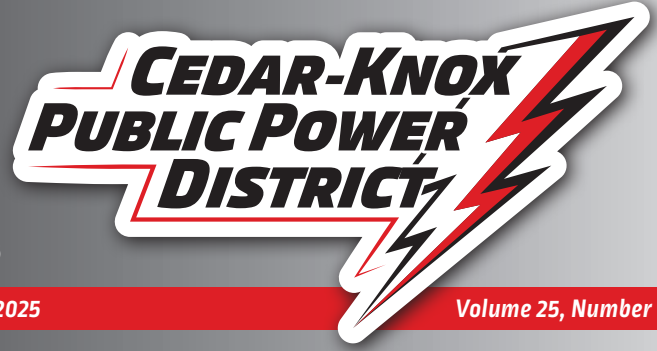


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POWER INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE

Last month, I shared insights into the rising electric rates across Nebraska and the United States, highlighting how the increasing demand for new power generation and tighter reliability standards are contributing to higher costs. After nearly two years of negotiations, I'm pleased to report a significant development that will help secure a more stable and affordable energy future for our customers.

At our most recent board meeting, the Cedar-Knox Public Power District (CKPPD) Board of Directors unanimously approved a new 35-year power supply contract with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) through the Nebraska Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative.

This long-term agreement ensures that CKPPD will continue to receive reliable and competitively priced power from the NPPD generation fleet for decades to come. While a 35-year contract naturally comes with some risk due to its duration, it also provides NPPD with the financial stability needed to invest in new, long-lasting generation assets. These investments are critical for meeting future energy demands and ensuring grid stability.

The length of the contract allows NPPD to secure long-term debt financing at lower interest rates, significantly reducing overall costs. This strategy helps maintain balanced electric rates for Nebraska customers by spreading the investment over a longer period. Since it often takes years to plan, permit, and construct new generation facilities, aligning the debt over the lifespan of those assets avoids steep rate increases in the short term and provides a more predictable cost trajectory for our customers.

NPPD has a strong track record of offering some of the lowest power costs in the nation, consistently ranking among the top ten lowest-cost providers, while maintaining a high level of reliability. This combination of affordability and dependability played a key role in our decision-making.

We believe this continued partnership is in the best interest of CKPPD customers supporting a lasting commitment to secure, economical energy for the homes and business we serve today—and well into the future.



Mike Lammers

Conversations in Washington D.C.

Mike Lammers, CKPPD General Manager, along with other representatives from Nebraska PPD's and the Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA) recently attended the Washington, DC Fly-In. The Fly-In allows for time spent with congressional leaders to ensure the voices of rural Nebraskans are heard. The NREA representatives primarily focused its communication on several topics that impact Nebraska. Key issues included:



Discussion taking place on Capital Hill.

Federal Support to Meet Nebraska's Future Demand

Nebraska's electric providers are facing unprecedented load growth. As electric utilities plan for future energy resources, it may be beneficial, if funds are available, for federal programs to help Nebraska electric rate payers.

FEMA Reform & Mitigation Efforts

The FEMA Act of 2025 would make FEMA a stronger, more responsive federal partner to expedite timelines, streamline processes, and help enhance funding for reliability in preparation for future disasters. Nebraska is asking for support and co-sponsorship of the FEMA Act of 2025.

Support a Pro-Energy Regulatory Environment

Baseload generation remains vital to our nation's electric fleet. Regulating these plants out of existence is dangerous policy for not only Nebraskans, but all of the United States.

Tariffs and Supply Chains

Nebraska's electric providers are looking for price relief and economic predictability, specifically on aluminum, copper and steel. These factors play a major role in powering our industry and contribute significantly to higher consumer rates.

Support for Public Power

The representatives expressed their appreciation for the continued support of public power, emphasizing its importance to the state and their efforts to aid in maintaining reliable, locally controlled energy.



SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Electrical Safety During Harvest Season

Cedar-Knox Public Power District thanks all area farmers for making electrical safety a priority during this busy harvest season.

Local farmers were spotted in the fields and treated with a “Heads Up During Harvest” Carhartt cooler, filled with Cedar-Knox-branded items as a token of appreciation. While receiving the cooler, they were reminded to always ‘Look up and Look Out’ for power line safety.



Irrigation Equipment and Meter Changeouts



Load Control Switches: CKPPD wants to remind everyone that this fall and winter we will be changing out CKPPD irrigation load control equipment in the field. The load control program itself as far as rates, days/hours of control and more will remain much the same as you are used to. The functionality of these new load control switches will be similar utilizing different colored lights

than our old equipment. Watch for a future irrigation meeting invite and correspondence on our new control software being implemented for the 2026 season.



Meters: With implementing new software, CKPPD will also be upgrading the meters that register usage for all accounts. The meter changeouts will begin in the next couple months and continue until we have all meters in the District changed out. The meters in the City of Laurel

have already been upgraded. The next step in our plan is to change the irrigation meters, then as time allows, we will continue to our residential and commercial customers.

Cedar-Knox PPD appreciates your patience and understanding as we undertake this major project. We will attempt to notify you at your business or residential service at the time of the meter replacement. Please note that there will be a brief interruption to your power service while the meter is being changed. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.



CEDAR-KNOX WILL BE CLOSED:

November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day

November 27th & 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday

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