



Rowley Light Beacon

Lighting Up Our Community

RMLP Quarterly Newsletter ~ Spring 2025

Manager's Letter



Winter started out mild, but before we knew it, temperatures plummeted, and the snow began to fall. It's winter in New England!

New England weather can be unpredictable, but what is predictable during the winter months is that it will be cold, and our heating systems will get a workout. It's never too late to make adjustments this year, and it's never too early to start thinking about

next year's heating season. See – and feel – where any cold air is making its way into your house through doors and windows and make note of what areas need caulking and insulation. Now may be the best time to get a residential home energy assessment from Energy New England, our energy partners. You'll find all the information you need to get started on our website, <https://rmlp.com>.

Although we often associate high demand periods – or peaks – with high temperatures in the summer, we can, and do, issue Reduce the Peak notifications in times of extreme cold. RMLP issued Reduce the Peak notifications in December, January and February advising customers of the potential for transmission peak electricity demand and asking them to reduce the electrical load in their homes or businesses during specific times. Why do we do this? When you reduce your electrical load during the designated hours, you help offset future energy costs for all RMLP customers. What we are charged by our electricity providers in the future is determined by the town's peak usage. Lower usage during peak times can help lower future rates. Make sure you check our Facebook page as well as Rowley Talks for Reduce the Peak notifications and help us reduce the peak!

We've been letting you know how special we think public power is – now you'll be able to see for yourself in the comparison in this newsletter that shows how our rates compare with those paid by customers of private investor-owned utilities. You can also see why APPA has recognized RMLP for exceptional electric service reliability with our tree trimming program that is continuing in the community through the winter months.

Hopefully, the bitter cold is behind us, and we can spring into warmer weather! Don't forget to add any energy improvements to your spring to-do list.

Matt Brown
General Manager

RMLP Receives an APPA Mutual Aid Commendation



The American Public Power Association (APPA) recently presented RMLP with a national commendation in recognition

of its participation in mutual aid efforts to restore and repair electrical service in Orlando, Florida after Hurricane Milton. Superintendent of Distribution Mark Anderson and Lineworker Brian Herdman traveled with the Northeast Public Power (NEPPA) mutual aid crews to the Orlando area in early October following the return of RMLP General Manager Matt Brown, Foreman Sean LaBelle, and Lineworker Jeff Valley who worked with mutual aid crews in Sylvania, Georgia in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

The most recent Mutual Aid Commendation is one of several RMLP has received since APPA established the commendation in 2018 to recognize public power utilities that answer the call to help other communities in restoring power to its customers.

Cheers for 30 Years!



Congratulations to Office Manager Eric Grover on his 30th anniversary of service to RMLP!

Eric joined RMLP in 1995 as a Meter Reader, and later became Groundman, 3rd Class Lineworker, Purchasing Agent, and Billing Clerk before being

promoted to Office Manager in 2010.

RMLP Electric Yard Equipment Rebates

Make sure you're ready for spring yard cleanup! If you need to replace your old yard equipment, consider purchasing electric or battery-operated equipment. You may qualify for a residential incentive rebate.

Chain & Pole Saw	\$40
Hedge Trimmer	\$25
Leaf Blower	\$25
Pressure Washer	\$40
Push Lawn Mower	\$100
Riding Lawn Mower	\$200
Zero-Turn Riding Lawn Mower	\$200
Rototiller	\$40
String or Hedge Trimmer	\$25

The program is available to residential accounts/addresses only. Purchase(s) must be made within the rebate application year.

*** \$250 max per household annually. Proof of purchase (must include description of item, purchase date after 1/15/22, price paid, and store purchased from). Rebates generally take 6-8 weeks as an RMLP electric bill credit. Offers subject to update, change, or termination at RMLP's discretion.*

Preventative Tree Trimming Program is in Full Swing

This year, RMLP's preventative tree trimming program is being conducted in two segments, with work on the first section continuing through May. Section two of the program is scheduled to begin in the summer and will continue through the fall.

Streets and roads affected during the first part of the program include:

Daniels Road	Wethersfield
Brook	Route 1 (Newbury line to Route 133)
Glen	Red Pine Way
Dodge	Hillside
Forest	Farnham
Central Street (Route 1 end)	Weldon Farm
Long Hill Road	

Questions can be directed to Superintendent of Distribution Mark Anderson or General Manager Matt Brown at (978) 948-3992 during regular business hours, or via email using the Online Contact Form. Additional information, including a list of the streets, is available on the website <https://rmlp.com>.

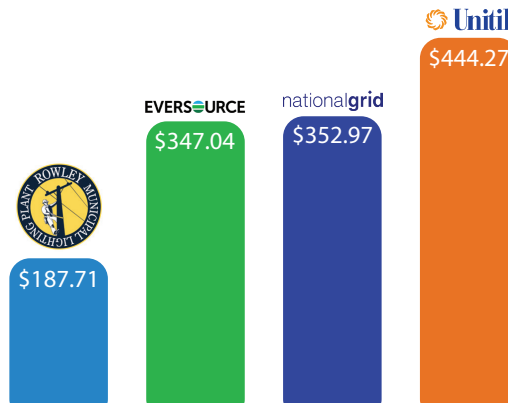
See How We Compare!

Public Power means reliable service and low rates!

During a recent analysis of residential rates by the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), RMLP customers using 1,000 kWh of electricity paid lower rates than those paid by customers whose electricity is provided by Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs).

Residential Rate Comparisons 1,000 kWh

12 Month Average Rate
(January 2024 - December 2024)



Source: Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) Rate Analysis, (January 2024 - December 2024).

Reminder!

To report an outage and public safety concerns, call 978-948-3992 and press 1 to reach North Shore Regional Dispatch who will dispatch a crew. You should NOT report outages via email or Facebook.

If it is a safety emergency, call 911.



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Hours:
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holidays:
Patriots' Day - April 21
Memorial Day - May 26

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Matt Brown

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