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Many of you may know that I have accepted a position of President and CEO of Southern Public Power District in Grand Island, NE. It was a difficult decision for me to make simply because of the people I have worked with and the many accomplishments we were able to achieve over the last 8 years.

More from Chad inside

#### Farewell>>>

Stanton County Public Power District may not be the largest District in the state, but the accomplishments over the last several years are second to none. I credit much of our success to the employees for that work to better the District and the Board of Directors that provides the strategic direction and vison. While my time with the District is coming to an end, I believe we are positioned very well to thrive for years to come.

Great accomplishments can only be achieved by a team of individuals that are moving in the same direction trying to achieve the same goals. Everything we have done over the past 8 plus years could not have been done without everyone's teamwork. We have built some impressive projects, reached some great financial targets, and have built a positive workplace culture we are all very proud of. Here are some of the projects we have completed in the last 8 years:

- New Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) was installed throughout the District to enhance the level of service for the customers and allow the District to monitor the system in real time.
- A building addition adding several truck bays and an office remodel was completed. This was long overdue and provides an adequate working environment for all employees.
- Replaced miles of electric utility plant to maintain the system and keep the reliability at the level we all have come to expect.
- Continued to improve the culture of safety. We continue to be accredited by NRECA RESAP program. We also recently completed the Commitment To Zero 2.0 program. This is just a slice of the safety program we have that builds on the past and looks for new and better ways to keep our employees and customers safe.
- We continue to study and make necessary changes to our rate schedules to fairly serve today's electric user. These rates include customer generation rates, interruptible large commercial rates, and net meter rates. This work is ongoing to ensure all customers are treated fairly.

This list could be expanded by adding rate studies, financial forecasting, strategic planning and more. I am extremely proud of what we have done, and I am excited for the future. I have been very fortunate to work with such a good group of people and I will not forget my time here at the District. The foundation is laid for many successful years to come. I want to thank all the employees and customers for the last 8 years!

Chad Waldow – General Manager/CEO

# Don't Text & Drive!



#### 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.senpd.com or call the office at 402-439-2228.





## 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 - \$3000 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.

### Public Power Month

Public Power is unique to Nebraska and has served us well for many years.

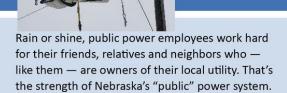
There are no shareholders or investors in Public Power that must be satisfied with a rate of return on their investment. The Board of Directors, elected by the consumer owners, guides the District when making decisions such as capital budgets, electric rates and retained earnings. This local control allows us to adapt to the variety of customers that we serve. There are areas with more urban development that differ greatly from the Sandhills of western Nebraska. Different challenges are tackled with solutions from our local Directors.

As electric consumers in Nebraska, we collectively own the generation assets that serve us. This has been financed through electric rates over long periods of time. These are valuable assets and I think it would be a very big mistake for us to turn our back to them. Opening retail choice and buying from the market could potentially lead to walking away from our generation assets. The Public Power model encourages investments to be made back into the electric system. Rather than paying our investors a rate of return, we keep rates low and invest back into our systems to maintain reliability.

Public Power in Nebraska is unique, but more importantly, it works for all Nebraskans.

Chad Waldow – General Manager/CEO

# WE PUT IT ON THE LINE







In partnership with our supplier, Nebraska Public Power District, we deliver energy to you.

#### Heating Safety>>>

Don't let your efforts to stay warm put your safety at risk this winter. Space heaters and electric blankets can be efficient ways to stay warm, but they can also be dangerous. Here are some things to remember:

- Check over heaters and blankets before use; cord should not be frayed, brittle, or cracked. The blanket should not have any charred or dark areas.
- Turn them off when you are not using them.
- Choose a space heater with a safety certification; look for UL, ETL, or CSA
- Look for a space heater that has guards firm heating elements and automatically shuts off if it is tipped over.
- Place space heaters out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, non-flammable surface NOT on carpets, furniture, or countertops.
- Do not attempt to warm your entire home using space heaters. Your home heating system will do the job more efficiently.



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## Harvest Safety

During the busy harvest season, take time to be safe around overhead powerlines. Accidents are always possible, but usually preventable. If your equipment does hit a line — Call 911 and warn others to stay away until crews arrive to evaluate the scene.







For valuable, timely information on power outages or important updates; follow us on Twitter! @StantonCoPPD



