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From the Desk of the Manager

No Rate Increase for 2022

For the 6th year in a row, Cedar-Knox Public Power District will be keeping rates stable following board approval from a Cost-of-Service study by our rate consultant. The board did authorize the full rate design to be completed with revenue neutral adjustments to be made with a +/-2% bandwidth within each rate, but to remain a net zero change overall for 2022. The Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) credit will again be passed through to our customers for the next year, like you currently see on your bill now.

CKPPD has not taken a rate increase since 2016 (1.5%) and for next year things continue to look encouraging. The rate study does show a need to make some adjustments to make sure as cost shifts occur, we keep proper balance to all rate classes and each component within. As we proceed with the study, there is a good chance we will begin implementing a 3rd piece to our rates. Currently, for the majority of rates we have two main components; base charge and energy charge. However, to keep rates fair and equitable we need to implement

a demand (kilowatt or KW) charge. This integral charge as I discussed back in May is based on your peak usage at a given period of time and has been listed on your bill since the April time frame with no charge attached. This charge will likely be a small cost component addition; however, it will be offset by lowering other inputs to offset the change. A KW component is used to properly capture a charge when a service “demands” more power over a shorter amount of time. Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) provides generation to provide this peak amount to us and the cost is assessed monthly to CKPPD. A KW charge is a fair way to balance those costs appropriately to avoid any cross subsidizing amongst rate payers.

Nebraska Public Power District has also approved the return of a PCA credit for the 4th year in a row following another year that ended in a surplus. This surplus was mainly due to having reliable power during last year’s rolling blackout event in February. NPPD was able to keep generation online and sell excess for very favorable market

prices when the power shortages were occurring. NPPD will be returning some of the excess revenue to Cedar-Knox PPD and other wholesale customers for 2022 and likely 2023. This surplus in 2022 will equate to the same credit of \$.006196 per kwh of usage and show up on the bill, as you have seen during the past year. The CKPPD board and management are happy to once again pass these savings on to you, the customer.

In looking ahead, both NPPD and CKPPD rates look favorable for the next couple of years. During a time when everything seems to be increasing in cost, CKPPD is proud to be able to provide low-cost, reliable power. While we have some variables of cost shifts within rates and we cannot control weather, it is nice to know Public Power continues to work hard to provide you, our customers, a low-cost power option that strives to remain that same safe, reliable and affordable option that you have been accustomed to.



Mike Lammers

Food Drive/Payment Sign Up Promotion

Over the last month, we asked our employees and customers to participate in a food drive to benefit those in need. Customers were entered into a drawing for a \$25 bill credit & a CKPPD goodie basket if they participated in the food drive or if they signed up for Automatic Bank Withdrawal. Our lucky winner of the drawing was Kenny Koch of the Wynot area.



Hartington Food Pantry Drop Off

Automatic Bank Withdrawal is a great option to consider - it allows your bills to be paid on time, every time, with no hassle. Over seventy accounts were newly signed up for this option during our promotion.

We are so grateful to those who generously donated to this cause. We are proud to report that we were able to share the collected items with the Cedar County Food Bank in Hartington and the Knox County Food Bank in Bloomfield. May this season of giving, warm your heart. Thank you to all that participated.

Scholarship Opportunity

Cedar-Knox Public Power District offers a Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to provide assistance to individuals that are interested in pursuing a career in the Utility Line Program at Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

The requirements for this \$2,000 scholarship are acceptance into the Utility Line Program and be a current resident/dependent in our service area. Deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 1st. For more information, please visit www.northeast.edu or contact your high school guidance counselor.

