

Pole Inspections Underway in the Hartington/Coleridge Area

In an effort to identify poles in need of treatment or replacement due to age or damage, Cedar-Knox PPD contracted with Global Utility Services to perform pole inspections in 2020. Pole inspection and treatment improves the longevity of wood poles and identifies poles approaching failure, allowing the District to replace trouble poles prior to them failing and potentially causing outages or damage. System grounds are also tested during this process,

ensuring the District's facilities are properly grounded.

Pole inspection and treatment is an established preventative maintenance industry practice. Pole life can be extended by identifying and addressing issues prior to pole failure. Rejected poles that cannot be salvaged with treatment are scheduled for replacement, with the worst poles taking highest priority.

The entire District is tested on a ten-year rotation with over 3,500 poles scheduled to be tested this year. The area to be tested this year is the area south and east of Hartington, including the Village of Coleridge. Global Utility Services have white trucks with their company name on them. They also utilize four-wheelers that are not marked. If you have any questions or concerns with the pole testing program, please contact us.

Irrigation Reminders

As the summer season progresses, we are moving toward the possible need for our load control program. Below are a few reminders to review. For any further questions, please contact our office by calling (800) 891-5196 or (402) 254-6291.

In this example, the radio number is 1302735.

Green (top left light) – this means your radio is under control by CKPPD.

Amber/Yellow (lower left light) – this means you are able to run.

Red (lower middle light) – this is a test light and does not affect the operation of your radio unit or irrigation system.

Unused lights (the two top right lights, and the lower right light) – not used at this time.

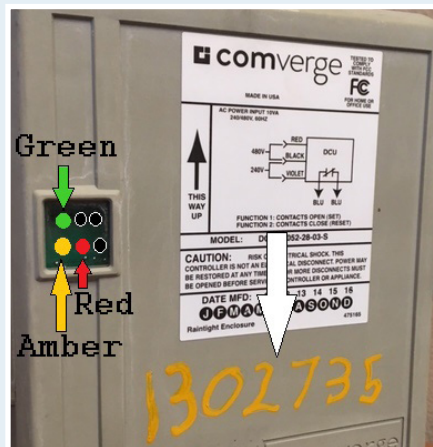
Please check what color light you have on your radio control unit before calling CKPPD with troubles. If you have a green light on your radio and it is NOT in control hours, we can send a release signal from the office, if notified. Having your control switch (radio) serial number will facilitate the fastest, most accurate response to load management issues.



Daily Control Information:
Irrigation Hotline 402-254-6322
or www.cedarknoxppd.com

When you call (402) 254-6291 or 800-891-5196 after hours and press "Option 3" your call will be routed directly to a load control program operator that can help you with your irrigation radio control.

Text Messaging is available for \$20 per phone number. This enables you to receive texts on either potential control times for the day or the actual time your system shuts off and turns back on. Contact our office to sign up for this service.



Operating Tips:

- Do not run the motor panel on "hand" or the auto restart and shutdown sequence may not operate properly.
- It is recommended during season to leave all disconnects in the "on" position to ensure power to the load control radio unit.
- Visibility may be difficult during daylight hours to see what color light you have on your radio unit. We recommend you shield it with your hands in order to tell the color that is lit.

Employee News

Employees on the Move

Troy Joachimsen and Tom Potts have both been promoted to Crew Foremen. As crew foremen, they lead and supervise the line crew throughout the day. Other positions they each have held previously were apprentice lineman, journeyman lineman, and most recently lead line technicians. Troy began working for the District December 1, 1997. Tom began at Cedar-Knox December 1, 2001 with over 8 prior years' experience working for Nebraska Public Power District. Congrats to them both on their new positions!



Troy Joachimsen



Tom Potts



Brad Steffen and Eric Becker have both been named Lead Line Technicians. In the absence of a crew foreman, they are able to lead and supervise the rest of the crew. Brad and Eric each have over 15 years' experience working for Cedar-Knox PPD. Congratulations on your new job roles!

(L-R) Eric Becker and Brad Steffen.

The CKPPD family is continuing to grow!

We are happy to announce the birth of

Summer Lainey Feilmeier
and
Talan James Neuhalfen.



Summer was born May 3, 2020 to Jeff and Taylor Feilmeier and joins big sister Jordy (2). Dustin and Laura Neuhalfen welcomed Talan on May 13, 2020. He joins big sister Quinn (6) and big brother Hayes (3) at home. Dustin and Jeff are journeyman linemen at Cedar-Knox. Congratulations to both families!

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PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



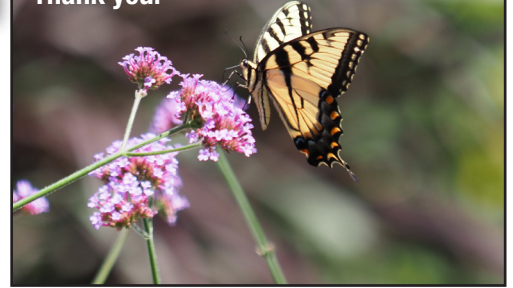
Please help keep our employees safe.



Maintain 6-foot distance to help prevent the spread of infection.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Calendar Photos

Cedar-Knox PPD plans to print 2021 calendars, and hope you will help by sharing some pictures with us. The digital photos should depict local scenery, animals, or events in the Cedar-Knox PPD service territory in a file with a .jpeg extension. If you wish to volunteer some of your pictures for consideration, please email them to mjlamme@hartel.net by August 15th. Thank you.



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