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Un-used Energy is still the Cheapest - and Greenest

As debate rages on about the best way to proceed with our nation's energy future, each of us needs to think about our own personal responsibility to conserve the energy that we use each day. There are many ways to reduce the amount of electricity that we use and most of them are rather easy and will save you some money in the process.

We're here to Help

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Cedar-Knox is teaming up with NPPD to offer certain incentives to our customers to save energy. The program includes incentives for High Efficiency Heat Pumps, Irrigation Efficiency, Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling and Compact Fluorescent Bulb Change-out. A while back I read somewhere that if every household in America would change out just one 60 watt incandescent light bulb with an equivalent CFL bulb, it would save enough energy to power a city of 1.5 million people. That's a pretty sobering statistic and one that we can't ignore. I encourage you to consider taking advantage of these programs. Remember, every unused kilowatt-hour is a kilowatt-hour

that does not need to be produced.

Energy Star

Another way to save energy is to choose Energy Star products. Energy Star is a program that was first developed in 1992 by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a method to identify and promote products that are energy efficient. Appliances carrying the Energy Star rating typically are 10 to 20% more energy efficient than non-rated models.

Irrigation Load Control

Energy that does not need producing means power plants that do not need building. Back in 1980 we implemented our irrigation load control program. Irrigators can choose to be on a cheaper rate by allowing us to shut down their irrigation pumping motors via radio control during peak hours throughout the summer. This reduces our peak demand by more than 20 megawatts or about 40%. That's the equivalent of about 15% of the entire maximum electrical output capacity of Gavins Point Dam. By choosing a

load-controlled irrigation rate, not only are you saving money, you are helping delay the need to construct the next power plant.

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OF THE MANAGER**

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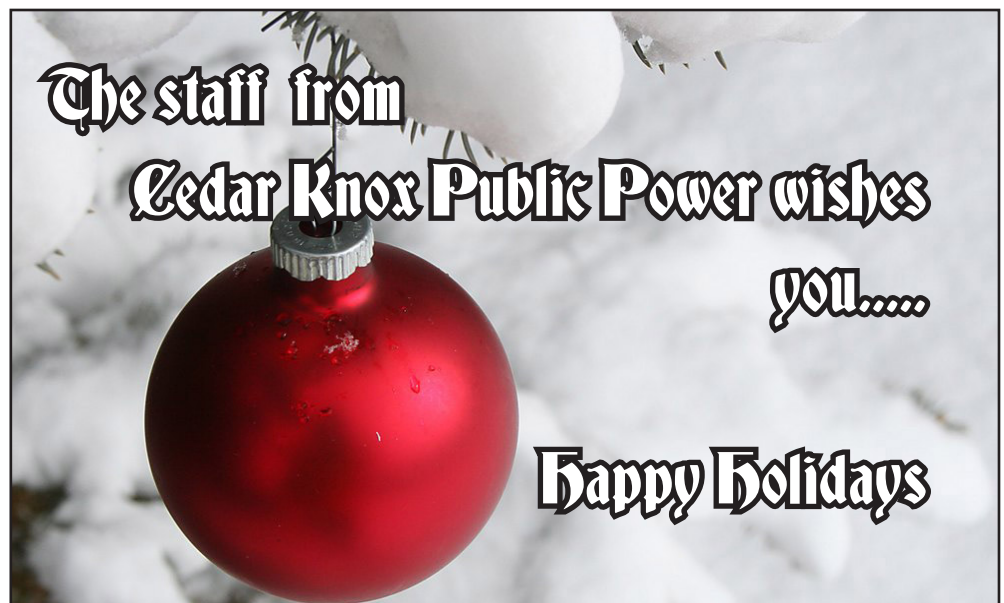


conservation efforts, a well-planned renewable energy strategy and a balanced mix of generation resources, we can all help to secure our energy future without breaking the bank. For more information on our Energy Efficiency Programs please call or stop by our office. Cedar-Knox Public Power District wants you to know that we are serious about our energy future. For other information on how to save energy and to learn about Nebraska's energy resources, go to www.itsyourpower.org because after all - Public Power is your Power.