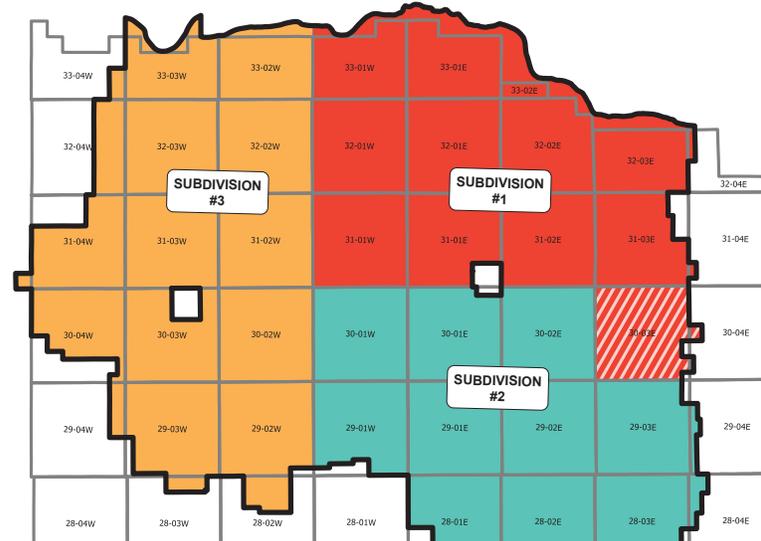


Census Leads to Subdivision Boundary Change

The results of the 2020 census have led to the Cedar-Knox PPD Board of Director Subdivisions changing slightly. Nebraska State Statute states that the population among subdivisions shall be of substantially equal population, and revisited at least every ten years following publication of the most recent federal decennial census. Once the numbers are confirmed, approval from the Nebraska Power Review Board is required.

Board members for Cedar-Knox PPD are divided into three subdivisions, with 3 directors representing each subdivision for 6-year terms. The only real change to the voting subdivisions is that Township 30, Range 3-East in Cedar County has shifted from Subdivision 2 to Subdivision 1 (see shaded area in map).

Cedar-Knox PPD is fortunate to have dedicated and informed Board members to work hard to represent you and ensure our customers have reliable and affordable electricity available to them. Since CKPPD Board members are customers themselves, they understand the impact of their decisions.



SUBDIVISION 1
Kenneth Eickhoff
Karl Koch
Ed Lammers

SUBDIVISION 2
Richard Erwin—President
Randy Papenhausen—Secretary
Larry Domina

SUBDIVISION 3
Terry Thunker—Vice-President
Charles “Randy” Carlson—Treasurer
Phillip Nielsen

DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Get to know your Directors! We wanted to spotlight our directors to make sure you know who represents you. Look for more Director spotlights in upcoming monthly issues of Current Flashes.



Rich Erwin
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT

YEARS OF SERVICE: 45 years

FAMILY: Wife, Ellen - 3 children - 7 grandchildren

OCCUPATION: Cattle Feeder, Farmer, Feed Dealer



Terry Thunker
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VICE - PRESIDENT

YEARS OF SERVICE: Almost 20 years

FAMILY: Late wife, Becky - 3 children - 6 grandchildren

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS: Nebraska Cattlemen Association and Local Church

WHAT ARE THREE PHRASES YOU WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE CKPPD?

1. Dedicated Employees
2. Reliable Service
3. Utilizing a High Degree of Today's Technology

WHAT HAVE YOU GAINED FROM BEING A DIRECTOR AT CKPPD?

I have learned how important electricity is to people. Today's technology is very valuable in controlling load, isolating outages, and meter reading, just to name a few.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT BEING A DIRECTOR?

I am learning something new all the time about Cedar-Knox. I have learned more about how the system works to keep the light on! I have also learned what it actually takes to deliver electricity both statewide and nationally.

WHAT WAS SOMETHING INTERESTING ABOUT PUBLIC POWER DISTRICTS THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AS A DIRECTOR?

All Districts have a little different need, but public power is a great way to keep involvement local.



Tim Loberg, Operations Coordinator, recently graduated from the Management Internship Program. This is an immersive two-week training for management professionals to develop quality workplace skills. Tim said the training was a good experience, mentioning, “The training will be beneficial in further developing my management and leadership skills.” He also thought the networking aspect will likely have great potential, “I made new friends in the industry that I can rely on for future advice and new ideas from outside our company,” Tim said. Cedar-Knox PPD wants to thank Tim for his dedication to his career advancement.

CLOSED FOR TRAINING

CKPPD will be **CLOSED**, **Monday, January 17th** for **Martin Luther King, Jr Day & for an all-employee training.**

Thank you.