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## Let's keep connected: Send us your e-mail!

At Choptank Electric, we believe it is important to keep our members well informed. In order to do this, we want to communicate by the most convenient and fastest means available.

As the world becomes more electronically connected, Choptank Electric is asking you to submit your e-mail address to us – if you have one – so we can better communicate with you.

Please provide your name, telephone number and e-mail address on the reverse of the card enclosed, then return it with your bill payment. You may also call our Member Service Center at 1-877-892-0001 with the information or e-mail to [billyd@choptankelectric.coop](mailto:billyd@choptankelectric.coop).

If your e-mail or phone number has changed recently, please update that information with the co-op.

We can keep you up-to-date on legislative issues, co-op programs, peak power events, planned outages and energy savings. You can also receive our newsletter via e-mail instead of by hard copy if you choose.

As a special incentive, you can win an Acer Aspire One Netbook! We will randomly draw a winner at the end of January, February and March from all members who send in their e-mail addresses. Netbooks are small laptop computers suited for general computing and web-based applications.

Choptank will not sell, rent or share our e-mail lists with anyone, so your e-mails will stay spam-free — nor will we load your e-mail with unnecessary spam.



## ODEC deal expands availability of reliable power

Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) and Exelon Generation have signed a long-term power purchase and sale agreement for Exelon to begin supplying 200 megawatts of electricity to ODEC for ten years beginning in June 2010.

ODEC is the power supplier for 11 electric distribution co-ops, including Choptank, serving consumers in portions of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The agreement with Exelon is the first contract to be awarded as part of ODEC's on-going Request for Proposals (RFP) initiated in June 2009. ODEC is evaluating additional proposals that will help meet a portion of the future needs of its member co-ops for reliable and affordable energy.

"This additional resource will help us meet our goal of continuing to provide low cost and stable wholesale power supply to our member co-ops and their members for the next decade," said Lisa Johnson, ODEC senior vice president of power supply.

"This transaction adds a market-based outlet for

Exelon's low carbon-emitting generation," said Kenneth W. Cornew, president of Exelon Power Team, the company's wholesale power marketing division. "We are helping to meet some of ODEC's needs for supply reliability at a known price. Power Team values doing business with customers like ODEC that have exceptional credit ratings and financial."

Ms. Johnson noted ODEC's plans include the continued development of the proposed Cypress Creek Power Station in southeastern Virginia, potential participation in a third generation unit at Dominion Virginia Power's North Anna Nuclear Power Station, and the addition of economically viable renewable resources such as wind generation, biomass generation, landfill gas generation, solar and hydro power.

Exelon Corporation has one of the industry's largest portfolios of electricity generation capacity, with a nationwide reach and strong positions in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic.

## Members can petition for board nomination

The Choptank Electric Board of Directors is required by corporate bylaws to appoint a nominating committee from the membership in order to present a slate of candidates for positions on the board up for election in a particular year.

Nine to 11 members must be appointed and meet not less than 60 days nor more than 120 days prior to the annual meeting. According to the bylaws, the slate of candidates must be posted in a prominent place in the Denton headquarters office lobby.

There is also a provision in the bylaws for nominations by petition. Any 15 members may submit a nominee to represent a given county. The 15 signatures must be those of current members of Choptank Electric, one signature per membership (two signatures from a joint membership count as one). The person nominated must be a cooperative member and meet the requirements of a director as outlined.

Petitions must be received at the co-op 60 days prior to the annual meeting which will be held on April 27,

2010 at North Carolina High School, Denton. The petitions must be at Choptank's headquarters no later than Feb. 26, 2010. Any nominations received after this deadline will be treated as a nomination from the floor.

*Requirements of a candidate: Must be a current member of Choptank Electric Cooperative; Must live within the county they would represent and be a registered voter in that county; May not serve if there is a conflict of interest arising out of their livelihood; May not hold a public office for which they receive in excess of \$100 per year remuneration; May not have a delinquent bill owed the cooperative which they refuse to pay.*

Upcoming issues of the Live Wire will provide details of the annual meeting. One of the benefits of cooperative membership is the involvement of our members. As a member, you: Elect the directors who represent you on the board; Run for the office of director; Vote on the bylaws; Attend the annual meeting where you can express your opinion as to how your cooperative conducts its business.

