

CURRENT FLASHES

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From the Desk of the Manager

Successful 2022

Cedar-Knox PPD had another successful year in 2022, including celebrating our 85th year anniversary. I am happy to say that things look promising into the new year as well.

As I reflect on the year, I feel we were successful in all three of our pillars: Safe, Affordable, and Reliable. While the year presented some challenges from the heat driven drought causing heavy irrigation usage, to extreme wind storms -including a Derecho storm, and still issues today of getting certain materials we need for construction; yet we have still persevered with success through it all.

Safety is our #1 priority here and it is always a great goal and accomplishment to make sure our employees go home safely each day; as well as keeping our customers and the general public safe from harm. This past year we received our “No Lost Time Accident” award for 2021 and things are looking good for us to achieve that goal in 2022. We hosted a mock “mayday” drill this year involving the local law enforcement, EMT’s, fire and rescue units, including the Wing Air Rescue for life flight training, to proactively train if we should have or

come upon an accident. Our employees are trained in CPR and First Aid and having these educational sessions keeps our staff qualified to help when needed.

On the Reliability side, we had record setting amounts of demand on our system and had virtually no major issues with sustaining it. This does not come easily and takes lots of planning and forecasting to ensure we stay ahead of load growth, as was recently reviewed with our board. Cedar-Knox spends a great deal of time and money ensuring that our distribution system can handle peak load and any diversity that storms may throw at us. We try to plan for the unexpected outages, so if and when they happen, we can hopefully keep them to a limited amount of time. In an innovative and evolving industry that is striving to find the balance between renewables and reliable baseload generation to make certain the lights stay on, our power provider Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) and our Regional Transmission Authority- Southwest Power Pool (SPP) are both trying to manage this issue. SPP continues to study and make changes that will hopefully preserve the reliable power

we trust on, so we can continue to deliver that same dependable power to you.

Lastly the Affordable pillar. In a time when inflation and cost of living are both hampering many families and affecting each and every one of us, it is nice to be able to say our rates remained stable. While I cannot guarantee rates will remain the same forever, I do feel confident that our rates will remain stable into next year. We are looking at another likely rate adjustment; however, the net effect should remain at or near zero percent change. The Power Cost Adjustment on the bottom of each bill, is a credit we receive from NPPD and pass on to our customers. An estimated \$1.2M will be given back to our customers this year, and even though next year’s credit may be reduced, it still looks promising that NPPD will have another credit for the 5th year in a row!

As we go into 2023, I want to wish everyone a safe holiday season sparked with joy, prosperity, and happiness!



Cedar-Knox PPD would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, December 26th

Monday, January 2nd



WHAT IS IT?

This month's "What is it?" is a regulator. A voltage regulator is an electrical device whose sole purpose is to maintain a constant voltage output, regardless of any change in load conditions or input voltage. A regulator will maintain voltage within a set bandwidth to ensure we deliver quality voltage to the load and within National Electric Code standards. During peak load times in summer and winter they are commonly used to boost voltage to help maintain the proper levels that your irrigation motor, appliances, HVAC, electronics or any other load desires. On lightly loaded times of the year, it will reduce or lower the voltage so we do not deliver high voltage to your equipment. Maintaining proper voltage will extend the life of these electrical loads and provide a smoother power supply all year round!



Supply Chain Issues Continue



Cedar-Knox Public Power District's Operations Department would like to remind customers of the supply chain issues we continue to see. If you are considering a new service of any type, please call and let our Operations Department know of your intentions. Transformer lead times continue to be over two years out. CKPPD has tried to mitigate these issues by buying transformers and all other materials for years in advance. Customers need to be aware that projects may have delays due to supply chain issues.

CKPPD plans to make all outage and maintenance items a priority. Please stay patient in these changing times.

Congratulations

Troy Joachimsen has been a dedicated employee of Cedar-Knox PPD for 25 years as of December 1st. He began as an apprentice lineman, becoming a journeyman lineman, and then a crew foreman. This past summer, he took on a new position as the CKPPD Line Superintendent. In this role, he plans, coordinates, and manages the District's Operations Department to ensure all resources are being utilized efficiently.



25 Years

Troy and his wife Tonya have 5 boys: Easton and wife Jessica, Keyan, Dagen, Gavin, and Coven. Troy enjoys spending time with family and friends along with traveling in his spare time.

We appreciate Troy's commitment to our customers and to his fellow employees. Congratulations on 25 years Troy!

SEVERE STORMS

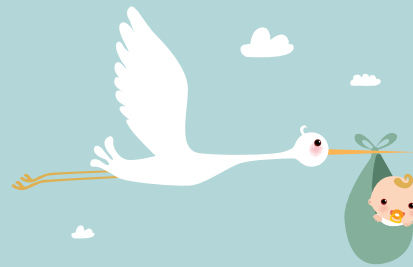
CAN BRING DOWN POWER LINES

Never drive over a downed power line, as snagging a line could pull down a pole or other equipment.

If you're in an accident involving a power line, do not exit your vehicle.

Remember, power lines need not be sparking or arcing to be energized.

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Stork Report



Libby Sue Feilmeier was born on October 31, 2022 to proud parents Jeff and Taylor Feilmeier. She weighed 8 lbs and 4 oz and was 20 inches long. She was also welcomed by big sisters, Jordy (4), and Summer (2). Jeff is a journeyman lineman at Cedar-Knox PPD.

Congratulations Feilmeier's – we are so happy to add a baby girl to the CKPPD family!