



North Central's News

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General Manager Doyle Hazen

Nebraska Generation Resources

In the environment of today's electric market,

we see more and more renewable energy being added to the mix. In Nebraska, wind and solar projects are popping up in many places. If you take a look at Nebraska's generation resources, we have a carbon free mix that is well placed comparatively in the nation. More than 61% of Nebraska's generation resources are carbon-free.¹ Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), our generation supplier, has the following resources available, categorized by the source of energy:

- » 1752 MW of Coal,
- » 810 MW of Nuclear,
- » 350 MW of Natural Gas,
- » 60 MW of Wind,
- » 162 MW of Oil,
- » 25 MW of Hydro,
- » 10.736 MW of Solar.¹

In addition to the NPPD owned resources, third party sales to NPPD account for 82 MW of hydropower and 281 MW of wind capacity within the state.¹

I think that it is important for you to have an understanding of the generation mix that is contributing to the energy you consume every day.

Somehow there are times people want to make an issue of the fact that Nebraska has some coal generation in the state. Gerald Gentleman, in Sutherland, NE provides a base load coverage that is one of the most efficient and cost-effective power plants in the U.S. It provides and facilitates the mix of NPPD's renewable energy. If you do not have that base load coverage of coal and/or nuclear it makes it more expensive to cover the natural variation of wind and solar. Renewable generation resources are an important part of a diversified energy portfolio, for both environmental and economic purposes. Until other technologies become available it will be important to have a balanced approach to the mix of carbon and carbon free generation resources.

¹ Information obtained from NPPD web site nppd.com/powering-nebraska/energy-resources.

NCPD Notice of Board of Director Vacancy

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Zimmerer Resigns as Director



Director Curt Zimmerer has resigned from his position on the District board. Curt has served on the board for 21 years, serving three and one-half six-year terms. Curt and his wife Sherri have moved to Wheatland, Wyoming where they are starting a new chapter in their lives, operating a horse facility. The Directors and Employees wish Curt and Sherri the best in their new venture.

Creighton Home Show

Saturday,
February 27, 2021
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Creighton Community School

North Central PPD will be attending the Creighton Home Show. Please stop by to see us and pick up your 75th Anniversary Cookbook.

NCPD Notice of Board of Director Vacancy

Pursuant to the resignation of Director Curt Zimmerer, effective December 31, 2020, the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District will receive written Applications from interested and qualified applicants for the purpose of consideration of filling said Director vacancy. This Director vacancy is an "at large" position scheduled to expire in January 2022. All individuals interested in submitting Applications for consideration to fill the Director vacancy must reside within the service area of the District.

All interested and qualified individuals must complete the APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTOR VACANCY form which may be obtained from Doyle Hazen, General Manager, North Central Public Power District, 1409 Main St., PO Box 90, Creighton, NE, 68729 or by contacting said General Manager at (402)358-5112. Said completed Applications, dated and duly executed, must be delivered to Doyle Hazen, General Manager, by 12:00 Noon on March 1, 2021. The Board of Directors shall consider the qualified Applications received at any future regular or special meeting of the Board for the purpose of determining whether or not to fill the existing Director vacancy. All Applications received shall be retained by North Central Public Power District. The selection of any individual to fill said vacancy, if any, shall be made at the sole discretion of and pursuant to procedures determined by the Board of Directors. If an individual is selected by the Board of Directors to fill the Director vacancy, said individual will be contacted and advised of the opportunity to accept the Board of Director position, subject to said individual being qualified under Nebraska law and subject to certification as required by the Secretary of State, State of Nebraska.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NCPD

Irrigation Services Available for 2021

Electric irrigation services are cost effective and allow customers more flexibility when managing their farming operation. Currently North Central Public Power District (NCPD) does not have a waiting list for new irrigation services in 2021. On NCPD's website <http://www.ncppd.com/index.asp> there is a cost comparison program that customers can use to compare the cost difference between electric and all other types of fuel. NCPD's operation department will gladly run this same cost comparison program



for you by calling the NCPD office. According to Bill Sheppard with the USDA Rural Development office in Norfolk, NE, grant money is available

for converting to an electric irrigation service for 2021. The grants are up to 25% of the eligible cost of the project. The next deadline for the grant application is March 31, 2021. NCPD will gladly help with these grant applications by calling the NCPD office. Have a safe and prosperous new year.