# Straight Talk: NRECA opposes health care bill

By Bob Behlke  
Vice President, Consumer Affairs



**Issue.** For decades, NRECA has urged Congress to enact reforms that will create universal coverage, real cost containment, eliminate cost-shifting from government programs and increase access to quality care for all Americans. Electric cooperatives collectively provide health insurance benefits to over 200,000 employees, retirees and their families. Authorized under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the NRECA Group Benefits Trust is a national plan that allows each member co-op to design a health benefits package tailored to meet the unique needs of its employees and retirees. Whether an electric co-op provides health insurance through NRECA's Group Benefits Trust or from another source, ever-rising health care costs threaten our ability to provide health care. We support all efforts to make health care more affordable, reliable and sustainable so that electric co-ops can afford to maintain these critical employee benefits. Reforms must also preserve each electric co-op's ability to tailor its employer provided health benefits package as currently allowed under ERISA.

**Status.** The U.S. House of Representatives passed the "Affordable Health Care for America Act of 2009" (H.R. 3962) on November 7, 2009 by a vote of 220-215. The House awaits an eventual Conference Committee with the U.S. Senate, which was expected to consider its version of health care reform in December.

**NRECA Position.** While the House Bill includes individual insurance reforms we support, like preventing insurers from dropping coverage or excluding pre-existing conditions, it does not meet our core requirements for enacting comprehensive health reform legislation. **As such, we oppose the bill.** The House Bill focuses on increasing coverage

for the uninsured, ignoring spiraling cost increases for those currently covered, adding tens of millions into a system that can't be sustained. The bill will:

- Increase overall health care costs for all electric co-ops by eroding the uniform ERISA system.
- Eliminate electric co-ops' ability to tailor a health benefits package by imposing a one-size-fits-all "essential benefits package."
- Exacerbate the current health care "cost-shift" to private employer-based plans from government plans like Medicare and Medicaid by creating a government-run "public plan."

Health care reform can't succeed in expanding coverage unless it makes health care more affordable and reliable - otherwise the nation's health care system is unsustainable. Without focusing on reducing costs and delivery system reform, the House Bill will degrade existing services and reduce access to quality care.

**Key Areas of Concern in House Bill? Erosion of ERISA** - ERISA currently allows each member co-op to design a health benefits package tailored to its unique employee and retiree populations. The bill's one-size-fits-all government mandated "essential benefits package" and many other provisions fundamentally alter ERISA, undermining co-ops' ability to sponsor health coverage. Many co-ops will be forced to curtail coverage to comply with these new requirements, which are expected to change and increase over time. Additionally, the loss of ERISA protections could subject cooperatives to state-based lawsuits, often with unlimited liability.

**Pay or Play Employer Mandate** - If the ultimate goal of reform is strengthening the employer-based system, an employer mandate to provide the "essential benefits package" to all employees or pay an 8 percent payroll tax is counter-productive. The myriad requirements imposed on employers will ultimately, if unintentionally, lead companies to simply "pay" rather than

"play" meaning more plans and employees will be shifted into the public plan.

**Government Run "Public Plan"** - A public plan in any form, particularly when combined with the impact of Medicare and Medicaid won't compete fairly acting as both payer and regulator. The public plan's unfair competitive position, due to both its size and regulatory authority, will merely intensify the current health care "cost-shift" from government plans, making employers pay even more to make up for the shortfall, even if the public plan is initially directed to pay "negotiated" rates.

**Fails to Control Costs** - The House Bill does more to increase coverage for the uninsured than to halt the spiraling cost increases for those currently covered. This bill, funded with a combination of tax increases, reductions in tax-preferred health savings vehicles and cuts to Medicare, fails to meet President Obama's goal of "bending the cost curve on health care" for all Americans.

