



General Manager Doyle Hazen

What is your PCA?

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it's not some new measure of your body's health index. In the electric industry, a PCA is a Power Cost Adjustment. The PCA can be a credit or an adder to the customer's bill. The PCA on your North Central Public Power District (NCPD) bill for the past year has been a credit.

For 2020, the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) operational surplus from 2019 was passed through to the wholesale customers. The PCA that is passing through to the NCPD customers' for 2020 is \$.003751/kWh. The year to date PCA returned to NCPD customers as of September 30, 2020, is \$380,620.75. Comparatively, based on NPPD's current financial position, NPPD is tentatively looking at \$73.2 million to be returned to all of its wholesale customers via PCA. NPPD will provide a PCA credit of \$.006196/kWh. NCPD is passing the PCA to its customers at the same per kWh rate as was being credited.

On February 1, 2021, the PCA will change to the higher credit and will run through the end of January 2022. NCPD is glad to be able to pass this PCA through directly to its customers.

However, eventually this will come to an end when NPPD no longer has a surplus. This process is a great example of public power working for its customers. An Investor Owned Utility (IOU) would realize the returned revenue as profit to its shareholders not dollars returned to the rate payers.

NCPD recently went through a rate design that will result in some small adjustments that are revenue neutral within the rates. There will be some increases in the all-electric rates in the City of Plainview as those rates will sunset at the end of 2021. In looking at some of the assumptions within the rates, NCPD was able to facilitate a considerable decrease in security light and street light rates (for all customers served). On average, the decrease will result in a 31.1% savings. This change is mainly due to the replacement of current Mercury Vapor and Sodium Vapor lights. Going forward, NCPD is replacing all conventional lighting with LED lighting. The largest portion of the savings for the lights is realized due to the reduced need for trips to maintain the LED light. NCPD will not be changing lights immediately, but will change lights as they reach the end of their operational life.

For full disclosure, at the writing of this article, the policies for the rate changes have not been approved.



The rate design that was presented and approved at the October 26, 2020, NCPD board meeting will be the basis for the rate policies to be presented and approved on November 30, 2020.

Happy Holidays from North Central Public Power District! Have a safe and wonderful rest of the year!

'Not available to the City of Plainview customers as they are supplied with MEAN based energy.

Irrigation Facility Charge to be billed in February

The 2020 Irrigation Facility Charge for irrigation services that are 15 horsepower or larger will be billed in February. If you have irrigation changes such as load control schedule (i.e. from 3 Day Control to 2 Day Control), or intend to transfer service into another name, please notify our office. New irrigation contracts will need to be completed and returned to our office before any changes on the billing system will be made. An irrigation letter will be mailed out in January indicating all irrigation accounts currently in the customer's name.

New Employees at North Central PPD



CAID SMITH

-son of Jason and Gretchen Smith. Caid graduated from Genoa-Hugo High School in 2018. He is currently enrolled in the Utility Line Program at Northeast Community College. He enjoys sports, hunting, and fishing. Caid plans to work on a helicopter crew and travel the US.



ALEX THEROS

-son of Harrison and Sharon Theros. Alex graduated from Prairie View High School in 2018. He is currently enrolled in the Utility Line Program at Northeast Community College. He enjoys working out, hunting, fishing, and working on trucks. After graduation, Alex plans to do storm work and travel the US.

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 Knox County to receive tree trimming and removal permission. The 85-3 Niobrara rural and 85-6 Verdigre rural substations will be the focus of attention for tree maintenance.

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.



CYBER SECURITY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



**SantaLand Light Display
in Creighton
Nov 25 - Dec 31, 2020
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

Safety Tips for the Holiday Season



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 stove top 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.



Four Customers Receive Funds from USDA

USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) announces that the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Rural Nebraska is investing \$776,960 into rural Nebraska. Four customers of North Central Public Power District will be receiving a total of \$60,628 of those funds. Three customers received funds for changing from diesel or electric motors and one customer received funds for upgrading freezers and lighting. If you would like to learn more about these programs please give our office a call.

From our homes to yours . . .

Impossibly Easy Cheeseburger Pie

Ingredients

1 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef
1 large onion, chopped (1 cup)
½ tsp salt
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 oz)
½ cup Original Bisquick™ mix
1 cup milk
2 eggs

Directions

Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 9-inch glass pie plate with cooking spray. In 10-inch skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until beef is brown; drain. Stir in salt. Spread in pie plate. Sprinkle with cheese. In small bowl, stir remaining ingredients with fork or wire whisk until blended. Pour into pie plate. Bake about 25 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.





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January 1, 2021



FOR SALE: Cummins irrigation system motor. Has 8,000 hours. Comes with gear head. Call 402-893-3294.

WANTED: Looking for a gravity flow wagon and fence line feed bunks. Call 402-358-1028.

FOR SALE: 2007 Saturn Ion car. Only 42,000 miles on it. \$4500. Call 402-857-3793 or 402-302-8558.

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.



Photo Contest

North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) is looking for some photos that represent its service area. Send a picture of anywhere in the NCPPD service area and you will be entered into a drawing for \$50 credit on your electric bill. Photos should only be submitted by NCPPD customers. All photos will become the property of the District and will not be returned. Deadline for entry is January 15, 2021. Photos may be submitted by email to ncentral@ncppd.net or by mail: North Central PPD, PO Box 90, Creighton, NE 68729-0090.

75 Yrs. of Family Favorite Recipes

NCPPD Cookbook
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NCPPD is offering a free cookbook to its customers in celebration of 75 years of service. Please stop by the office and receive a copy. Happy Holidays!