

North Central's News

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General Manager Doyle Hazen

Being Well-Informed

Recently, I was on a call with our rate analyst. We

were working out the assumptions for our in-process cost study. The assumptions that we use provide the basis for the projections that are used to ascertain what our predicted cost of service will be in the future. Those assumptions define a study because the rate analysts must have their projections based on real world data that is specific to our district. The information from the model they use is only as good as the data that is entered.

The information that you and I receive daily helps form the base from which we make our decisions and form our opinions. We are battered daily with "news" sources that claim to provide news, which in my definition should provide objective data and facts. What I tend to see is subjective editorials. It is important to ground ourselves with a wide base of information so that we can form our OWN opinions, and quantitatively, a well-informed view of our environment be it financial, personal or political.

In other districts, and maybe ours, people have been approached with "opportunities" for solar and some wind projects. I understand that there are individuals that could benefit from projects in the short term, but I want everyone to look at both the short term and long term implications of participating in those projects for yourself and for your fellow neighbors. As you review information provided, understand that you may only be receiving this information from one source, the entity that is selling their wares. Provide yourself with a broad base of information to make an informed decision. I am not saying that we are against any of these projects. We feel responsible for the well-being of our customers when it comes to their energy choices.

Something that was recently shared to me was an article written by Ernie Goss, PhD. Dr. Goss is a Professor with Creighton University in Omaha and is a Jack Macalister Chair in Regional Economics. In his article "Replacing Fossil Fuel Electricity Generation with Solar Boosts Costs and Income Inequality," Dr. Goss explains that as solar is used to replace coal generation the cost of electricity in-

creases. He goes on to explain that as a share of income, the lowest 1/5 of income earners spent roughly 7 times that of the highest 1/5 of income earners on utilities. This article concludes "...in addition to economically burdening all US consumers, the shift away from coal to solar will exacerbate income inequality in the US."

We could go on with a dissertation with the information that is out there for renewable energy projects. Simply said, be wary and be well-informed by multiple sources. You are your own best advocate.

www.americanexperiment.org/2019/10/replacing-fossil-fuel-electricity-generation-with-solar-boosts-costs-and-income-inequality/



Thanksgiving
November 28-29, 2019
Christmas
December 24-25, 2019
New Year's Day
January 1, 2020

Tree Maintenance to begin Proactive measures benefit everyone

Over the next few months North Central Public Power District (NCPD) will focus on tree maintenance, which is one of the leading causes of power outages. Tree trimming and removal is a proactive approach to this ongoing problem. We understand the importance of trees and realize the value to our customers. Proper tree maintenance is a benefit to everyone.

Advantages of Utility Tree Maintenance

- Safety of Customers
- Minimize Line Blinks for All Customers
- Reduce Outages and Lengthy Repairs

For tree maintenance this year, NCPD's Operations Department will be contacting customers in the City of Plainview and the Village of Santee. NCPD will also be focusing on the Page rural and Orchard rural areas.

Customers are reminded to report any potential issues concerning trees and power lines. We are continuously working to ensure our customers have safe and reliable electric service.



AUTOPAY BLITZ PROMOTION

We are running a promotion from December 1st to March 1st to sign-up customers for autopay (ACH). Below is a form for you to fill out if you want us to automatically deduct the amount of your bill due each month from your bank account. We also request that you include a voided check with the form.

Please contact the office with any questions and get signed up during the months of **December, January, and February** to be eligible for a drawing of a one-time **\$100 credit** on your account. This is a perfect opportunity to take advantage of this time and money saver. Never forget to pay your electric bill again and save yourself the time and expense of checks and stamps.

North Central Public Power District – Automated Bank Authorization

Name of Financial Institution: _____ Date: _____

Bank Location (City & State): _____ ☐ Checking ☐ Savings

Bank Routing Number: _____ Bank Account Number: _____

*I hereby authorize North Central PPD to collect payment of my monthly billed electrical bill from the above account until such time that I cancel this agreement

Customer Signature: _____ Member Sep. No.: _____

Customer Service Address & City: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A VOIDED CHECK WITH THIS FORM

Safety Tips for the Holidays



Linda Sokol,
Energy Advisor

Keep safety in mind when decorating the home. Ensure that your tree is placed at least three feet away from heat sources, such as fireplaces or radiators, and on a stable platform. Before hanging holiday lights, check for worn spots, fraying, and excessive kinking. Damaged strands of lights should not be used. Consider investing in LED light strands. Although they are more expensive than traditional incandescent bulbs, LED lights last much longer and are also more efficient and durable.

