

BRIGHT IDEAS

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Braintree Electric
Light Department
and
BELD Broadband



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BELD GM testifies in support of New England consumers

Braintree Electric Light Department's General Manager Bill Bottiggi testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee in February in support of H.R. 2984, the Fair RATES Act.

Introduced by Congressman Joe Kennedy, this bill addresses New England's forward capacity market, a complicated energy industry issue that ultimately results in high costs to consumers.



"The impact on Braintree Electric's rate payers would have been an increase of \$11 million per year from 2010 until 2018 if Braintree Electric was not exempt from deregulation," Bottiggi told the Committee.

"In terms of the monthly electric bill, Mr. Kennedy's constituents might be looking at a \$21 per month increase—just for the capacity portion of the bill."

This Fair RATES Act gives consumers relief from paying potentially unjust and unreasonable utility bills, giving them an avenue to challenge unfair energy-related costs. Bottiggi spoke on behalf of the Northeast Public Power Association

(NEPPA), the trade group representing not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric utilities in the six New England States.

May is Electrical Safety Month

BELD joins the Electrical Safety Foundation International to let you know that May is National Electrical Safety Month. It's a perfect time to look around your house and identify potential electrical hazards. Here are some things you should look for:

Make sure cords are in good condition, not frayed or cracked. Cords should never be nailed or stapled to a wall, baseboard, or any other object. Check to see that extension cords are not overloaded, as indicated by the ratings on them, and use them only temporarily. Make sure extension cords have safety closures to help protect young children from shock hazards and mouth burns.

Plugs should fit securely into outlets. Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit!

Avoid overloading outlets with too many appliances, and—to reduce the risk of electric shock—make sure that Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection is provided for outlets near kitchen counters, in bathrooms, and at outdoor receptacles.

Don't leave plugged-in appliances where they might come into contact with water. If one does fall into water, NEVER reach in to pull it out—even if it's turned off! First turn off the power source at the panel board, then unplug the appliance.

Each year thousands of people are injured or die from electrical fires and electric shock. Take a few minutes this month to do an electrical safety check of your home and address any issues you might find.

Watch TV Everywhere update

Are you enjoying BELD TV everywhere you can? Watch TV Everywhere (WTVE) streams some of your favorite previously aired and live programming to your tablet, smartphone, laptop and mobile devices. It's available anywhere you can receive an Internet signal. WTVE



is a free benefit provided to all BELD Broadband cable subscribers. **The Weather Channel, Discovery, Discovery Life, Animal Planet, Destination America, Investigation Discovery, Velocity, TLC, the Science Channel, TV Land, Fuse and Viceland are now available to BELD Broadband customers who subscribe to these services.** Check our WTVE page on beld.com, or simply log on to www.watchtveverywhere.com. More content comes online every month!

Webmail spring cleaning

The warmer temps are a sure sign that we have sunny days ahead. It's a good time to think about doing some spring cleaning of your email. Actually, any time is a good time to clean out your email!

BELD Broadband provides customers with plenty of mail storage space, but email trends have changed. Everyone sends and receives more email than ever and the amount of storage those emails require has also increased. This can result in your mailbox filling up, causing the account to become unstable. If it's too full it, could be rendered unusable.

To keep your email from getting too full, address the volume of your Webmail periodically by following these easy steps (regardless of how your email is configured):

1. **Click the envelope icon** at the top right of our website at www.beld.net to access Webmail. You can also access the login screen directly by typing webmail.beld.net into the address bar of a web browser.
2. **Log in using your username and password** (remember your username



3. **Delete any mail you no longer need** from the Inbox and Sent Items. An easy way to delete more than one message at a time is by clicking, Select All or Select Current Page below the list of messages.
4. Once you clean out the Inbox and Sent Items folders, **don't forget to empty the Trash**. Click the circular icon in the lower left of the screen and then click Empty. This should be made part of a regular maintenance schedule to keep your mail box working properly so you don't find yourself needing to do it all at once.

If your mailbox becomes too full, the account might need to be re-established

on the mail server. If this happens any mail you have stored in your mailbox would be irretrievable.

So a little cleanup goes a long way. Please feel free to call 781.348.BELD (2353) to speak with a HelpDesk Tech if you need any assistance.

Encore name changes

In April, Starz changed the name of ENCORE and its thematic multiplex channels to the following: STARZ ENCORE, STARZ ENCORE ACTION, STARZ ENCORE BLACK, STARZ ENCORE CLASSIC, STARZ ENCORE FAMILY, STARZ ENCORE SUSPENSE, and STARZ ENCORE WESTERNS.

So, what does this mean for you? STARZ ENCORE is just the new name for ENCORE

—the channels and movies are the same. **STARZ ENCORE does not include the STARZ channels.** STARZ PLAY, ENCORE PLAY and MOVIEPLEX PLAY have all been combined into one app so you can stream everything on the new STARZ app or online at STARZ.com, depending on your cable package.

Still have questions? Visit starzCSR.com or call us at 781.348.BELD (2353).

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Braintree Women's Club fundraiser

Sat. 6/18, 7 p.m., Sons of Italy Club, "An Evening with Rod Stewart" featuring local entertainer John Anthony, tickets \$25 each. Call Carolyn Loud at 781.817.6446, bring your own munchies.

Annual Braintree Community Yard & Plant Sale

Sat. 6/18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., All Souls Church, 196 Elm St. (in Parish Hall if it rains), \$40/table or \$30/bring your own table, register online at <http://goo.gl/tnI8Tr> or call 781.843.1388.

Do It for Dads! 5K Walk/Run

Sun. 6/19, 9:30 a.m., Braintree High School, registration \$25. Register online at doitfordadsusa.com, race day registration begins at 8 a.m.

Braintree Recycling update

Don't throw it out, donate it! Save room in your trash: drop textiles in plastic bags at the special container at the Recycling Center on Ivory Street (Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri/Sat, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.) Textiles include: clothing, flip flops, slippers, shoes, boots, belts, ties, backpacks, all bedding items, curtains, table linens, pillows, purses, hats & stuffed animals. Items are accepted in any condition as long as they are not wet, oily, have mildew or smell.

Residential customer?
Get 2 free trees!
Call 781.348.1032



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Drop Boxes
Top of Potter Road
Beside Town Hall
Braintree Cooperative Bank
1010 Washington St.
372 Washington St.
505 Quincy Avenue

BROADBAND HELPDESK
Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sat-Sun: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

COMMISSION MEETINGS
Public meetings are usually held monthly. Call 781.348.2353 or check www.beld.com to confirm time and date.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday, May 30
Memorial Day

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