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According to Frank A. Clark, "If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere." I have found this to be abundantly true throughout my career and my life. The obstacles are the fun part, the scary part, the annoying part, and the spice of life part. The obstacles are what make any path worth walking down. One obstacle that we in the power industry thought was a giant brick wall has recently been turned into an easily jumped hurdle. This is the Clean Power Plan.

In 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) put in place a rule that was onerous, egregious, and impossible. They called it the Clean Power Plan (CPP). The main issue that the power industry had with the CPP is that it placed controls on various items that are beyond the direct control of the power generators and the rest of industry while requiring the power generators to comply. In a sense, the CPP required a power generator to control the level of carbon

dioxide placed into the atmosphere by all consumers of their generated power. This is obviously not possible or practical. Additionally, the CPP had matrix included that called for technologies that don't exist as of now. The CPP was calling for the implementation of electric vehicles for utility fleets, for example, and there are no large electric trucks or even pickups on the market yet. Many states, Nebraska included, sued the EPA to stop the CPP from becoming the rule of law. The Supreme Court stayed the rule in 2016 and we have been waiting for a court ruling from the DC court of appeals since.

All that stated, on Tuesday, October 10, the EPA administrator issued a proposal to rescind and repeal the CPP. This is the first step in writing a more common sense approached plan that will truly help the environment and can be implemented with existing technologies. There are a few items that are necessary to ensure a plan that will achieve the desired outcomes, and as EPA develops a new approach to regulating carbon dioxide, the framework must:

- ♦ Be consistent with EPA's decades-long practice that technological or operational performance standards can be implemented at the source itself
- ♦ Protect reliability of energy supply to consumers

Happy Thanksgiving!

and businesses

- ♦ Minimize undue economic impact for consumers, and
- ♦ Provide public power districts and electric cooperatives with long-term regulatory clarity and certainty.

If we can get this kind of plan in place, I'm certain that it will work for all concerned. As an industry, we are ready to go down the path but the obstacles cannot be so great as to make the trek impossible. I'm sure we will all hear more on the CPP in the coming months. I would be glad to hear your ideas on the CPP, carbon dioxide as a pollutant, or anything else related the District that might be on your mind. Give me a call and we can sit down and discuss. Thanks for taking the time to read and have a great month!



PUBLIC POWER WEEK

OCTOBER 1-7, 2017
Powering Strong Communities

Cuming County Public Power District held the West Point Chamber Coffee at our offices on October 6, 2017 to celebrate Public Power Week which is celebrated the first full week in October every year.

Public power works. Public power gives back. Public power cares.

How does it work? Public power has survived and thrived in America for well over a century. Citizen-owned public power utilities first appeared more than 100 years ago when communities created electric utilities to provide light and power to their citizens. The number of public power utilities has grown from fewer than a dozen in 1890 to nearly 2,000 today. While many utilities were sold to large corporations during the 20th century, others chose instead to preserve community ownership and local control of power supply.

Public power utilities often have to fight to keep their communities powered affordably and reliably. They push for effective competition in wholesale electric markets so they can get power at reasonable rates for their customers. They struggle to navigate a sea of often conflicting laws and regulations that constrain power supply sources and increase costs. And they

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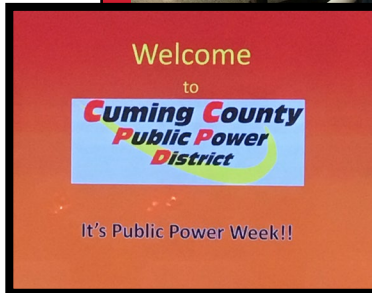
must counter and defend against evolving threats to the security of their transmission and distribution grids. Through it all, they keep the lights on, improving lives every day.

How do we give back? Public power utilities have no stockholders and are driven by the singular mission to serve their customers. They measure success by how much money stays within the community through low rates and contributions to the city and town general funds, not by how much profit goes to often remote stockholders. There are no divided loyalties.

Public power residential customers pay about 14 percent lower electricity rates than private power customers, based on national averages. Public power utilities return to their communities 33 per-

cent greater contributions than the state and local taxes paid by private companies.

