

EPA Proposed Carbon Rules will make your Electric bills much higher

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched its latest plan in the battle to limit coal and other fossil fuels. The new regulations would be aimed at existing coal-fired power plants, and would have a major effect on electric rates and a minimal effect on global CO2 emissions.

The proposed rules, would require a 30 percent reduction in CO2 emissions nationally from power generation sources by 2030. Each state's target is different, and Nebraska will have to cut its carbon emission by 26% by 2030. At present, there is no technology available to reduce carbon emissions from power plants beyond the levels already achieved. So that means that the operation of efficient coal-fired plants in Nebraska could need to be reduced, retired or converted to other forms of generation. These are high-cost options and the expense would be passed on to consumers.

The Clean Power Plan proposed by the EPA would reduce total global greenhouse gas emissions by less than 1 percent and according to the EPA, would cost between \$4.2 and \$8.8 billion per year. We at Cedar-Knox PPD, are concerned with the environment, after all, it is the planet where

we all live. We believe a diverse mix of coal, nuclear, natural gas, wind, hydro and solar is the best answer with a gradual shift to cleaner energy as plants need to be replaced. Currently, nearly half of Nebraska's generation makeup is carbon-free. Also, the coal for Nebraska power plants is among the lowest sulfur content. Nebraska's agricultural economy depends on reliable and affordable electricity, let's work to keep it that way.

So what can you do about this? The EPA has allowed a comment period on the proposed rules. We need to thank Senator Deb Fischer who asked for an extension of 120 days for the public to comment and this has been granted. So let your voice be heard, go to WorkingforNebraska.org or cedarknoxppd.com and the Working for Nebraska link and then click on TAKE ACTION, insert your comment urging the EPA to bring common sense to their rule making. Many of you have already done this, but if you have not, this is your chance to let the EPA know how you feel. Once again, click Take Action, after you have filled out necessary information. We need the EPA to know that Nebraskans are very concerned about the impacts of excessive regulations.

October is PUBLIC POWER MONTH

...and as your local publicly owned electric utility, we encourage the celebration of public power. As a locally controlled electric provider, our employees and Board of Directors are your friends and neighbors and have a deep commitment to our community. When we make decisions that affect rate payers and the community, we make decisions with you in mind, as we live, work and play here too. We invite you to check out our web-site cedarknoxppd.com and click on the link



Working for
Nebraska

It is a site that explains all the benefits of Public Power and how it benefits you.

Pole Inspection is Coming Soon for Laurel/Belden Area

Starting in October, Cedar-Knox PPD has contracted Midwest Pole Inspection to inspect our poles in the Laurel/ Belden area. The workers will have yellow vests that have their company name on them and white hard hats. More information will be in your local paper of affected areas prior to starting the project.



Source: American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity

Line Worker Appreciation Day



The 103 Legislature passed legislative Resolution 409, designating August 26, 2014 as Line Worker Appreciation Day in Nebraska. In honor of our hard

working linemen, Cedar-Knox PPD office staff prepared breakfast and served our line workers on this day. Our thanks go out to our line workers.

Our Crew...

Rodney Goeden
Patrick Feilmeier
Corey Fischer
Corey Stratman
Doug Miller

Tim Loberg
Matt Sudbeck
Mike Lammers
Reggie Hochstein
Tom Potts

Troy Joachimsen
Forrest Dendinger
Brad Steffen
Eric Becker
Nathan Rutar

John Freeman
Dustin Neuhalfen
Brian Kruse
Jeff Feilmeier

25 Year Milestone



Both **Corey Stratman** and **Doug Miller** have recently celebrated 25 years with Cedar-Knox PPD. Doug is a Crew Foreman and Corey is a Field Engineer. Congratulations to both and thanks for the work and dedication to Cedar-Knox PPD.

Congratulations!

CALENDARS

We are doing a CKPPD Calendar again this year. We feature local scenes and communities, so be sure to stop at the office in October and pick up your calendar.

Youth Energy Camp

Youth Energy campers this year were Austin Koch son of Karl and Michelle Koch of Hartington and Mark Lange son of Roger and Virginia Lange of Crofton.

Jeff Feilmeier, CKPPD Lineman attended as a Camp Counselor this year. As usual, our campers came back from camp very impressed and said what a good time they had. If you are thinking about attending this camp next year and have a chance to talk to either one of this year's campers you should, or give our office a call and we will be glad to give you more information. Look for the sign-up sheets in our newsletters this spring and your local high school counselor will also have forms and information available.



Austin Koch, Jeff Feilmeier and Mark Lange.

HARVEST SAFETY

As we approach the harvest season, PLEASE take a minute to check the overhead lines when setting augers, loading and unloading your grain. Spend a little time to **STAY SAFE.**



Great Response to Utilit-E Online

In May 2014 we launched a new feature on our website called Utilit-E Online. The link is "Access your Account". To setup your account, you need your electric account number/numbers, so you can set up a secure user name and password. Once your account or accounts are registered, you will be able to see balance information, applicant information, kw and kwh history and make a payment. You can also initiate a request for a service, such as ACH, tree trimming, etc.

Remember, we have two ways to pay online, E-check, and Credit card payments. These easy ways to pay make bill paying possible anytime of the day.

Don't be left out of this great feature on our website. Go to cedarknoxppd.com and go to the link "Access My Account". Contact us if you need help in setting up your account.