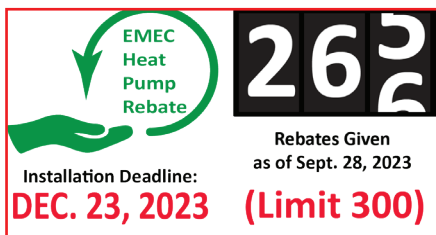


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EMEC Heat Pump Rebate Ends Soon



Eastern Maine Electric offers an exclusive, limited-time heat pump rebate of \$250, on top of other incentives from the state of Maine. This rebate will run out soon, either on the expiration date, December 23, 2023, or when 300 rebates have been given. Both of those limits are rapidly approaching.

State Changes Related Rebate Qualifications as of November 1, 2023

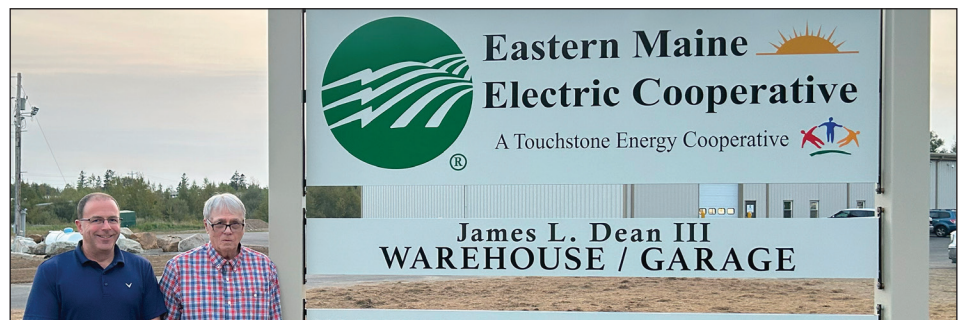
Weeks before EMEC's \$250 rebate ends, the state will make major changes to the Efficiency Maine rebate program for heat pumps. Because an Efficiency Maine rebate is required to earn EMEC's rebate, EMEC's rebate program will automatically change as well.

Starting on November 1, 2023, the state's Home Energy Savings Program will limit eligibility for program rebates to "whole home heat pump" systems. For more information, visit the Efficiency Maine website at www.efficiencymaine.com.

Heat pumps qualifying for EMEC's rebate must:

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Co-op Honors Former CEO James L. Dean, III



EMEC CEO Scott Hallowell with former CEO Jimmy Dean at the new building on September 28th..

Eastern Maine Electric Co-op has honored former CEO James L. Dean, III by naming its new warehouse/garage after him.

Dean served as CEO of the Co-op for 24 years, from 1983 to 2007. Prior to that, he managed the Co-op's engineering department for over 13 years. His tenure

leading the cooperative included strenuous challenges, not the least of which was the deregulation of Maine's electric industry.

The new warehouse/garage itself was a project nearly five decades in the making. As Eastern Maine Electric expanded in the mid-20th century, the Co-op met its

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Co-op Month Celebrates a Different Kind of Business



Washington Academy High School Senior Emerson Morris is Maine's 2023-2024 representative to NRECA's Youth Leadership Council.

Article By Emerson Morris

October is National Co-op Month, a lesser-known celebration of a lesser-known form of business. A co-op is a type of non-profit corporation that is owned by those who use its services. Members of

cooperatives create these organizations when they want to pool their resources so that they can do together what each of them could not do on their own.

Each member of the co-op is a part owner, meaning that it is the members that own the co-op. In contrast to other forms of business, members of cooperatives pay rates that cover only the cost of operating the utility, without also having to pay extra to provide profit for a separate group of stockholders.

A huge variety of co-ops all over the

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Heat Pump Rebate

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- be installed within EMEC's delivery territory
- be installed after December 23, 2021 and before December 23, 2023.
- have qualified for and been granted a rebate by Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT)

A \$250 check will be mailed once the Cooperative receives documentation from Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) that the installed heat pump met the EMT requirements and the EMT rebate was paid.

Limit: One rebate per dwelling or business location. This program is available to all residential, seasonal, and commercial members of Eastern Maine Electric Co-op, and it expires on December 23, 2023, or when 300 rebates have been granted, whichever comes first.



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5 Tips for Avoiding Fires at Home



Replace worn, frayed, extension cords.



Repair or replace appliances with worn, cracked, or frayed damaged cords.



**Empty the dryer lint trap after every load.
(Clean your dryer vent duct work yearly.)**



Plug major appliances directly into wall sockets, rather than using extension cords.



Do not run extension or appliance cords under carpeting.

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Warehouse

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increasing need for operational space by purchasing or renting additional properties around Calais. By the late 1970s, separate facilities were used for housing the truck fleet, utility poles, materials warehousing, and transformer maintenance. It was clear that there would be operational and cost efficiencies, if all of these locations could be consolidated in the right building at the right location.

The warehouse/garage became a long-term goal for the Co-op long before Dean became CEO, but a series of historic challenges put that project on the back burner until fifteen years after his retirement. Last year, the Co-op moved most of its local operations into the building, located in the Calais Industrial Park.

