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General Manager
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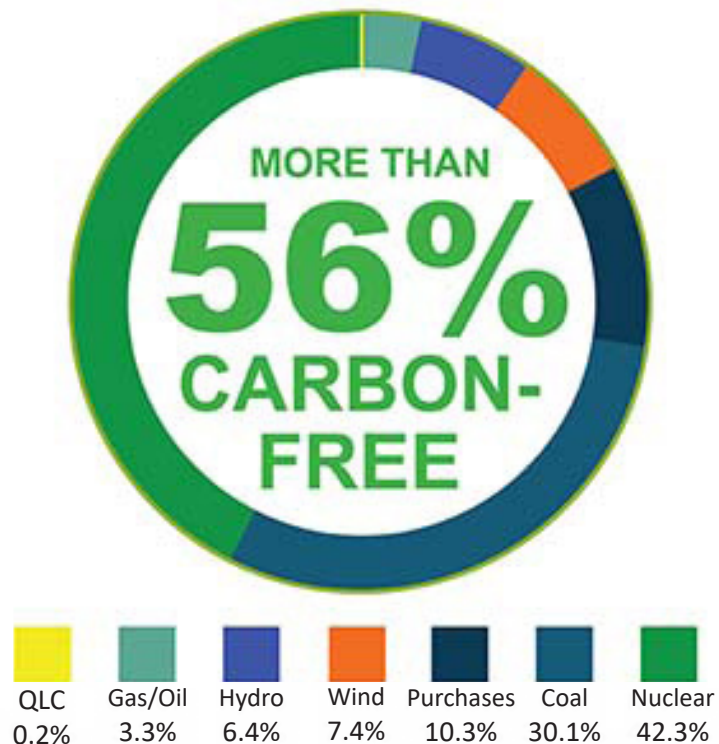
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Transparency

Over the years, North Central Public Power District (NCPD) has delivered electricity at 99.9% reliability. This level of reliability has been attainable because of the dedication of those involved. NCPD's wholesale supplier must maintain transmission and generation to deliver electricity to the district. NCPD must also maintain its own transmission within the district service area and all the distribution facilities. The distribution includes: the substations that convert transmission voltage to distribution voltage; distribution lines (both single and three phase line); and transformers and meters to deliver electricity to the customer at secondary voltages, which is utilized by the end user. NCPD's wholesale provider, Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), has built some of the most diverse and well-maintained generation resources in the United States. Already, NPPD has a 56% carbon-free mix of electricity.

Energy Generation Resources for Nebraska Customers 2021-2022 Rolling Two-Year Average



*Qualifying Local Generation (QLG) includes renewable energy facilities installed by our wholesale customers and in NPPD retail communities.

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Currently, due to the ever-increasing demand within the state and the wider Southwest Power Pool (SPP), NCPPD's wholesale provider is looking for more generation resources to ensure that there is an adequate supply going forward. In the near term, NPPD must obtain generation and some storage that will fill the demand requirements of the system. This mix could include battery storage, RICE (Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine), and CT (Combustion Turbine). The placement of these assets would be at current gen-

eration sites. In addition to the added generation, NPPD is looking into the conservation of current generation facilities, whether to obtain a 20-year license extension for Cooper Nuclear Station or what the costs would be for finishing the current license.

As previously written in issues of "North Central's News", NCPPD has had no net rate increases as of the beginning of 2024. For the last several years, operating costs have continued to increase. Future wholesale electricity will become more expensive due to the increased demand and the push for more carbon-free energy.

Whatever NPPD does, it will require

some added costs and investment. As with any public power in Nebraska, the added costs are paid not by the taxpayers, but by the rate payers that benefit from those investments. It is important for NCPPD to carefully monitor these added costs since wholesale electricity is over 67% of the total operating costs.

I think it is important that we are transparent in what we are seeing in the industry. With any decision-making process, if you have good information, you can make better decisions. We will continue to share information so that all of us can see the best way forward. I wish you the best in your endeavors.



MAKE TIME FOR SAFETY

AVOID HAZARDS WITH OVERHEAD POWER LINES





Linda Sokol,
Energy Advisor

2024 EnergyWiseSM Programs Announced

North Central Public Power District offers the following rebate programs for 2024. Contact our office at 402-358-5112 or 800-578-1060 if you have any questions or need a brochure or application.

2024 EnergyWiseSM Rebate Programs:

- Attic Insulation
- Cooling System Tune-up
- High Efficiency Heat Pump
- Heat Pump Water Heater
- Induction Cooking
- Lawn & Garden
- Smart Thermostat
- Commercial/Industrial Prescriptive Lighting
- Commercial HVAC
- Variable Frequency Drive
- Agriculture Program: Outlet Component Replacement, Irrigation Moisture Sensors, Automated Grain Aeration, Hog Mats & Pump Testing
- Electric Vehicle – Charging Stations, Pre-Wiring and Commercial Conduit
- Industrial Process

The City of Plainview's Rebate Programs:

- Cooling System Check-up
- Smart Thermostat
- Attic Insulation
- High Efficiency Heat Pump
- Commercial/Industrial Lighting

All projects must be installed and operational during the calendar year to be eligible for the corresponding EnergyWiseSM program year. Incentive applications must be signed by the contractor, along with the customer, and then provided to NCPPD. 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 the NCPPD office or go to ncppd.energywisenebraska.com.

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DoritosTM Cheesy Chicken Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 bag (10 oz) DoritosTM Cool RanchTM flavored tortilla chips, coarsely crushed (about 6 cups)
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 2 cups shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese (8 oz)
- 1 jar (15 oz) four cheese Alfredo pasta sauce
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning mix (from 1-oz package)
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1 can (14.5 oz) fire roasted diced tomatoes, undrained

Directions

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 13x9-inch baking dish with cooking spray. In large bowl, toss DoritosTM and melted butter until well coated. Sprinkle 4 cups of the DoritosTM evenly in bottom of casserole. Top with ½ cup of the cheese. In large bowl, stir pasta sauce and taco seasoning mix until well blended. Add chicken, tomatoes and ½ cup of the cheese; stir until well mixed. Spoon evenly over DoritosTM in baking dish. Bake uncovered 30 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining DoritosTM and remaining 1 cup cheese. Bake about 5 minutes longer or until hot and cheese is melted.





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