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Solar Rebate for Photovoltaic Systems

Customers can take advantage of a rebate program for the installation of solar photovoltaic systems for residential customers. Rebates will be on a first come, first served basis at \$1 per watt (AC), up to 50 percent of the total project cost. The rebate is to make solar technology more affordable for our customers to transition to renewable energy.

More information is on our website lelwd.com/distributed-generation

Sustainable Home Program Offers Energy-Saving Rebates

The Sustainable Home Program empowers LELWD customers by providing rebates and incentives to reduce energy use. The first step is to arrange for a free home-energy assessment. A professional energy advisor will evaluate the home's energy saving potential and provide a detailed evaluation of energy use.

The report will recommend home improvements to save energy, including insulation, windows and doors, weatherization, heating and cooling systems, and lighting. Implement any of the recommendations and the Sustainable Home Program will cover 50% of the cost, while certain terms apply. For more information, visit lelwd.com, and contact LELWD's partner, Energy New England, at 888-772-4242, to schedule a free assessment.

Sewer Construction Slated for Spring

Plans for the Littleton Common sewer expansion project are currently under review by the state Department of Environmental Protection and are expected to be approved by November.

Once final permitting is granted by the state, LELWD hopes to put the project out to bid and award the contract soon after. This timeline would allow construction to start in the spring of 2023. The first phase of the project is expected to take 18 to 24 months to complete.

The Littleton Sewer System Expansion Project will bring sewer to the greater Littleton Common area in a district that encompasses more than 100 properties. Sewer will support the Town's goal of economic development and help to protect the environment and Littleton's water resources. For updates on the project, visit lelwd.com/sewer.

COMING SOON!

New customer payment portal – be sure to check our website and your next utility bill for more information.

Celebrating the Benefits of Public Power

Public Power Week highlights the benefits of municipal electric utilities including lower rates and higher reliability. It's also an opportunity to reinforce LELWD's close relationship with the community. To celebrate during the first week of October, LELWD employees treated the Council on Aging to breakfast, planted more than 100 tree saplings in customer yards as part of the Free Shade Tree Program, and brought a bucket truck to the Shaker Lane Elementary School for students to view up close during recess.





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New Program Empowers Electric Customers To Go 100% Renewable

The new Renewable Energy Choice program is for customers who want their electricity generated from 100% renewable sources. Customers who enroll will pay a special renewable energy rate, and LELWD will use the proceeds to purchase and retire Renewable Energy Certificates.

Known as RECs, the certificates are sold by renewable energy providers and serve as proof that the electricity consumed originated from solar, wind or other non-fossil fuel sources.

"The Renewable Energy Choice program is a great option for all our customers who want to use renewable and clean electricity in their home or business. With this program, LELWD and customers who enroll are furthering the transition to renewable energy," said Nick Lawler, the General Manager of Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments.

LELWD customers who enroll in the program will see a slight increase in their electric rate but will know their

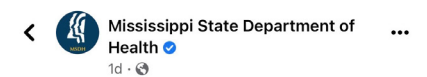
electricity comes from 100% renewable energy sources. While the prices on the REC market can fluctuate, an LELWD customer can expect to pay an additional 4 cents per kilowatt hour over the ordinary electric rate.

On a shared electric grid, the electricity comes from multiple sources including fossil fuel and renewable sources. RECs are a system to track who produces and who uses the clean energy on the grid.

Mutual Aid Missions

LELWD was among 24 utilities that sent more than 50 personnel, first to **Jacksonville, Florida**, and then to Bartow Florida, to help rebuild the power grid after Hurricane Ian. Organized by the Northeast Public Power Association, the 10-day mutual aid mission was led by LELWD General Manager Nick Lawler. For LELWD, the crew was Luis Bonilla, Dave Lizotte, and Trever Snyder.

In **Jackson, Mississippi**, water professionals Paul Denaro, Mike Morse, Allan Waitowicz, and Alex Luther worked to restore drinking water to the city and to complete deferred maintenance. The two-week mutual aid mission was arranged through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact and highlighted in a recent social media post by the Mississippi State Department of Health.



EMAC crews from Littleton, Massachusetts replace valves in conventional raw water pumps today at the O.B. Curtis water plant in Jackson. These valves ensure that the proper volume of water enters the treatment process.