CKPPD Rates expected to increase by an average 5.2% on January 1

Due to a 7% increase in the cost of power that we purchase from the Nebraska Public Power District, our Board is expected to increase retail rates by 5.2% effective January 1.

NPPD cited increasing demand for electricity and rising cost of fuel, materials and equipment as reasons for the wholesale increase. You can be assured that Cedar-Knox will continue to strive for un-matched service at the lowest possible cost.



Election results 08' announced

Our country has just been through a historical election, by electing the first African-American President of the United States. I hope everyone got out and voted as this is a privilege we should treasure. Change was the platform of the new President, so it should be an interesting time.

Change also took place in the Board of Directors for Cedar-Knox PPD. In Board District One, which covers the north half of Cedar County, one of our incumbent Directors, Ed Lammers had two opponents, Karl Koch and Martin Kleinschmit both of Hartington. Karl Koch received the most votes in a tight race and will represent Board District One. In Board District Two, the south half of Cedar County, Doug Preston is retiring and did not run for another term. John Arens, Larry Domina and Mike Korth all ran, and Larry Domina of Coleridge was elected. In Board District Three, the East part of Knox County, Terry Thunker ran unopposed.

We thank both Ed Lammers and Doug Preston for their years of service and dedication to Cedar-Knox PPD and welcome Karl Koch and Larry Domina.

— Carol McGregor

RED FLAG

Red Flag is a term you may or may not have heard of. We at Cedar-Knox PPD have been hearing a lot about this for the last few months. Under federal law, CKPPD has been required to adopt an Identity Theft Provision RED FLAG Policy, which we have done.



The purpose is to take all reasonable steps to identify, detect and prevent the theft of our customer's personal information.

The area that may be most noticeable to you is in accessing your account information:

In Person – You must have your billing statement, payment stub, have your account information such as account number, or produce a photo ID.

By Phone - You will be asked for identity information, such as date of birth and/or address and telephone number of the service location or social security number, which in our new software is encrypted, or a code word which would have to be set up prior to a call in for account information. If you want to give someone other than whose name are on the account access to your account information a code word would work the best.

We know this may seem excessive in some ways, but we are required to do this and we do take our holding of your personal information very seriously. Any questions, please contact us at 402-254-6291 or 800-891-5196.

CKPPD ready to recyle grant loan funds

In October, 2007 Cedar Knox PPD received grant funds through a USDA sponsored program. The REDL&G (Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant) program establishes the capability for a public body to obtain and match grant funds for needed economic growth.

The revolving loan funds part of this program helps to finance future projects which stimulate rural development. Our first loan was made to the City of Laurel for its physical and occupational therapy clinic. Revolving loan funds operate by issuing new loans as old loans are repaid. Our level of available funds to be used for other economic development projects has been reached and these funds are ready for recycling.

Projects that promote rural economic development, create jobs, improve infrastructure,

start or expand a business, or buy an existing business are some of the possibilities. Revolving loan funds are not an all purpose tool for delivering funds to promote community development.

However, RLF's may be appropriate for your future financing needs, and if you have such an expansion or project in mind, please call us.

Jeff Christensen of the NE Nebraska Economic Development District of Norfolk is assisting Cedar Knox PPD with this program. Our revolving loan fund is available and its purpose of providing low-cost funds is functioning. We want to get the word out about this funding avenue and hope to hear from you with your needs. Contact Janet Albers at 402-254-6291 or 800-891-5196

CKPPD updating billing software

We are in the process of updating our billing software. A software conversion is never easy, and this is no exception. We have tried to minimize any affects it would have on our customers, but there have been a couple issues. As we find these problems, we are addressing them. Unfortunately, we can't catch everything. If you notice anything unusual on your statements or just have any questions, please notify us immediately. We apologize for any inconvenience to you, and we do appreciate your patience.

Dolcie Sudbeck was born May 14, 2008 to Janeice and Matt Sudbeck. She weighed 9 lbs 5 oz and was 21 inches long. She joins a brother Dayton and sister Delanye at home. Matt is a Crew Foreman for CKPPD. *Congratulations to all.*



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