**A Better Approach - Build on What Works, Fix What is Broken?** Ever-rising health care costs threaten the viability of U.S. businesses and job security for millions of Americans. We agree with President Obama's call to enact health care reform this year, and will support legislation that:

- Preserves the ability, provided now under ERISA, of co-ops to tailor health insurance for their employees and retirees.
- Addresses the real cost-drivers of health care, such as:

Cost and associated demand for new treatments and technologies.

Cost-shift from government plans like Medicare and Medicaid.

Waste, fraud and abuse.

Aging population.

Increasingly unhealthy and sedentary lifestyles.

Defensive medicine.

- Reforms the insurance market to increase access to affordable coverage and enhance private competition:

Prevents insurers from dropping coverage or excluding pre-existing conditions.

Eliminate "defensive medicine" by providing safe harbor liability protections for health care providers and payers that make "evidence based" decisions.

Mandate publication of provider price and performance data to help identify high-quality providers.

Bundle payments for better management of chronic conditions.

Focus our health care system on keeping people healthy.

- Implements nationwide interoperable health information technology, along with pay for performance and value-based purchasing to enhance private competition.

- Permit families and businesses to band together to maximize group purchasing power, enabling them to purchase health insurance across state lines in the newly formed exchange.

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### **Believe it or not, lint can be a hazard**

Hidden problems like lint buildup in a dryer could lead to higher energy bills due to inefficiency and, ultimately, hazardous conditions in your home.

“Cleaning the lint filter after every cycle is one habit we want to encourage,” recommends Jill Notini, of the Washington, D.C.-headquartered Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

AHAM urges consumers to clean the lint filter after each load and occasionally remove the filter and wash it with a nylon brush and hot, soapy water to remove residue. This not only improves air flow and energy efficiency, but also reduces the chance of a dryer fire.

Manufacturers whose products carry the UL mark are required to ship dryers with safety instructions that specify cleaning the lint screen before or after each load. These instructions also recommend keeping dryer exhaust openings and adjacent surrounding areas free from accumulated lint, dust, and dirt, and having qualified service people periodically clean the dryer’s interior and exhaust duct.

Without adequate air circulation, heat flow becomes stymied, clothes take longer to dry, and it costs more to operate the appliance. Like ovens and stoves, dryers apply extreme heat on potentially flammable materials.

Dryers often run up to an hour or more, forgotten in a basement, garage, or utility space. This out-of-sight, out-of-mind practice makes it essential that a dryer be maintained on a simple and regular basis.

*Source: Underwriters Laboratories*

### **Watt’s the Answer?**

Win \$10 credit on your electric bill by entering our monthly trivia contest.

**Watt’s the Answer for January:** This month was named for Janus, Roman god of gates, doors, doorways, beginnings and endings. He is most often depicted as having an unusual feature. What is it?

Send answer with name, address, account and phone to: [annew@choptankelectric.coop](mailto:annew@choptankelectric.coop) or Watt’s the Answer, Choptank Electric, P.O. Box 430, Denton MD 21629. Answers must be received by Feb. 5. The winner will be announced in the March edition.

Minnesota was the top turkey producing state as of November 2009. The U.S Dept. of Agriculture projected 45.5 million birds would be processed in Minnesota in 2009. For his correct answer, Charles Peregrine of Westover received a \$10 credit on his power bill. North Carolina runs a close second, and there is even a town called “Turkey” in that state!

## **It’s time to apply for scholarships**

High school seniors, graduating juniors or first semester graduating seniors whose parents or legal guardians are members or employees of Choptank Electric are eligible for college or technical school scholarships awarded by the Choptank Electric Trust, Inc. At least six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in May 2010.

Recipients are chosen by a competitive screening based on quality of application, academic achievement, community involvement and an essay. Funds are sent directly to the educational institution the student will attend. The deadline to apply for a Trust Scholarship is March 8.

The application, a scholastic information form and a financial information form must be sent with an essay outlined in the application and a transcript to: Choptank Electric Trust Scholarships, Attn: Anne Whaples, P.O. Box 430, Denton MD 21629. Forms are available at guidance offices and [www.choptankelectric.coop](http://www.choptankelectric.coop).