Don't get burned in the kitchen. Clean your stovetop and oven often, especially before the large amount of baking and cooking that takes place for family gatherings. Doing so will help prevent fires in the kitchen should a malfunction or accident take place. Do not leave combustible items, such as towels or pot holders, near the stove top. Keep all appliance cords away from heat. Never use appliances near the kitchen sink. Plug appliances into ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets. Unplug your appliances when they are not in use.

Whether you are leaving the home for a few hours or for a few weeks, turn off all lights when they are not in use. Your neighbors can still enjoy your exterior Christmas lights while you are away if you put them on an automatic timer. This will remove the extra worry of an electrical accident while also reducing energy costs. If you will be gone for an extended holiday trip, you can reduce the risk of a power surge damaging equipment by unplugging unneeded electrical devices before leaving.

For more home electrical safety tips, visit SafeElectricity.org.

ACH – A Great Option to Pay Your Bill

If you would like to simplify your NCPPD monthly bill payment, you might want to consider ACH. On the 15th of each month we will, with your information and authorization, automatically deduct the amount you owe for your electricity from your bank account. You will still receive a billing statement each month to review before the automatic payment takes place. This payment option is available for any account at NCPPD. Signing up for ACH allows you to save time and expense each month and gives you peace of mind that your bill will be paid on time. If you would like more information about ACH, or to sign up, contact the North Central PPD office at 402-358-5112.

AUTO PAY SERVICE

- ✓ **NO** checks to write!
- ✓ **NO** stamp for the return payment!
- ✓ **NO** phone call to make!
- ✓ **NO** worry about unpaid bills during vacations!
- ✓ **NO** processing fees!

From our homes to yours . . .

Cinnamon Roll Dutch Apple Pie

Ingredients

- 1 can refrigerated cinnamon rolls with icing
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons cold butter
- ¼ cup chopped pecans
- 1 can apple pie filling with more fruit

Directions

Heat oven to 350°F. Separate dough into 8 rolls, and place cinnamon side up on counter. Let stand at room temperature 10 minutes. In small microwavable bowl, place icing from container; cover and refrigerate. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, mix flour, brown sugar and cinnamon. Cut in cold butter using fork or pastry blender until crumbly. Stir in pecans; set aside. Press and flatten each roll into 3 1/2-inch round. In ungreased 9-inch pie plate, place 1 roll in center; surround with remaining 7 rolls. Pat and press to stretch dough to cover bottom and side of pie plate. Make sure there are no holes between the flattened rolls. Bake 10 minutes. Spoon pie filling in center of cinnamon roll crust; top evenly with streusel. Bake 20 to 23 minutes or until edges of crust and topping are golden brown. Cover edges of crust with strips of foil during last 5 to 8 minutes of baking, if necessary, to prevent excessive browning. Cool 1 hour. Before serving, microwave icing uncovered on High 10 to 15 seconds or until thin enough to drizzle. Drizzle back and forth over top of pie.



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FOR SALE: Zero gravity chair. Light brown, leather look. All electric with massage and heater. Excellent condition. \$250. Call 402-847-3360.

FOR SALE: Propane furnace \$100. Power vented exhaust. Been in storage a few years. Call 402-582-3557.

FOR SALE: B Farmall. \$950. Call 402-668-2650.

FOR SALE: M&W Live Pump for an M tractor. \$400.; Call 402-668-2650.

FOR SALE: Electric shop furnace - 220 w/ fan and thermostat. \$275. Call 402-655-2200.

Do you have something to sell or are you looking for something in particular? You may call, send or email (bargain.barn@ncppd.net) your description of what's for sale or what you are looking for to

our office. The ad will run in the Bargain Barn section free for one month. Please include name and telephone number. No commercial ads will be accepted, personal items only.

**SantaLand Light Display
in Creighton
Nov 27 - Dec 31, 2019
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.**



**Mrs. Claus'
Gingerbread House
&
Santa's Workshop
Nov.30 - Dec. 23, 2019
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.**