



# North Central's News

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General Manager Doyle Hazen

## The Meaning is in the Word



I regularly review articles in trade magazines, look over memos that come from North Central Public Power District's (NCPD) power supplier, and sit in meetings that review issues that impact NCPD's operations. Lately, I have seen a word being utilized in a way that I have not observed before. The word is "resiliency" and the way that I have observed it being used is in substitution of reliability. This is not to say NCPD does not want or have resiliency, but there are differences in the meaning of the words.

**Merriam – Webster Dictionary** defines reliable as: *"suitable or fit to be relied on: dependable"*. Resilient is defined as: *"tending to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change"*. From a distribution and transmission standpoint, NCPD strives for its system to be resilient and reliable. The system is designed to be able to take damage and recover. There are mitigating switches and circuits that allow NCPD to reroute around a damaged portion of the system so that the impacted customers can be restored.

If you are describing an electric

service as being resilient, you could assume it means that it bounces back from adversity and will try to do better or at least as good as it did before the adversity. Now, if the adversity continues to happen on a regular basis, obviously its reliability would be less than acceptable regardless of its resiliency. That is specifically my concern for the interchangeable use of the word resiliency and reliability.

There continues to be a march towards renewable energies. I am not against the idea of renewables if they are implemented in the context of the whole grid. We cannot continue to have the elimination of base load coverage by coal or nuclear unless there is a viable alternative

to replace them. As estimated by the Sierra Club, 270 coal plants have been retired in the United States since 2010. Many wind and solar farms have popped up to provide more capacity. However, these types of energy sources are notoriously inconsistent in their ability to provide energy when it is needed. Base load coverage cannot be removed until a VIABLE alternative is available.

We will continue to see a reduction in reliability if base load generation continues to be replaced by intermittent generation sources. Although NCPD may be very resilient, having the power off more and more will not be acceptable. Be aware and be safe.

NCPD's Office will be CLOSED  
May 31, 2021 - Memorial Day  
July 5, 2021 - Independence Day

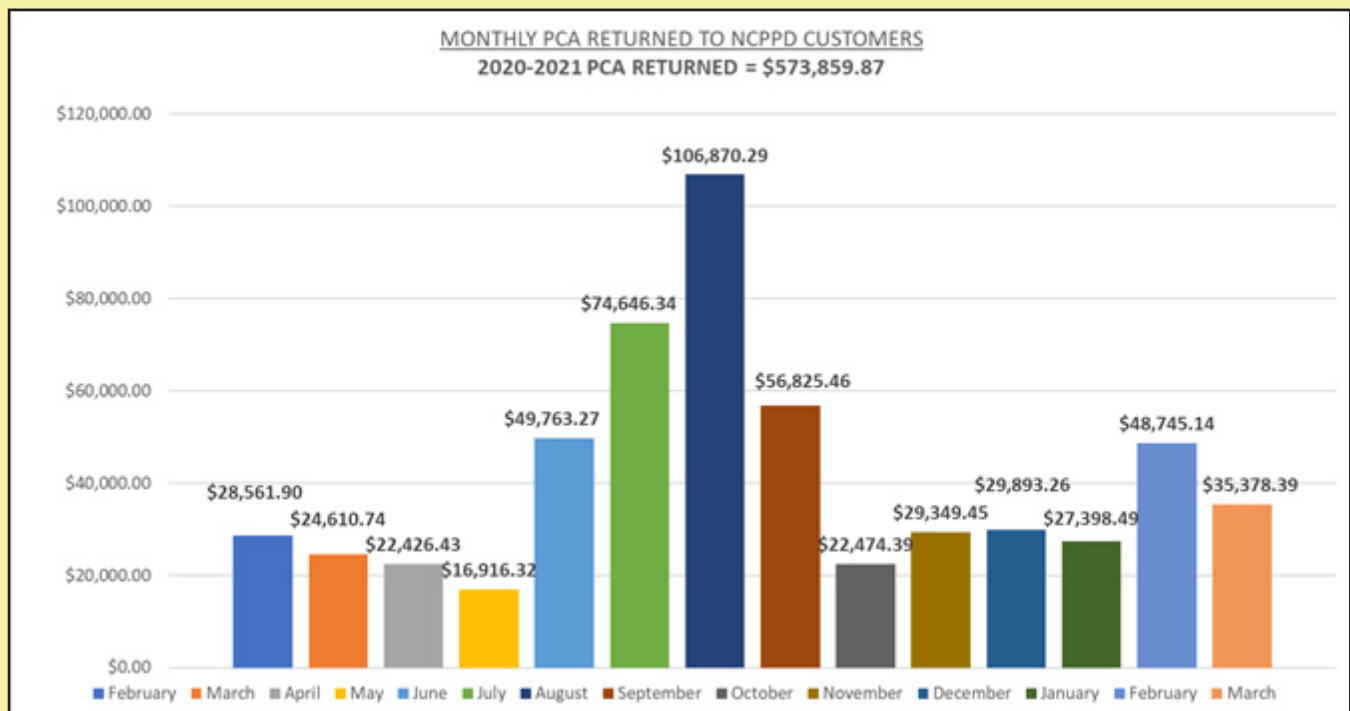




On April 26, 2021, James P. Meuret is shown being sworn in by North Central Public Power District Attorney Jeffrey M. Doerr. Meuret was appointed by the Board to fill the At-Large seat following the resignation of Curt Zimmerer in December 2020.

## Putting The Money Where It Belongs, In Your Pocket

If you have been paying attention to your electric bill over the past year and a half, you likely have noticed a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) bill credit. Nebraska Public Power District, who supplies wholesale power to the District, is returning excess margins to its customers in the form of a PCA. The PCA amount for each customer is calculated based on the number of kilowatt hours that are consumed. North Central PPD is pleased to return this credit back to its customers and keep your money where it belongs, in your pocket. The chart below shows the dollars that have been returned to the customer since the PCA began back in February 2020. The PCA will continue through at least January 2022.