How do we care? Neighbors look out for each other. That's the power of community — and the strength of public power. Public power utilities send line crews and trucks to help their neighboring utilities (and even utilities that are many states away) restore electric service after a weather event. Public power makes a difference, every day.



Cuming County PPD hosted the West Point Chamber Coffee to recognize Public Power Week!

NDEQ Announces Funding for Nebraska Farmers

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) announces that funding is available to Nebraska farmers to replace eligible agricultural irrigation pump diesel engines with electric motors. NDEQ will reimburse 60% of the cost of the new electric motor, installation, and required electrical infrastructure (including electric service line extension) up to a maximum rebate of \$16,200. In order to ensure emissions reductions are achieved through this program, the diesel engine being replaced must be permanently disabled within 90 days of replacement. Funding for this year's program is made possible by the Environmental Protection Agency's State Clean Diesel Grant program.

The pump engine owner is responsible for the remainder of the project costs (mandatory cost-share). Replacement incentives offered by your electric service provider may be used to pay a portion of the mandatory cost-share. No other federal grant funds may be used to cover any portion of the mandatory cost-share.

NDEQ anticipates awarding rebates for five irrigation pump engine replacements. Individual applicants may submit one application for a rebate for one engine. The number of irrigation pump engine rebates will be determined by NDEQ after evaluating applications in all three project categories.

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., December 15, 2017. For more information or to apply for funding visit: <http://deq.ne.gov/publica.nsf/pages/17-016>

Mock Safety Training Drill



Photo by Scott Haber



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Cuming County Public Power District, with the assistance of Beemer Fire & Rescue, Cuming County Dispatch, and LifeNet, held a mock life-saving training on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

One of the participants simulated an electrical contact. A mayday call came into the CCPPD office and 911 was called. They alerted the Beemer Fire & Rescue Department and the LifeNet Helicopter. The Beemer First Responders were on the scene very quickly as all Cuming County Public Power District Crews. They secured the scene and proceeded to take care of the simulated electrical contact participant. The LifeNet helicopter was on the scene within 18 minutes and went through their protocol of such events. A big thank you to Marvin and Ted Gentrup, Beemer Fire & Rescue, Cuming County Dispatch, the LifeNet team, West Point Fire & Rescue, Wisner Fire & Rescue & Cuming County Sheriff's Office.



Photo by Mary Troyer



Operation Round-Up Gives Back to the Community

The Cuming County Public Power District Operation Round-Up® Board met Wednesday, September 27, 2017. The five board members: Jackie Smith, Brenda Bradfield, Kristie Borgelt, Shannon Karnopp and Maria Janata divided funds between the many applications that came in.

A total of \$6,450 was distributed to many organizations across the CCPPD service territory. Operation Round-Up® funds come from Cuming County Public Power District customers rounding their bill to the next dollar. For example, your electric bill could be \$74.50 and the bill would be rounded up to \$75.00. The extra 50 cents would be put into the Operation Round-Up® fund. Customers are spending on average \$6 a year.

A little over a thousand is put into the Operation Round-Up® fund each month and the board meets twice a year (March and September) to decide where funds should be distributed. If you have any questions, please call the office 402-372-2463.

CCPPD Wellness Group.....	Fun Run Items.....	\$600
Cub Scout Pack 165.....	Pinewood Derby Car Kits.....	\$325
Dodge Chamber of Commerce.....	Dodge Sign.....	\$750
GACC.....	License for Math Computer Game.....	\$500
Guardian Angels Central Catholic.....	Lego Education Kits.....	\$500
Howells Community Club.....	BBQ & Brew.....	\$250
Howells-Dodge Elementary.....	Apple TV's to Run Smart Board.....	\$500
NCYC (GACC School).....	National Catholic Youth Conference.....	\$600
St. Francis Memorial Hospital.....	Christmas Gifts for Children in Need.....	\$250
Teammates Mentoring.....	Recruitment of Adult Members.....	\$900
Veteran's Memory Park (Dodge).....	Landscaping.....	\$250
Village of Bancroft.....	Desktop Computer for Chief of Police.....	\$400
West Point Trails & Pathways.....	Construction of Trail.....	\$500
Wisner-Pilger Public Schools.....	LEGO Architecture Kids.....	\$125



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Regular meetings of the CCPPD Board are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the office. Notice of times and date changes are published monthly.

