

## From the desk of the Manager

### Cedar-Knox Will Stay With NPPD as Power Supplier



Dan Leise

A few years back the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) started talking with its wholesale customers about drafting new long-term power supply contracts. We purchase the wholesale electricity that we distribute to your farm, home or business from NPPD at actual cost of service. Cedar-Knox is part of a group of rural electric distribution companies that purchase their energy needs through the Nebraska Electric Generation & Transmission cooperative (G&T), under a separate aggregated contract with NPPD. Existing contracts began in 2002 with a 20-year term through 2021. NPPD was seeking to update the long-term agreements partly to help credit ratings for lower rates on any of their future borrowing needs.

Obviously our nation's energy supply is a major topic in political circles these days and there is some uncertainty in the electric industry right now. The evolution of wholesale electricity markets has changed the power supply landscape and there are power purchase opportunities beyond our borders. But our board felt that there were many glaring advantages with NPPD and decided to work with our G&T to try to mold a desirable new agreement that could ben-

efit both Cedar-Knox and NPPD in the long run. We've had a long, mutually beneficial relationship with NPPD and share the same public power principles. Their power supply includes other services beyond just electricity supply and Nebraska's rural power districts have worked with NPPD to develop a unique, world-class demand response program to curtail irrigation loads during peaking periods, saving customers millions of dollars annually.

The new wholesale power supply agreement is performance-based and incents NPPD to keep costs among the lowest nationally, or we, as a wholesale customer, can seek another supplier. We also negotiated a 10% renewable energy allowance that could allow Cedar-Knox to generate some of our own renewable energy at some point if it becomes advantageous to do so. While NPPD may not always be the very lowest in price during every snapshot in time, they have always been consistently among the lowest and currently rank at or near the lowest quartile nationally in cost. Another thing that our board felt was important going forward was their generation diversity. NPPD has a diverse, environmentally responsible generation mix with

coal, nuclear, natural gas, wind and hydro all contributing to our electricity supply that is nearly half carbon-free. They recently teamed-up with a private company that will produce a highly marketable product with a natural gas extraction process. The process also produces hydrogen that NPPD will utilize to produce environmentally friendly electricity in replacement of an older coal generating unit near Lincoln. After analyzing many locations across much of North America, the company touted NPPD's long-range electricity production price outlook as one of the reasons for their decision to locate here in Nebraska.

Simply put, NPPD has been a trusted partner and has most things that we look for in a reliable and economical, long-range electricity supply for our customers. They have a good team in place with generation resources that have performed very well and support many Nebraska jobs. A vast majority of NPPD's wholesale customers have recommitted to them and we feel that they are well positioned to adapt to most energy supply challenges that might lie ahead.

### Cedar-Knox Memorial Scholarship

Cedar-Knox PPD has awarded a scholarship in Memory of Harold Martindale since 1981. The \$2000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is enrolled in the two year Utility Lineman Program for this fall and who is attending Northeast Community College.

Applications must be submitted to Northeast Community College by February 1st, 2016.

Applications may be obtained from the website [northeast.edu](http://northeast.edu) or from guidance counselors at your local high school. Qualifications will be outlined by Northeast Community College, as well as selection of recipient. If you have questions, you can contact us at Cedar-Knox PPD.



### Please Share

#### Contact Information Needed

Communication is key and we would like your cell phone number and email address so that we can better communicate with you. Many of our customers have done away with their land lines and have not updated with us. Rest assured, none of your personal information will ever be shared with others.





# Recipe Corner

## Cowboy Caviar



### Ingredients:

- 1 (15 ounce) can seasoned black eyed peas, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can plain black beans, rinsed and drained
- ¾ cup frozen sweet corn, thawed
- 3 green onions, chopped
- ½ cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 to 3 tomatoes, diced
- 10 jarred jalapeno pepper slices, diced (mild or hot depending on preference)
- 1/3 cup cilantro, chopped (can use cilantro in a tube, also)
- 1 ripe avocado, chopped
- Tortilla chips

### Dressing:

- 1 T olive oil
- 1 T white wine vinegar
- ½ lime, juiced
- 1/3 t Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Instructions:

1. Combine black eyed peas, beans, corn, green onion, bell pepper, tomatoes, jalapenos, and cilantro in a medium bowl. In a small bowl whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, lime juice, Dijon mustard, and salt and pepper. Pour over bean mixture. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.
2. Just before serving, add chopped avocado and gently stir to combine. Serve with tortilla chips.

## Carol Celebrates Anniversary

Carol McGregor started working for Cedar-Knox PPD 35 years ago as of Nov 2, 2015.



She is currently the Office Manager, and stated that she has worked for every General Manger that CKPPD has ever had. "It is an interesting and rewarding job here at CKPPD," she said. Congratulations Carol.

## Jackie Kathol Marks Milestone

Jackie Kathol recently celebrated 10 years with Cedar-Knox PPD. She has come up through the ranks from Receptionist to Billing Clerk, then Billing Supervisor and now Accountant for Cedar-Knox PPD. Thanks Jackie for your hard work and many more years.



# Rebate Programs 2016

## RESIDENTIAL

### Residential LED Lighting

LED lights purchased, copy of receipt and fill out form to receive \$3 per bulb credit on your account. Maximum of 15 bulbs rebated per calendar year 2016.

### Attic Insulation

Must have less than 6" of existing insulation, electric heat, and adding 6" or more new insulation.

### Cooling System tune-up

Central air conditioning, Air Source heat pump, Geo-thermal heat pump, Incentive \$30 (maximum- one rebate every 3 years.)

### High Efficiency Heat Pump

Install a minimum of 8.5 HSPF – Air Source heat pump to receive a rebate of \$200-\$600 depending on SEER rating.

Water or Ground Source heat pump to receive a rebate of \$1200 to \$1700, any SEER.

## COMMERCIAL REBATES

Commercial rebates are also available on some lighting projects, irrigation efficiency to name a couple. Please contact Gary Wiese at CKPPD 800-891-5196 or gwiese@hartel.net for more detail on these rebates as well as others listed above.

*Congratulations to you both...*

## Cedar Substation Online

Around December 1st 2015 the new Cedar Substation located 6 miles East of Hartington was energized and services were cut over to the new substation. This 5000Kva substation will improve voltage and relieve load on Bow Valley, Hartington and Coleridge rural substations.



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### CURRENT FLASH EDITOR

**Carol McGregor**