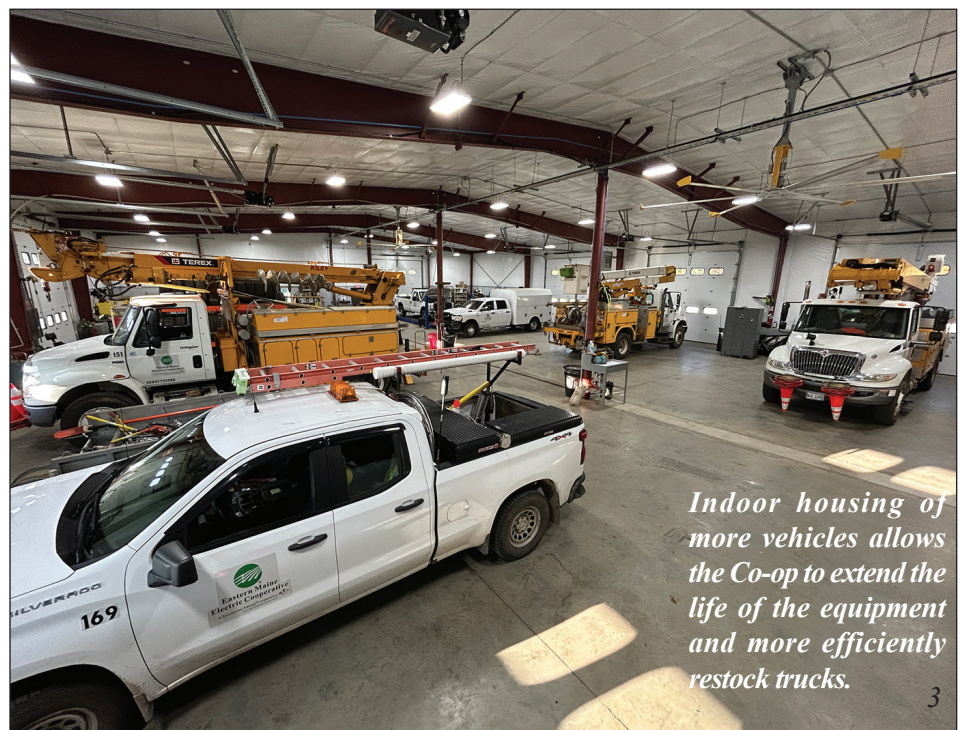
The Co-op's administration and bill payment are still located in downtown Calais at 21 Union Street.



Dispatcher Darrin McLellan tracks outages, member data, and incoming radio and phone communication.



When a storm causes widespread damage, the stations are used to answer member calls.





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country provide different services to their members. Some larger, more renowned cooperatives include Land O'Lakes, ACE Hardware, True Value Hardware, Cabot Creamery, and Sunkist Growers.

This October, celebrating National Co-op Month and discussing what cooperatives do for their communities is very important. Communities, especially rural communities, rely greatly on cooperation with one's neighbor. By working as a small unit, communities and their members can thrive, because they can own what they have, instead of relying on outside groups to provide them with what they need. And, since cooperatives are owned by the members of the community they serve, community needs come first.

Here in Downeast Maine, co-ops are working to better of our communities, as well. A few weeks ago, on September 15, 2023, Hurricane Lee hit the coast of Maine. In most towns around the Calais to Machias area, electricity was out due to fallen tree limbs or other results of high winds. In one particular case, a whole pole was taken down by a fallen tree limb and was hanging over the street, leaving the road impassable, in front of Maine State Representative Anne Perry's home.

This falling pole also tore the wires from Perry's house itself. Representative

Perry is a part of the Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative (EMEC), and she reported the downed pole to the electric co-op. Within 20 minutes, an EMEC worker was at the site.

During the thick of the storm, linemen and workers of EMEC removed the dangling wires and tree branch from the pole, and then moved the pole itself. The workers left for a while, and Representative Perry stated she thought they would come back the next day, when conditions were better, to finish the job. But, that was not the case.

EMEC workers returned soon with a completely new pole and wires. While the wind and rain continued to rage, these workers drilled a new hole for the utility pole, installed the pole, and attached wire to the new pole, restoring electricity to Representative Perry and other affected members by 4:30 p.m. the same day.

They also gave her advice on next steps for fixing the wires attached to her house. This is the kind of dedication and personalization that cooperatives bring to their communities, and this is why National Co-op Month should be celebrated.

Thank you to all the cooperatives and their members for the work you do in our communities!

Endnotes

- 1 NRECA is the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

EMECC Issues \$150,000 Patronage Capital Retirement

Eastern Maine Electric Co-op has issued a general retirement of Patronage Capital. For most active members of the Co-op, this retirement is shown as a credit line item labeled "CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT" on an October 2023 electric bill.

DELIVERY SERVICE
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STANDARD OFFER
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SUB-TOTAL

The patronage capital retirement process is similar to that of issuing a dividend. A small portion of the Cooperative's equity is converted to an asset (cash) and distributed to the members.

The equity retired in October was allocated from year-end margins in the years 2022 and before. This means that new members who first joined the Co-op in 2023 were not active when any patronage capital was allocated, so they will not see this credit line item on their October bills.

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