High school seniors whose parents or guardians are members of Choptank Electric, and whose primary residence is served by the cooperative, are eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives Educational Scholarship Foundation.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on financial need, academic achievement, school and community involvement. Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance in a post-high school educational institution or program. Funds will be sent directly to the educational institution the recipient will attend and can be used to pay for tuition, fees and books.

Applications for 2010 scholarships are online at [www.vmdaec.com](http://www.vmdaec.com) and [www.co-opliving.com/community/scholarship](http://www.co-opliving.com/community/scholarship), and by mail by writing to: VMDAEC Scholarships, P.O. Box 2340, Glen Allen VA 23059.

Since 2000, 262 students have received VMDAEC scholarships totaling \$171,500. The Foundation is funded through tax-deductible donations from individuals, VMDAEC member electric cooperatives and the proceeds of events such as the annual Gaff-n-Go Lineman’s Rodeo and Golf Tournament. Choptank Electric and the Trust have awarded over \$46,000 in scholarships since 1999. Anyone with questions regarding Trust scholarships should call 1-877-892-0001, ext. 8640.



**Pocomoke District Chief Lineman Mark Nicolle uses an Argo ATV to reach an outage during November’s heavy rains. The co-op also uses Argos to reach power lines in many of the swampy areas in its nine-county territory.**

### **Easy access for pharmacy discount program use**

The [connections.coop](http://connections.coop) Web site has been enhanced to provide quick access to the Co-op Connections Card pharmacy discount program for our members with a printable card option programmed on the site. On the left side of every page on the Co-op Connections site, there is a yellow button labeled “Pharmacy Discount.” This section provides information and handy links so cardholders can learn more about that aspect of the program. Once they click the button they are taken to the pharmacy program page.

In the middle of the next page, an image of a sample “paper card” will encourage members to click and print

their own card. This is useful if a plastic card has been lost or is not available for any reason. You can key-in your name, select your cooperative and print a paper card from your home or office. The paper version will be accepted by participating pharmacies and functions just like the plastic card. This is meant to be a temporary fix, but can help members in need of filling a prescription right away.

A new local business has joined Co-op Connections. R&L Towing of Ridgely MD is offering a 10% discount on towing service, including lockouts and jump-starts. Find them online or at 3 Oak St., Ridgely, 410-422-5533.

**DANCE:** Pine Steppers, Wed., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr. 410-208-6331/6777; Pepper Steppers, 2nd Sat., 8 p.m., 1st UM Church hall, Chestertown, 410-810-0926/778-4578; Dorchester Swingers, Maple Elem., Cambridge, 8-10, 1st Fri. 410-822-7535; Line, Fri., LOE, 107 Alexander Ave., Salisbury, beginners 6 p.m., 410-749-1981

**BINGO:** Willards VFC, Thurs., 7 p.m., Lions Bldg., 410-835-8678; Pittsville VFC, Fri., 7 p.m. 410-835-2323; Fedsbg. VFW, Thurs., 7:20 p.m. 410-754-5020; Hurlock Legion, Fri., 7:30 p.m., 410-943-8205; Denton Legion, Tues., 6 p.m., 410-479-2708; Redmen, Fruitland, Mon., 6:30 p.m. 410-742-6859; Willards Lions, Tues., 7 p.m. 410-835-2328; Denton VFC, Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Holy Saviour Ch., 17th St./Ocean Hwy., Ocean City, Fri., 7-10. 410-524-7004; Ocean City Elks 2645, Wed., 5:30, 410-250-2645

**MUSIC:** Peninsulaires, Tues. 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Univ., Fulton Hall #130, 410-251-0780; Ocean Bay Sweet Adelines, Mon., 7 p.m., Temple Beth Israel, 410-749-1194; Delmarva Sweet Adelines, Mon., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr. 410-641-6876; QA Barbershop, Wed., 6:30 p.m., Ches. Coll., Wye Mills. 410-827-7993; Bay Country Chorus, Mon., 7 p.m., Miller Hall, behind Trinity Cathedral, Easton. 410-770-8262; Worcester Chorale, Wed., 7 p.m., Comm. Church, Rt. 589, Ocean Pines. 410-208-1999; E. Shore Bluegrass Assn., show/jam, 2nd Sun., 1 p.m., Marydel Fire Co. 302-674-3149 or 492-1048

