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High Water Causes Outages

Cuming County Public Power District (CCPPD) has seen a few outages related to high water on the Elkhorn River near Wisner, Beemer and West Point this week. Currently residents in the Cottonwood Chimes area along Highway 275 are seeing the water rising. CCPPD has two transformers that have gone under water and could be more before the river crests around midnight tonight (Wednesday). One resident in the Cottonwood Chimes area has relocated and a few others are waiting to see what the river does.

The District is also watching a transmission pole near the bridge over the Elkhorn River just South of Beemer. The bridge has been shut down due to water causing some major damage to the road approaching the bridge. If the water continues to rise, the pole is in jeopardy of washing into the river. CCPPD has switched lines to prevent any future outages if this were to happen.

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) has been in contact with Cuming County Public Power District to switch some lines as they also have a transmission pole that is close to washing into the Elkhorn River. As the lines were switched, the town of Wisner saw a 10-second time frame of no power. This is the amount of time to get their generator running so it can run for around 30 minutes until lines are switched. CCPPD will continue to watch lines, transformers and the river to keep our customers safe and informed. If you should have any questions, please call 402-372-2463.

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