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Look Up and Look Out for Power Lines

West Point, NE — Due to numerous recent contacts with overhead power lines with oversized equipment, Cuming County Public Power District would like to send out a safety message about being safe around power lines.

The recent power line incidents involved combines and excavators coming into contact with power lines. There were no injuries or damage, but here at CCPPD safety is our number one priority. We want to be proactive in letting our customers know how dangerous it can be and to be aware of your surroundings.

These days, equipment is bigger and taller. Please think about all of your field entries every time you purchase new equipment. An example that is heard around the ag community is, "I have passed under that power line for 40 years, I didn't even think about how much taller the new combine was."

Please call CCPPD immediately if you think your clearance isn't high enough. We can safely measure the clearance for you and come up with a solution.

Here are some added tips when moving equipment around power lines:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines.
- Use care when raising augers or the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from lines—at all times, in all directions.
- Do not use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins.
- Inspect the height of the farm equipment to determine clearance.

- Always remember to transfer equipment at the lowest height possible.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, call CCPPD immediately.
- If a dangerous electrical situation occurs (such as a power line being down) immediately contact CCPPD and keep the area clear until CCPPD arrives.

“Always remember to periodically look up and be aware of your surroundings,” Duane Lammers, CCPPD Operations manager, adds. “If you can’t safely pass under a power line, choose a different path or contact CCPPD immediately.”

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