



# OEC Current

## 76<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting 2020 (Virtual)

OEC held a virtual Annual Meeting at OEC headquarters on August 19, 2020 at 7 pm because the pandemic prevented us from gathering more than 25 people at the time. The Meeting was live-streamed as a Webinar and members observed reports given by Tim Johnson, CEO and Cody Allen, Director of Accounting. Since our bylaws require at least 50 members to constitute a Quorum, the meeting was adjourned indefinitely until we are allowed to gather or until we might be legal excused from the Quorum requirement. The incumbent directors were all carried over until we can hold such a meeting. No other reports or actions were taken.

## October is National Co-op Month!

October is “Co-op Month” and it has been celebrated annually across the country for over 50 years. Otsego Electric Cooperative has stood on the rock foundation of seven “cooperative principals” for over 75 years. These core principals are: Voluntary and Open Membership; Democratic and Member Control; Members’ Economic Participation; Autonomy and Independence; Education and Training; Cooperation among Cooperatives; and Concern for Community. These principals were all followed by your Board of Directors when they decided to create a broadband business to serve the needs of our members. With expanding our business into fiber, we have the ability to build a smarter electric grid and bridge the gap for the greater need of our members.

Did you know? Electric Cooperatives power 56% of the nation’s landmass and power over 20 million businesses, homes, school and farms in 48 states.

## Geothermal Rebates

If you are building a new house or considering a heating and cooling system upgrade, OEC is offering rebates for part of the costs of installation of whole-house ground source and air source heat pumps. Geothermal is the most efficient system for heating or cooling your home so they can reduce your energy costs. The systems are also very environmentally friendly and green. Hydropower provides about 85% of our supply so switching to OEC for your heating and cooling needs is a very green alternative. Please contact Heat Smart Mohawk Valley or our office if you are considering a new system.

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## Electric Vehicles

OEC is preparing to serve more electric vehicles on our system in the future. NY State has established goals of having 850,000 EVs on the roads by 2025 and 2 million by 2030. OEC will be ready to accommodate this trend. Many of you may have seen the extensive investments in charging infrastructure that have already been made in NY. Buying an EV or plug-in hybrid helps the environment especially because OEC gets 85% of it's supply from hydropower.



## Broadband Update

OEConnect continues to grow at a fast rate even with having to change and slow down our process due to COVID-19. Last year in October we were thrilled to be hitting 400 active members, now at the beginning of October a year later we are pushing 2,200 active members and growing. Although our process has been changed due to COVID-19 and taking more time in order to be safe, we are still connecting new accounts every day. We understand the need for so many people to have internet due to virtual learning and working from home and we are doing all we can to get everyone installed as soon as possible.



Even though we are continuing to grow, we want to make sure everyone is aware of our services and what they offer you. We are offering internet plans at three different speeds: up to 100 MBPS, up to 250 MBPS and up to 1 GBPS. All of these give you the ability to stream tv, play games, use social media as well as use Zoom and other online calling options. We also offer a phone service which includes unlimited short distance and 2,000 minutes of long distance for \$29.95 (not including tax). This service includes call forwarding, call waiting, caller ID and voicemail. This service is available to all who already have our internet or anyone looking to get internet and phone installed. Also, if you add the phone, you will get a \$5/month discount on your bill! If you need additional information about either of our services, please contact our office by phone 607-293-6622 or by our website [www.oconnect.coop](http://www.oconnect.coop).

## SmartHub

SmartHub is your online account for Otsego Electric Cooperative and OEConnect. If you have multiple accounts, you can access them all through one FREE SmartHub username and password.

- Pay your bill and view billing history
- Sign up for autopay and request paperless billing
- View your energy use
- Find ways to lower your energy bill

You can access SmartHub on a desktop computer, or download the app on any Android or Apple device through your app store. All you need is your OEC account number to create a SmartHub log-in.

### Don't want to create an account?

No problem. Use SmartHub Pay Now instead. All you need is your account number and the first five letters of your last name. Pay Now only shows your current amount due and allows you to simply make a payment.