**VETS:** Vietnam Vets., 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., Easton VFW, 410-943-1374, 3rd Thurs., VFW 194, Salisbur. 410-651-0904; Dis. Amer. Vets #34, 4th Thurs., 1 p.m., VFW 194, Salisbury. 410-749-4518

Chesapeake Christian Riders CMA 453, 1st Thurs, Bob Evans Restaurant, Easton, 6 p.m. 410-943-8325

Mid-Shore A.B.A.T.E., 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m., Easton VFW. [www.mid-shoreabate.com](http://www.mid-shoreabate.com)

**CANCER SUPPORT:** Women Supporting Women, 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., 213 Atlantic Bus. Ctr., Berlin, 410-641-2849, 1st Thur., 7-8:30 p.m., 106 W. Circle Ave., #101, Salisbury, 410-548-7880; Shore Reg. Cancer Ctr., Easton, pre-register, 1-888-806-0756, patients & survivors, Thurs., 5 p.m., Daytimers, 1st/3rd Wed., 10:30 p.m., family and caregivers, 1st/3rd Wed., 5:30-7;

Brain Tumor Awareness, 3rd Tues, Comm. Found. Eastern Shore, Salisbury, 6:30. 410-443-1342; Lymphedema group, 2nd Tues., 11-noon, Avery Hall Ed. Ctr., PRMC. 410-548-7880

**SELF-HELP:** Denton AA, 105 Gay St., Thurs., 8 p.m.; Co-Dependents, Sun., 6:30 p.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-376-0164; Dual Recovery, Wor. Lib., Pocomoke, Mon., 7 p.m.; Overeaters, Sat., 10 a.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-376-0164, Thur., 5 p.m., Buckingham Presb., 20 S. Main, Berlin. 410-629-0679, Mon. 5:15 p.m., Health Ed., Mem. Hosp., Easton, Fri. noon, St. Mark's UMC, Easton. 410-820-0006; TOPS, Tues., 6 p.m., Wor. Health Dept.; Thurs., 7 p.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-546-4197/543-9039; Church of God, Easton, 6 p.m. 410-822-2630/673-2248

**SINGLES CLUBS:** Widows & Widowers, 3rd Tues., 2:15 p.m., The Woodlands at Ocean Pines, lunch 1 p.m., 410-208-0430; Beach Singles 45+, last Tues, 6 p.m. 410-208-3974; Delmarva Singles 50+, 1st Wed., 6 p.m. 410-742-8310; Activity Singles Klub, Easton, 2nd Wed., 410-822-7468

Nat'l Assn. Active/Retired Fed. Empl. 1261, Salisbury area, 3rd Thurs., 410-896-2671; Wor. Co. 2274, 4th Thurs., Jordan's Rooftop, OC, 11:30 a.m., 410-641-5570

**BRIDGE:** Riverside Homes, Salisbury, Mon., 7 p.m., 410-835-8343; Tred Avon, Wed., 11:30 a.m., Talbot Co. Sr. Ctr., Easton, 410-226-5126; Ocean Pines, Wed., OPCC, 9:45 a.m. 410-641-7667

O. Pines Camera Club, 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., library. 410-208-2555

U. of Md. Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardeners Plant Clinic, Ocean Pines Library, Tues., 1-4. 410-641-5570

Friends of Ocean Pines Library, 2nd Mon., 10 a.m., 410-208-2760

Writers Bloc, 3rd Sat., Rm. 3, Wic. Co. Library, Salisbury, 1 p.m. Sons of Confederate Vets Maj. Gen. Arnold Elzey Camp 1940, friends, 1st Wed., 7 p.m., Wic. Library, Salisbury. 410-641-9305 Preston Vol. Fire Co., AUCE breakfast, 1st Sun., 7-10, \$6.

S/Sgt. Cohee Detachment/Marine Corps League, 2nd Wed., 7, American Legion, Post 64, Salisbury. 410-341-4616

United Fitness Class, free, Mon., Wed., Fri., chair exercise, 9:30-10, Mt. Hermon UM Church. 410-548-9436

Free beginner's knitting class, 3rd Tues., 1-2, Women Supporting Women, 106 W. Circle Ave., Suite 101, Salisbury.