*(This does not apply to City of Plainview customers, as they receive wholesale power from the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska.)*



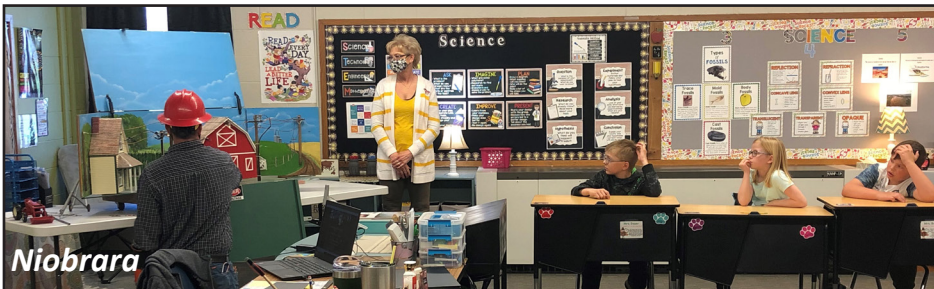
# School Electrical Safety Program



Linda Sokol,  
Energy Advisor

Every year North Central Public Power District (NCPD) provides an Electrical Safety Program for the 4th & 5th graders at the local schools. This year Safety Director Matt Fritz and Energy Advisor Linda Sokol went to St. Ludger's, Creighton Elementary, Plainview Elementary, Verdigre Elementary, Orchard Elementary and Niobrara Elementary. *The Shocking Truth* video was shown followed by a discussion on the dangers of electricity. Students were shown the equipment that the lineman use for safety and even got the chance to see and feel sand that was turned into glass by a live wire. NCPD has an energized farm display that shows what could

happen if contact is made with an energized power line while flying a kite, climbing a tree or working with large farm equipment. With the energized farm set we can simulate with a hotdog what could happen if someone or something came in contact with an energized power line. It is a real eye opener for the kids when an electrical arc is created using the hotdog as part of the electrical circuit. Hopefully, what the kids learn in this safety program stays with them so if they are ever in a situation where electrical wires are present, they will remember what to or not to do. The students are then given the opportunity to enter a poster into an electrical safety poster contest. Posters will be judged and the winners will receive a \$25 check and be invited to a NCPD Board of Directors meeting.



Niobrara



Verdigre



Orchard

## *From our homes to yours . . .* **Crescent Cheesecake Roll-ups**

### Ingredients

1 Tbsp ground cinnamon  
2 Tbsp sugar  
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened  
¼ cup sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 cans (8 oz each) refrigerated Crescent Dough Sheet  
Canola oil for frying

### Directions

Line large plate with paper towels. In small bowl, mix 2 Tbsp sugar and 1 Tbsp ground cinnamon. Set aside. In small bowl, beat 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened, until creamy. Add ¼ cup sugar and 1 tsp vanilla; blend until well combined. Set aside. Lightly flour work surface. Unroll 2 cans crescent refrigerated seamless dough sheet on surface. Slightly roll out each sheet of dough until about ½ inch longer. Cut each sheet into 6 squares. Place about 1 Tbsp cream cheese filling in center of each square; spread crosswise to form long line of filling. Roll side closest to you up over filling, then roll to opposite side while slightly pulling edges to make roll longer. Use pizza cutter or sharp knife to cut off ragged edges of roll-ups. Pinch seam into dough to secure filling in roll-up. In skillet, heat canola oil to 325°F. Carefully place roll-ups in hot oil; fry on one side 30 to 60 seconds. Turn roll-ups; fry until golden brown. Remove from oil; place on paper towel-lined plate. Immediately sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar mixture. Place roll-ups on cooling rack; cool about 10 minutes before serving.



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**FOR SALE:** Interior sheetrock texture sprayer. Magnum by Graco brand. \$700. Call 402-302-8558.

**FOR SALE:** 550 Yamaha Grizzly 2009, 800 miles, automatic with winch and blade. Always in shed. \$6000. Call 402-302-8558.

**FOR SALE:** AC 3 point, 4 bottom plow and 3 point 14 foot rotary hoe. Call 402-841-8065.

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.

#### Upcoming Events

<b>Klown Festival</b> -Plainview	<b>June 4-6</b>
<b>Kolach Days</b> -Verdigre	<b>June 11-13</b>
<b>BerryPepper Days</b> -Creighton	<b>June 18-20</b>
<b>Celebrate the Center</b> of Knox County -Center	<b>June 25-26</b>
<b>Orchard Free Days</b> -Orchard	<b>July 23-25</b>
<b>Pierce County Fair</b> -Pierce	<b>July 28-Aug 1</b>
<b>Antelope County Fair</b> -Neligh	<b>Aug 4-8</b>
<b>Holt County Fair</b> -Chambers	<b>Aug 9-14</b>
<b>Knox County Fair</b> -Bloomfield	<b>Aug 12-15</b>

## Summer Rates Start June 1<sup>st</sup>

North Central PPD's summer electric rate schedule will go into effect June 1, 2021. These rates are effective for the four summer demand months: June, July, August and September. The wholesale, as well as retail, electric rates are higher because Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) charges North Central higher wholesale rates due to their higher costs during this time. It is North Central's goal to keep our summer electric peak demand down to prevent or lessen rate increases in the future.

North Central encourages customers to reduce their electric usage during these months between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. If everyone does their part to reduce usage, hopefully we can continue to keep our electric rates at an affordable level.