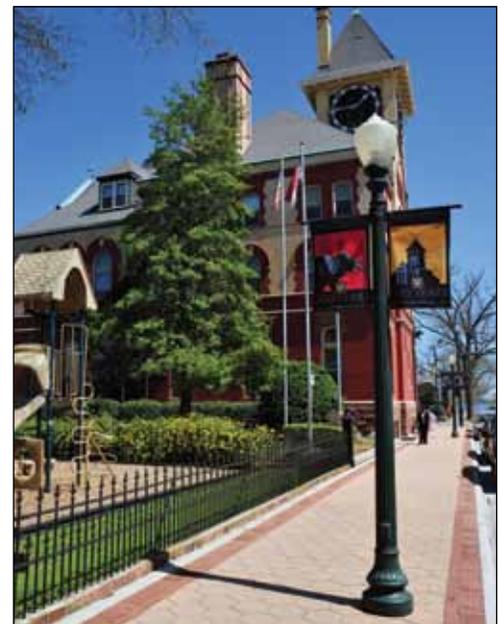
N.C. Main Street Program recovery funds available

The North Carolina State Energy Office (SEO) will soon issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the second round of funding in the North Carolina Main Street Energy Grant program. The SEO is seeking new and revised projects and reviewing previously submitted applications. This RFP is specifically for cities/towns with Main Street/Small Town Main Street designation.

North Carolina will pair energy efficiency and renewable-energy initiatives for small businesses and industries with its Main Street programs through the North Carolina

Department of Commerce (NCDOC). These programs seek to boost economic development in small towns, including those in rural areas. Energy initiatives will complement existing economic development tools and support regional job creation strategies.

For a full description of eligible projects and updated listings of available SEO-administered stimulus funding, please refer to the ERSIE application on the Electricities extranet. Please contact Daniel Amburn at damburn@electricities.org for access to this application and for notification of Main Street RFP issuances.



2009 safety award winners: No lost work day cases

Albemarle
Apex
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Edenton
Enfield
Farmville
Fayetteville
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Fountain
Fremont
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Hamilton
Hertford

High Point
Hobgood
Hookerton
Huntersville/Cornelius
Kings Mountain
Kinston
La Grange
Landis
Laurensburg
Louisburg
Lumberton
Macclesfield
Maiden
Monroe
New Bern
New River Light and Power
Newton
Pikeville

Pinetops
Pineville
Red Springs
Robersonville
Scotland Neck
Selma
Shelby
Smithfield
Stantonsburg
Statesville
Tarboro
Wake Forest
Walstonburg
Washington
Western Carolina University
Wilson
Windsor
Winterville



Legislative update

Returning to Raleigh for the second half of the 2009-2010 session, legislators are working to adjourn as quickly as possible. However, a budget shortfall and numerous contentious issues are threatening to slow the process. With hotbed items such as annexation and municipal broadband before the legislative body, the stage is set for heated debate. If you have any legislative concerns, please contact Estherine Davis at 800-768-7697, ext. 6310.

More than 70 Senators and Representatives attended ElectriCities' Legislative Reception on June 2. Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton, Gastonia Mayor Jennie Stultz and Wilson Mayor Bruce Rose addressed the delegation and welcomed those in attendance.



Inset from left to right, Wilson Mayor Bruce Rose, North Carolina Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton and Gastonia Mayor Jennie Stultz

Plant Status

NCMPA1

Catawba Unit 1 is currently operating at 100 percent power in its 107th day of continuous operation.

Catawba Unit 2 is currently operating at 100 percent power in its 417th day of continuous operation.

McGuire Unit 1 is currently operating at 100 percent power without any major problems.

McGuire Unit 2 is currently operating at 100 percent power in its 243rd day of continuous operation.

NCEMPA

Brunswick Unit 1 is operating at 100 percent power and has provided 33 days of continuous service.

Brunswick 2 is operating at 100 percent power and has provided 122 days of continuous service.

Harris Unit 1 is operating at 100 percent power and has provided 202 days of continuous service.

Mayo Unit 1 is operating normally according to system load requirements.

Roxboro Unit 4 is operating normally according to system load requirements.

All items reported as of June 10, 2010

Billing Determinants

NCMPA1 Billing Determinants for participant usage in May 2010

Billing Demand (kW)	Billing Energy (kWh)	Billed Amount
710,973	417,481,443	\$25,984,423.06

Note: All values are less SEPA. Values include Gastonia Prime Power Park.

NCEMPA Billing Determinants for participant usage in May 2010

	Billed Demand (kW)	Billed Energy (kWh)	Billed Amount
Progress Energy Carolinas	938,225	534,788,905	\$51,629,206.69
Dominion	104,671	61,397,579	\$6,126,505.69
Total	1,042,896	596,186,484	\$57,755,712.38

Note: All values are less SEPA. Dominion values include Edenton and Elizabeth City generating project output.

Load Management Info

In May, **NCMPA1** recommended load management for Agency cities for four hours over a one-day period. Electric-\$ave operations occurred for four hours over a one-day period. For Non-Agency cities, NCMPA1 recommended load management for four hours over a two-day period including the Duke Control Area Peak which occurred on May 27 at hour ending 5 p.m.

In May, **NCEMPA** provided advance telephone or pager recommendations for residential load management for 12 hours over a three-day period, including the day and hour of the Progress Energy Carolinas (PEC) monthly peak. Electric-\$ave (direct control) operations occurred for nine hours over a three-day period, including the PEC monthly billing peak occurring on May 27 at hour ending 5 p.m.

For more information on how your city or town can benefit from load management, call Cecil Rhodes at ext. 6231 or Jim Deaton at ext. 6223.

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