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Product Cost Adjustment

PCA and how this affects your bills

Previous Account Activity	
Previous Balance	\$118.68
Payment Received - Thank You	\$118.68 CR
Balance Before Current Charges	\$0.00
Current Activity	
Basic Charge	\$24.00
Usage Charge	\$87.64
State Sales Tax	\$6.60
Lease Payment	\$10.40
City Sales Tax	\$1.80
Gross Revenue	\$5.72
PCA	\$7.68 CR
Demand Charge	\$0.00
Total Current Charges	\$128.48

Stanton County PPD has received a PCA credit for the past 4 years. The Board of Directors decided to return the PCA credit to the customers as a direct pass-through for qualifying services (if the service has metered energy and is allowed by electric service contracts). Through 2022, SCPPD has returned over \$3.5 mM in PCA credits to our customers. IF you are interested in your individual savings, look at your monthly bill for the line item labeled PCA showing a credit.

Read more inside.

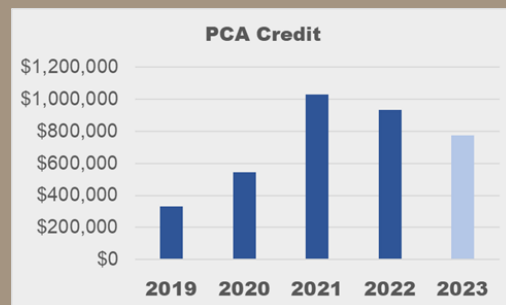
PCA >>>

Public Power customers across Nebraska have experienced several consecutive years of stable rates. The last rate increase for Stanton County Public Power District was in 2014. In fact, the Board of Directors approved a rate decrease over several rate classes totaling a 2% overall revenue reduction effective 2022. That reduction was above and beyond the Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) credit that has been passed through since 2020.

The PCA dates back many years and originated from a fuel cost adjustment in the beginning. The cost of coal and the transportation to get it to the generation facility were vulnerable and subject to drastic price hikes. Rather than building in a margin to cover these unforeseen hikes, generators use a PCA to pass these costs onto the consumer. While this method leaves the door open for consumer cost to go up, it keeps the rates lower during the “normal” situations.

The PCA is used in conjunction with a Rate Stabilization Account (RSA). This account is used to hold excess margins used to stabilize rates in volatile times. Once the excess margin in the RSA exceeds the amount allowed by the contract, then our generator will issue a PCA credit. This results in a refund of excess margin through lower power costs.

All of the major generators in Nebraska are members of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). SPP is charged by the Federal Government to ensure reliable supplies of power, adequate transmission infrastructure and competitive wholesale rates are available to its members through a wholesale energy market. This market has provided benefit to Nebraska by selling excess energy to others in the market in need. The excess energy has been made possible by a generation fleet that produces low cost and reliable energy when other generators in the power pool are not able to meet the demand. The surplus of energy is turned into a surplus of margin. In Nebraska, through the Public Power model, this means the customer wins!



2019-2022 PCA credit for SCPPD. 2023 amount is an estimate

Look Up and Look Out

Planting season is here! As you begin to move through the fields with large equipment, please be sure to use a spotter and always watch out for overhead power lines.

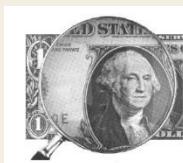
Stay Safe!



EnergyWise Incentives >>>

Energy Efficiency is important to all! If you are looking for ways to save energy and money, check our list of rebate programs.

There are several options for customers to take advantage of in the 2023 year. For more information, check the website at www.scppd.com or call the office at 402-439-2228.



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Use less. Spend less. Do more.

2023 Incentive Rebate Programs

Residential Heat Pump Water Heater:

\$400 for air source with an EF > 1.9

\$650 for ground source with an EF > 2.8

High Efficiency Heat Pump:

\$400 - \$3,300 Incentive

Minimum *SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5

Includes Air-to-Air, and Water/Ground source

15 SEER incentive discontinued after 2023

SMART thermostat:

\$25-\$100 Incentive options

Cooling System Tune-up: \$30

Attic Insulation: \$0.15 per square foot - \$300 max.

Play it Safe

Digging holes, climbing trees, flying kites – outdoor play often creates beautiful childhood memories. Before hitting the great outdoors, discuss electric safety with your children.

Flying fun

While flying kites, model airplanes, remote-control flying toys and drones, stay in large, open areas (such as parks or fields), far away from power lines. If an item gets caught in a power line, teach children to never try to retrieve it. Instead, an adult should call their electric utility for help.

General outdoor safety tips

Other important safety guidelines for kids and adults alike include:

- Never throw objects at power lines.
- Stay far away from downed, damaged or low-hanging power lines. An adult should call 9-1-1 to report a downed or damaged line.
- Be cautious after a severe storm that caused a power outage. Downed power lines could be hidden under water, snow or storm debris. Wait to go outside until power has been restored.
- Do not climb, sit or play on padmount transformers (green boxes).
- Do not climb trees that have overhead power lines near or running through them.

Poolside

When spending time by the pool, look overhead when using pool skimmers or other long objects to be sure you are not getting close to an overhead power line. If you are swimming and feel a prickly or tingling sensation, do not stay in the pool. There could be a stray electric current from a downed power line or a damaged electrical device. Also, never play in a flooded street or ditch; a downed power line could be hidden by the water and fallen debris.

Prevention is key

Electric shock and injuries are often preventable. Empower your family with electrical safety knowledge to avoid preventable electric injuries. For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.



Irrigation Services >>>

Contracts have been mailed out for the 2023 season



All irrigation customers should be receiving their irrigation packets. This includes the 2023 interruptible irrigation service agreement, along with a newsletter and current irrigation rate schedules. Please take time to review the information and choose your load management for the season.

Notification Test Day: Please prepare to receive a test notification message this month. The specific date and times will be noted in your packet. Help us improve our notification system by responding to the messages.

Trees & Electric Lines

Trees are beautiful, helpful and necessary for our lives. However, they can cause issues for overhead power lines and often lead to outages. Please always consider power lines when choosing new landscaping.

WHY

WE TRIM TREES

The majority of power outages are caused by tree-related issues. It is our job to ensure trees, branches and limbs are a safe distance from power lines to avoid fire hazards and power interruptions.

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