Employees and Directors Recognized for 145 Years of Service

The success of the District's operations comes from dedicated employees and directors who work together as a team to provide reali-

able and affordable electric service to our customers. The following individuals were honored for their years of service:



Matt Boyle,
Journeyman
Lineman
5 Years of Service



Michael Kuhlman,
Journeyman
Lineman
10 Years of Service



Tim Hoffman,
Staking
Engineer
20 Years of Service



Mike Hasenpflug,
Maintenance
20 Years of Service



Todd Zimmerer,
Operations
Manager
25 Years of Service



Doyle Hazen,
General
Manager
25 Years of Service



Terry Strobe,
Director
15 Years of Service



Greg Walmer,
Director
25 Years of Service



Linda Sokol,
Energy Advisor

New 2021 EnergyWise Programs Announced

North Central Public Power District (NCPD), in partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, would like to announce a few changes to its 2021 EnergyWise programs. Your partnership in these programs will provide opportunities to save energy and money, as well as help the environment. The following is a listing of the programs that are available.

New Programs:

- Electric Vehicle, Home Chargers, Wiring & Conduit
- Custom Ag (incentives for ag energy efficiency improvements)

Program with Changes:

- High-Efficiency Heat Pump

Programs Remaining Unchanged:

- Attic Insulation
- Cooling System Tune-Up
- Commercial HVAC
- Prescriptive Lighting
- Heat Pump Water Heater
- Custom Lighting
- HVAC System Optimization
- Industrial Process
- Smart Thermostat
- Variable Frequency Drive (Commercial and Industrial)
- Agricultural – Farrowing Heat Mats
- Corner Pivot (Variable Frequency Drive)
- Prescriptive Irrigation

All projects must be installed and operational during the calendar year to be eligible for the corresponding EnergyWise program year. Incentive applications must be signed by the contractor, along with the customer, and then provided to NCPD. Your involvement has made EnergyWise a success and will continue to advance the programs and energy savings in the future. If you have any questions or for more information contact our office.

Irrigation Facility Charge to be Billed in February

Customers with irrigation accounts are reminded that the 2021 annual facility charge will be billed in February. If you are considering changing your load control schedule (i.e. from 3 Day Control to 2 Day Control) or if an account needs to be transferred into someone else's name, please notify our office as new irrigation contracts will need to be completed. Changes in load control

schedules can be made until the close of business March 30, 2021.

Irrigation Load Control Schedules:

<u>Control Schedule</u>	<u>Facility Charge</u>
No Control	\$60.00 x HP
*2 Day Control	\$37.75 x HP
*3 Day Control	\$24.10 x HP
*6 Day Control	\$21.00 x HP

**Subject to Sunday Control*

From our homes to yours . . .

Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Croutons

Ingredients

1 onion, yellow, diced
1 red pepper, diced
1 clove minced garlic
2 tbs. olive oil
1 tbs. tomato paste
14.5 oz. can chicken broth
Salt & Pepper
28 oz. can crushed tomatoes with oregano onion & garlic
1/2 c. half and half
1/2 c. shredded Parmesan cheese

Grilled Cheese Croutons

Sliced whole wheat bread
Sliced cheese
Butter
Garlic Powder

Directions

Saute onion and red pepper in olive oil over medium heat until softened. Add minced garlic and saute for 1 minute. Add tomato paste. Stir until well combined. Cook for 1 minute. Add crushed tomatoes, chicken broth, salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium-low. Allow mixture to simmer for 15 minutes. Using immersion blender, blend soup until smooth. Add half and half and Parmesan cheese just before serving.

Make Grilled Cheese croutons:

spread butter on two slices of bread, sprinkle garlic powder on butter and place cheese between the two slices of bread. Place buttered side of bread down in a skillet that is on medium heat. Brown both sides of the sandwich slightly. Remove sandwich from skillet and cut the into bite size pieces. Serve over the top of soup.



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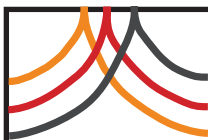
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FOR SALE: Heat & Glow Tiara 1 Heat Stove (looks like a wood stove); 30,00 BTU, rear or top vent - \$750.00. Call 402-655-2245.

FOR SALE: 250 bushel gravity wagon - \$450.00. Call 402-841-7686.

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.



SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS

Would you like to receive a reminder when the due date for your electric bill is approaching? North Central PPD has the ability to send a text message or email notification to remind you of the upcoming due date. If you are interested in receiving these types of notifications you can contact our office to set them up or login to your North Central PPD online account and set them up on your own. Simply login to your account online and click on the "My Alerts" tab to schedule your reminder. If you have questions, please contact our office at 402-358-5112 and we would be happy to assist you.

75 Years of Family Favorite Recipes

NCPPD Cookbook Available at Office