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Tip of the Month

Keep plants and obstructions at least 10 feet from green utility box doors and 5 feet from the sides and back for quick access during a power outage. You may receive a notice to remove obstructions or that they've been removed for you.

What's Current

MARCH 2025

PRESIDENT AND CEO SCHLEICHER TO RETIRE; SENECHAL SELECTED AS SUCCESSOR

On April 1, 2025, President and CEO David E. Schleicher will retire from NOVEC. To succeed him on April 2, NOVEC's Board of Directors selected Kristen Senechal from Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) in Austin, TX.

NOVEC thanks Schleicher

During Schleicher's tenure, NOVEC attained the lowest regulated residential rates and best reliability metrics in Virginia, and became the nation's largest electric cooperative based on energy sales. Schleicher realigned NOVEC's workforce to ensure reliability

and affordability for residential and small commercial members during rapid data center growth.

Schleicher retires with more than 45 years of electric

utility experience. He joined NOVEC in 2017 and was formerly chief operating officer and vice president. He also held leadership roles at EnergyUnited EMC in NC and PPL Electric Utilities in PA.

A registered professional engineer, Schleicher has a B.S. in electrical engineering from Drexel University and an MBA in operations management from University of Scranton.

Chairman of the Board Wade C. House said, "The board appreciates Dave's vision, expertise, and passion that successfully guided NOVEC through many issues facing the electric industry, while building upon our history of service reliability, financial soundness, and customer satisfaction."

NOVEC welcomes Senechal

Senechal joins NOVEC on March 17, 2025. At LCRA, she was executive vice president of transmission, and chief operating officer for its

Transmission Services Corporation. Senechal was responsible for more than 850 employees across multiple disciplines. Prior to LCRA, she worked at CenterPoint Energy in Houston, TX.

Senechal has an MBA from University of Houston's Bauer College of Business. She holds a Ph.D. in molecular biology from UCLA, and a B.S. in molecular biology from University of Texas, Austin.

Board Chairman House said, "After an eight-month national search, the board unanimously selected Kristen because of her extensive knowledge and more than 15 years of experience in the electric utility industry. The board also is impressed with her leadership style of prioritizing people first."



David E. Schleicher



Kristen Senechal

ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) INSTALLATIONS CONTINUE

AMI meters benefit NOVEC customers by providing faster outage restoration, remote meter reading, and detailed energy-use information.

AMI delivers more comprehensive and frequent readings than traditional meters. NOVEC customers can see near real-time energy-use data through SmartHub, the online portal that contains each customer's electric use information. Customers can use that information to save energy and money on their power bills. The data can be particularly useful in saving energy during periods of extreme cold and heat, which often lead to higher than usual electric bills.



NOVEC Field Services Technician Candace Burns installs an advanced meter at an apartment building in Manassas.

can be completed day or night by flipping a switch. This reliable network allows NOVEC to avoid physically driving to customers' homes, saving time and money for the Cooperative, and, therefore, its customers. AMI detects outages as they happen, so electricity can be restored more quickly. Even if no one reports the outage, AMI provides NOVEC's system operators with the information they need to address the issue.

Security is always a priority for NOVEC. AMI sends encrypted data over a secure and private radio network. Only energy-use readings and meter data

Additional measures are in place to ensure that no personal identifying information is located on the Co-op's data portal.

NOVEC's field service technicians knock on the customer's door prior to exchanging an old meter with an AMI meter. Replacement is quick and easy, and power is interrupted for just a few minutes. As of February 2025, about 52,560 meters have been installed. It will take several more years to upgrade the meters for NOVEC's 180,000 customers.

With AMI, remote service connections and disconnections

are transmitted; the system does not send personal information.

APPLY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM NOVEC

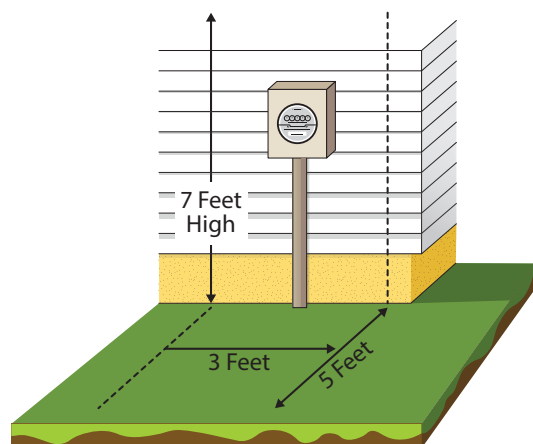
APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 1



Scholarships are awarded to students living on NOVEC lines in Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford counties, as well as the City of Manassas Park. Learn more at www.novec.com/scholarships.



Don't delay, get your applications in today!



NOVEC service technicians need a minimum unimpeded working space of 7-feet high, 3-feet wide, and 5-feet deep. No fence, overhead deck, house-mounted flagpole, ivy, shrubs, or other outdoor items should be within this area.

KEEP THE ELECTRIC METER CLEAR

Planning a home renovation? Call NOVEC early in the process to make sure any prospective changes don't block or interfere with your electric meter. Whether you are adding or expanding a backyard deck, building a shed, or renovating a basement, any change to the area around the electric meter could be a problem.

Access to meters must be maintained at all times to make sure your electric service is not interrupted. In an emergency, when a structure needs to be deenergized, NOVEC needs immediate access to the building's meter base.

Talking with NOVEC early in the project design phase will help you avoid power interruptions, outage restoration delays, and costly redesigns and delays, so that your project can run smoothly and on schedule.

Call NOVEC at 703-754-6750 to discuss your plans with a service expert so that your home upgrade can proceed smoothly.