Heartland Quilt Guild, 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., Choptank Electric district office, Denton. 410-820-5192

Military families, Delmarva Blue Star Mothers, 2nd Sat., 2 p.m., locations TBA. 410-438-2911 or 410-376-0354

Star Charities, All Volunteers in Action, 1st Fri., 10 a.m., Ocean Pines Library. 410-641-7667

Eastern Shore Stamp Club, 1st Tues., 6:30 p.m. Wicomico Co. Public Library, main library, Salisbury. 410-208-2929

Parkinsons Support Group, 2nd Thur., 1:30 p.m., Woodlands & Catered Living, 1135 Ocean Pkwy. 410-208-9001, 641-0539.

St. Luke's UM Church, St. Michaels, spaghetti dinner, Jan. 15, 4:30-7:30, AUCE \$10, 11 & under \$4. Tickets 410-745-2534.

Friday Nites in Caroline, Denton library, 7 p.m.: Feb. 5, Bay Country Chorus; Feb. 12, UMES Jazz Band; Feb. 19, Jay Smar, Singin', Fiddlin' & Flat Footin'; Feb. 26, Lafayette Gilchrist & the Quartet, blues & jazz.

Seaside Boat Show, Ocean City Convention Ctr., Feb. 12, 11-7, Feb. 13, 10-7, Feb. 14, 11-5. 410-632-3676 or [oceanshow.com](http://oceanshow.com)

St. Dennis Church Hall, Afternoon of Bluegrass, 154 N. Main St., Galena, Feb. 21, "Sacred Sounds", 1-5 p.m., \$10, 12-18 yrs. \$5, under 12 free. Food. Pickers welcome. 410-648-5366

National Outdoor Show, South Dorchester PreK-8 School, Golden Hill, Feb. 26, 5 p.m.- until, Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m. until. 410-397-8535, [nationaloutdoorshow.org](http://nationaloutdoorshow.org)

AARP Tax-Aide free tax assistance & preparation for low- and middle-income taxpayers, especially age 60+. Feb. 1 - April 15, on days indicated. Appts. preferred.

**Caroline Co.:** Caroline Co. Public Library, 100 Market St., Denton, Mon. 5-7 pm. Tues. 12-3:30 pm. Appts. 410-479-1343

Caroline Co. Public Library, 123 Morris Ave., Federalsburg, Mon. 12-5 pm. Appts. 410-754-8397

Caroline Co. Public Library, 100 Cedar St., Greensboro, Thurs. 3-6 pm. Appts. 410-482-2173

**Kent Co.:** Kent Co. Bd. of Ed., 215 Washington St., Chestertown, Tues. 9 am-3 pm, Sat. 9 am-1 pm. Appts. call Tues., Thurs. or Fri., 410-778-2564

**Queen Anne's Co.:** Kramer Sr. Center, 104 Powell St., Centreville, Fridays 9:30 am-3 pm, Closed April 2. Open Mon., April 5, 9:30 am-3 pm. Appts. 410-758-0848

Senior Center, 4802 Main St., Grasonville, Tues. 8:30 am-4 pm. Appts. 410-758-0848

Sudlersville Sr. Center, days & time TBA. Appts. 410-438-3159

Kent Is. Percy Thomas Sr. Center, 891 Love Point Rd., Fri. 9 am-3 pm. Closed April 2. Open Thurs., April 1, 9 am-3 pm Appts. 410-604-3801

**Talbot Co.:** Easton Vol. Fire Dept., 315 Aurora Park Ave., Easton, Thurs. 9 am-3 pm. Appts. Bobbie Smith, 9-5 pm, 410-822-1444

Municipal Services Bldg., 101 Market St., Oxford, Fri. 9:30-11:30 am by appt. only, call 410-226-5122.

Talbot Co. Free Library, 106 Fremont St., St. Michaels, Fri, 9:30-1:30 pm. Closed April 2. Appts., Bobbie Smith 9- 5 pm, 410-822-1444

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