



Pictured above, one of the 27 pads for wind turbines, with the crane used in background.

Progress is being made on the Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm Project

This \$140 million dollar project was developed by Midwest Wind Energy, LLC. Elkhorn Ridge is structured as a Community Based Energy Development (C-BED) and will be owned and operated by Edison Mission Energy, with thirty-three percent ownership belonging to Nebraska residents.

Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm is situated on a pronounced ridge that is entirely suitable for wind generation and it may possess one of the best wind resources in the eastern two-thirds of the state of Nebraska. The ridge is well elevated and wide open with virtually no trees or other ob-

structions, thus providing outstanding exposure to the wind. In addition to the elevation and wind resource, the project area has excellent access to the existing NPPD transmission system at the newly upgraded rural Bloomfield Substation, which is shared by Cedar-Knox PPD.

As you can see in the picture, progress is being made on the Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm project. The pad the turbine is set on is 52 feet across and requires 500 yards of concrete. The crane being used is enormous; it took 18 semi trucks to haul it in. After the crane was re-assembled on site, it weighs 1,000,000 lbs

and the boom is 300 feet long. This crane will walk to each of the 27 pads to assemble the turbines, with Cedar-Knox PPD employees clearing the way, by dropping our overhead power lines temporarily, as needed.

The 80 megawatt wind farm is being constructed 5 miles north of the town of Bloomfield in Knox Co. Nebraska. The project consists of 27 Vesta V90 wind turbines, each capable of generating 3 megawatts of electricity. When completed by the end of 2008, the project will produce enough, renewable energy to serve approximately 25,000 Nebraska residences.

Cedar-Knox PPD joins nationwide campaign, Our Energy, Our Future: A Dialogue with America

America has an energy challenge. Demand for electricity in America is growing. Experts say our nation may be facing energy shortages within ten years if something is not done about it today.

Congress must make sure America has affordable electricity to power our homes and businesses, while meeting climate change goals.

Now is the time to begin this important conversation with your elected officials. Legislators must act responsibly today to make sure America has the electricity it needs in the future. Ask your legislator how they plan to meet America's growing demand for electricity.

By working together, we can find the right solutions. Once you start a dialogue, keep it going by visiting www.ourenergy.coop. There, you will find a list of questions and a way to contact your legislator.



It's time to come together and change our future.

We hope you will join us in our continued effort to provide low cost reliable electricity into the future.

IN BRIEF

Summer Rates

Summer rates are in effect from June through September. Summer rates are higher to compensate for the higher cost Cedar-Knox PPD has to pay for energy during these months. Practicing energy conservation will save you money and help lower Cedar-Knox PPD operating costs.

Notice to Self-Read Customers

Self read customers should read their meter on the same day each month. This practice will help you in creating a consistent history to avoid unexpected higher bills and reflect a more accurate monthly history. Remember, you can call in your reading during office hours at 402-254-6291 and after hours at 402-254-3447. You can also go to our website, www.cedarknoxppd.com and use the "submit your meter reading" link.

Call before you dig, it is as easy as dialing 811 to reach Diggers Hotline.

Bill paying doesn't have to be like this.....



Sign up for Automatic Bank Withdrawal to pay your electric Bill. You can download the form at cedarknoxppd.com or contact us and we will be happy to send it to you. Call 254-6291 or 800-891-5196.

Clearance Issues

We are there to serve you, but remember to keep necessary clearance when working or playing around power lines. Please take a minute to assess your situation. If there are power lines near you, take the appropriate action to avoid contact. When you are building or remodeling your home, be sure you are not impeding our access to our equipment, such as meters.

If you are having a new irrigation pivot system installed, the clearance from energized lines and transformers is 8 foot minimum. Bins and new buildings are a more involved formula and you should always contact Cedar-Knox PPD before you finalize your building plans.

Remember, look up and live!!

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