

## From the desk of the Manager

### First Rate Increase in 3 years to be Minimal

The district's electric rates will increase by an average of 1.5% in 2016. The inflationary increase will help cover the subsequent higher operating costs – along with increased charges for high voltage transmission service from our provider. Slightly higher monthly fixed customer base charges will be part of the increase with individual customer increases varying slightly based on rate class and usage patterns. Unfortunately, occasional increases are sometimes needed to maintain reliable service to the consumers of the district.

The district last increased rates at the end of 2012 by 1.75% and Cedar-Knox rates remain among the lowest nationally.

#### Check off Another Major Upgrade

Cedar-Knox crews recently completed construction of five miles of 69,000 volt sub-transmission line and a new substation east of Hartington. This marks the third newly constructed substation in as many years and completion of roughly 25 miles of new or replaced sub-transmission lines in the district over the past several years. The projects have greatly increased capac-

ity and reliability in our distribution system. This is in addition to the many new miles of line constructed and/or replaced by crews recently in the aftermath of last year's Coleridge-area tornado. Thanks to all Cedar-Knox employees for a job well done as usual.



Dan Leise

#### Stay Safe as you Complete This Year's Harvest

As an electric utility our most important job is to try to ensure the safety of employees, customers and the general public. Even though farming incidents and accidents involving power lines have generally elevated as farm equipment has gotten larger, we like to think that our increased emphasis on awareness about the dangers of power line contact has helped to reduce incidents. Please, always remember to lower equipment extensions while moving loads and never try to raise or move power lines to increase clearance. If a power line seems to be sagging or low, or there seems to be a dangerous situation for any reason, please call us immediately.

Have a safe, healthy and happy upcoming holiday season.

### Pole Top Rescue Drill

Every year one of our safety meetings is devoted to a pole-top rescue drill. This is when a line worker climbs a pole and secures and lowers a dummy to the ground. This is probably one of the most important skills that they practice and hope that they never need to do for real. This is not an easy feat and this year it was a little more challenging because a new OSHA mandatory fall restraint was required to be used. Our linemen met the challenge and completed the exercise successfully. Good Job done!



### Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you for the food before us,  
the friends and family beside us,  
and the love between us.



Merry  
Christmas

# Payment Options

## Option 1 – Automatic Bank Draft

Choose the convenience of having your payment deducted automatically each month from your checking or savings account. Set it and forget it. Call Customer Service

1-800-891-5196 or 1-402-254-6291.

## Option 2 – Phone or in Person Credit or Debit charge or by phone

Contact us when you want to pay, before your due date, to use your cred/debit card and we will take your information and run your card payment.

## Option 3 – Online Payments

Debit or Credit card payment or E-check. Anytime day or night you can logon to the CKPPD website [www.cedarknoxppd.com](http://www.cedarknoxppd.com) and access your account to check balances, due date, and usage history, besides make a payment using a debit/credit card or E-check.

**Sign up** – Once you decide to take advantage of any of the payment options, make sure you have the following information ready.

## For bank drafting or E-Check

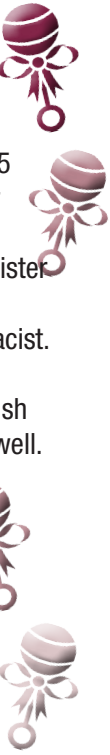
- Electric Account number
- Names on checking or savings account
- Name of Bank
- Bank Routing number
- Checking/Saving account number

## For debit/credit card payment:

- Electric Account number
- Mailing address
- Type of card
- Card number
- Card expiration date
- 3 digit security code
- Zip Code

Please consider one of these payment options so we can make things simpler for you. Call Customer Service at 800-891-5196 or 402-254-6291.

# Stork Report Congratulations



Piper Renee was born August 13, 2015 to Ashley and Forrest Dendinger. Piper weighed 6lbs 13 oz. She was also welcomed by a brother Teyton and a sister Hadley. Forrest is a lineman for Cedar-Knox PPD and Ashley is pharmacist. We congratulate the Dendinger family



and wish them well.

## CEDAR KNOX PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT • BANK COLLECTION AUTHORIZATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Financial Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Location (City & State) \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Bank Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Account:**  
(circle one)  
Checking Savings

I hereby authorize Cedar Knox Public Power District to collect payment of my electrical bill from the above financial institution until such time that I cancel this agreement. It is understood that in case of a billing error, an adjustment will be made between Cedar Knox Public Power District and myself.

Bank Transit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Customer CKPPD Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Service Address & City \_\_\_\_\_

## NO Posting or Attachments PLEASE

Signs and other objects on CKPPD poles are more than unappealing; they can be a safety hazard to our line workers. The clamped safety boots worn by line workers are vulnerable to becoming caught on staples and nails used to attach things to our poles. These objects can tear utility workers FR (fire resistant) clothing which is their first line of defense from electrical shock. If a line worker gets caught and falls it can result in serious injury or even death. Any type of attachments, such as customer owned security lights and deer stands are definitely prohibited. Thank you.



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