



# Borough of Hatfield

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** BOROUGH OF HATFIELD ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Borough Council is committed to providing reliable electric to all its customers. As one of 36 municipalities that provide electricity in the state of Pennsylvania, Borough Council recognizes the awesome responsibility this requires of us as your elected leaders. Believe it or not, the total electricity cost we provide is comparable to PPL & PECO. Don't be fooled by low kilowatt rates that are only part of the total cost of service which can include generation, distribution, and transmission charges. Along with other surcharges for capacity and reliability charges that increase your total bill. The Borough purchases electric via wholesale Power Purchase Agreements and the profit that corporations keep for themselves, we reinvest back into the Borough. Utilizing electric proceeds to operate the municipality allows Borough Council to keep property taxes at 1/3 of what they would be without the electric revenues.

As part of the commitment that Borough Council and management have made to provide reliable service, we have instituted several measures to improve reliability. Actions include extensive tree trimming, hazardous tree identification and updating the network with recommended safety devices replacing out dated equipment with modern technology that reduce exposure to power outages. The upgrades prevented us from experiencing a power outage during recent extreme weather events. We also recognize the need to keep improving our system which is why we are incorporating the

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new AMI (Advanced Meter Infrastructure) that will give residents real time visibility into their electric usage. The AMI system will also identify problem areas on the electric system. This modern technology will provide significant impact on the electric system for the next several decades. Borough Council is working with AMP (American Municipal Power) to provide Peak Shaving and behind the meter generation that will further allow us to manage rates and prevent outages. Going forward, we have allotted funds in the budget that will allow for upgrades and replacements to the electric system. Rest assured that your Borough Council has heard your concerns and are working to improve not only the electrical grid reliability but also your user experience.

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