

The Power Cost Adjustment has been reinstated

Beginning with the January 2018 bill, there will be a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) of .5 cents (\$0.005) added as a separate line item on your GELD electric bill.

The PCA is a way for Groton Electric to recoup the increased generation costs associated with higher fuel prices and power costs. For the winter of 2018 the PCA will be a ½ cent/kilowatt-hour on the January, February and March bills. One of the reasons for this cost increase is that New England has inadequate natural gas pipeline infrastructure. About 10 weeks out of the year, the two pipelines that enter New England from the west are full and cannot transport enough fuel for the electric generating plants, so electricity must be generated using diesel fuel which is substantially more expensive.

Welcome David!

David Blood is our newest apprentice lineman. He graduated in May of 2015 from the Electrical Lineworker Technology program at Kennebec Valley Community College, Fairfield Maine. He lives in West Groton with his parents, Brenda & Robert. He also has a sister Rebekah, who lives in Pepperell. David is a 4th generation employee for the Groton Electric Light Dept. His great grandfather, Elliot Clark worked for GELD in the 1930's before joining the Groton Police Department; his grandfather, Bruce Clark was a Truck Foreman; his father, Rob Blood is currently a Truck Foreman; and now David is the newest addition



to GELD's "family". In his spare time, David helps around the family farm. He also enjoys snowmobiling and the great outdoors. Please join us in welcoming David!

GELD & NEPPA (Northeast Public Power Association) respond to call for Mutual Aid

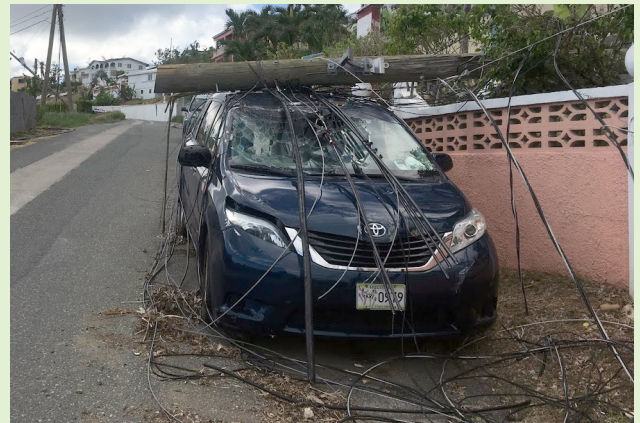
What is Mutual Aid?

Just as firefighters, police officers, and other emergency responders combine forces to help rebuild cities devastated by natural disasters, lineworkers and other electric utility personnel come together in an emergency to restore power.

On the local level, GELD is part of NEPPA's Mutual Aid partnership. In times of need, GELD can call on fellow municipals in New England to help restore power to ratepayers in Groton and conversely, GELD linemen can go to affected areas that need our assistance.

On a more national level, GELD is part of APPA's (American Public Power Association) Mutual Aid Working Group. When hurricane's Irma and Maria devastated South Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands, GELD linemen along with linemen from several other municipal light departments in New England volunteered to help. Two employees (Bruce and Gil) helped to restore power in Homestead, Florida and five employees helped in St. Thomas, USVI (Bruce, Dan, Gil, Jon & Ryan). ***See photos from St. Thomas below and on the next page.***

We are proud of the dedication and commitment of our employees who worked up to 16 hours per day, 7 days a week for weeks at a time. We received many commendations for their hard work and perseverance. GREAT JOB GUYS!





GELD's 2018 Holiday Schedule

Monday, January 1: New Year's Day

Monday, January 15:
Martin Luther King Day

Monday, February 19: President's Day

Monday, April 16: Patriot's Day

Monday, May 28: Memorial Day

Wednesday, July 4: Independence Day

Monday, September 3: Labor Day

Monday, October 8, Columbus Day

Monday, November 12: Veteran's Day
observed (GELD open)

Thursday, November 22:
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 23:
GELD open 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Monday, December 24:
Christmas Eve 7:30–11:30 a.m. (1/2 day)

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day

*Where there is a Monday holiday, the
GELD office is open the Tuesday following
the holiday from 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m.*

