

Cuming County Public Power District

November 2026



A Message from our General Manager

Chet McWhorter

Basketball great Michael Jordan stated that "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." At a time when news reports for the past several years have been constant in their discussion of inflation and its impact on each of us, this sure feels like hitting a wall. Lately, there has been a lot of news about diesel prices and the impact on farmers, truckers, and all who keep our country running. At CCPPD we get it. We feel those prices increase individually and as your public power district. We use a lot of fuel to run our trucks to keep our linemen in the field maintaining and repairing the electrical system. Additionally, we see inflation in all aspects of material purchases here at CCPPD.

Our banking partner, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation or CFC, has also introduced a new industry benchmark developed with the electric supply cooperatives who we purchase most of our line materials from. The CFC Grid Price Index (GPI) tracks changes in electric distribution equipment costs using actual wholesale purchase data from cooperative suppliers nationwide. Based on a fixed basket of equipment and a 2019 pre-COVID baseline, the index measures inflation across key distribution categories. As of the second quarter of 2026, the GPI indicates that costs have risen approximately 100% since 2019. Year-over-year inflation increased to 9.1%, up from 7.1% in the first quarter of 2026.

Approximate cost increases since 2019 include:

- Underground cable accessories – 143%

- Utility hardware – 135%

- Enclosures, pedestals, and pads – 114%

- Overhead conductors – 105%

- Transformers – 96%

- Underground conductors – 95%

- Switching and protection equipment – 90%

Understanding these cost trends is essential for making informed decisions regarding inventory levels, project planning, budgeting, and future financing needs. CCPPD's board and management are working on our 2027 budget and knowing the full story and impact of these industry specific inflation levels help us to make the best choices for our future. The reality is that there are upgrades and replacements that are continually necessary and we must keep up with our system needs or face the reality that reliability will suffer. Also, there is certainty that an aging system will not meet the level of service that customers require in terms of voltage and power factor, among other operational considerations.

Coupling all of this with what will be a nearly 10% increase in CCPPD's wholesale power costs it is obvious that there is upward pressure on rates. We are looking at every possible area of our operations to ensure that we are cost conscious in each area and doing the best work possible at the lowest possible cost. Also, we are in good financial condition which allows us more flexibility than other organizations facing similar cost pressures. Rest assured, we will not pass along any costs to customers that are not completely necessary. And we will not forget that we are here to serve you and provide value for you above all else.

Author and motivational speaker Joshua J. Marine once said "Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." We are certainly in an interesting time and I'm hopeful that we can make meaningful decisions that will lessen the overall impact of the pressures we face. I also know that we are responsible for the decisions we make and I'm certainly not going to make excuses for our decisions. Mainly, I want to be transparent with you so that none of the changes coming surprise you. I sincerely hope that each of you has a wonderful holiday season and that you are surrounded with love throughout your year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are happy to hear from you.



CCPPD Linemen
Around the District



Tyson Steskal (Eric Brabec in bucket). Each year the CCPPD linemen complete pole top rescue training.



Willy Anderson & Trevor Schumacher presented a safety demonstration at the Wisner-Pilger FFA Safety Day.



Willy Anderson & Austin Koehlmoos presented a safety demonstration at the West Point FFA Progressive Farm Safety Camp.

Operation Round-Up®
Organizations Awarded Funds

The Operation Round-Up® board members met Wednesday, September 30, 2026 and awarded $3,950.00:

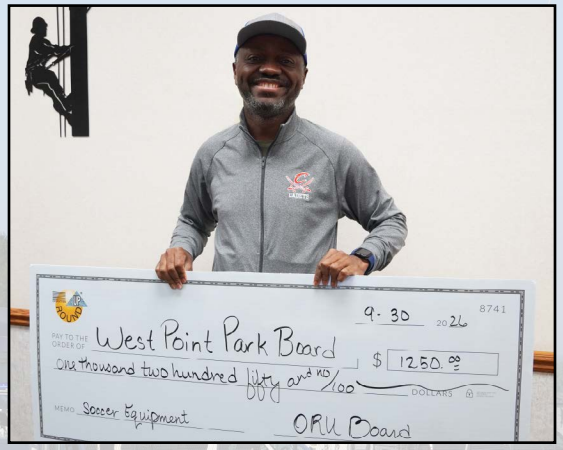
GACC Post Prom.....Nielsen Center Rent.....$200.00
Howells-Dodge Elementary.....Flexible Seating.....$500.00
NE Christian Women's Conf.....Nielsen Center Rent.....$500.00
Toys for Tots.....Toys for Children in Need...$500.00
Village of Dodge.....VersaCourt Comm Rec Area...$1,000.00
West Point Park Board.....Equipment for Soccer.....$1,250.00

The money collected for the fund is from CCPPD customers rounding up their electric bill to the next dollar. It's an average of six dollars per customer per year. Around $800 is put into the fund each month.

Area schools, fire & rescue squads, youth groups and churches have been awarded over $273,000 since the program began in 1999.

Think about it, an average of six dollars per customer per year has made all of this possible. We are so thankful for the customers that give to help this program. In addition to the money, five individuals volunteer their time to serve on the Operation Round-Up® board. Current members are Amber Bridges, Bancroft area; Brooke Fullner, Beemer area; Danielle Ortmeier, Dodge area; Brenda Duhsmann, West Point area and Kay Raabe, Wisner area.

Applications to request Operation Round-Up® funds are available from the Cuming County Public Power District office, or online at www.ccppd.com.



West Point Park Board for Soccer Equipment



Howells-Dodge Elementary for Flexible Seating

Employee Spotlights

Each month we will spotlight two employees at Cuming County Public Power District. Please help us thank them for their dedication.

Willy Anderson



Willy Anderson began his career at Cuming County Public Power District on April 1, 2002. He started as a Groundman and, within a few years, became an Apprentice Lineman. In 2008, Willy qualified for his Journeyman Lineman status and is currently a Working Foreman.

Before joining CCPPD, Willy served as a First Sergeant in the United States Army. During his military career, he completed two overseas deployments, both in Iraq. Thank you for your service, Willy!

Willy and his wife, Kim, reside a few miles south and west of Dodge. They have three children: Meg, Colby, and Gage.

Outside of work, Willy enjoys hunting, trapping, and fishing. He also enjoys being involved in community activities, organizing events for the Dodge Veterans Club, helping organize Dodge Daze, and spending time with his family.

Please help us thank Willy for his dedicated service to Cuming County Public Power District!

Nicki White



Nicki White began her career with Cuming County Public Power District in November 2009. As Communications Manager, Nicki wears many hats, including updating the District's website, putting together the newsletter, and managing the many rebate programs CCPPD offers to its customers. She also helps plan events and works closely with the communities we serve, including Bancroft, Beemer, and Dodge.

Nicki enjoys connecting with CCPPD customers and helping answer their questions—even when that sometimes means trying to figure out why their electric bill went up!

Nicki and her husband, Jeremy, live in West Point and are involved in many community events. They have three sons, Sage, Jackson, and Nathan.

Outside of work, Nicki enjoys attending the many activities and events her sons are involved in. The family cabin is one of her favorite places to spend time, where she enjoys swimming, being out on the boat, and simply enjoying the outdoors. The family also enjoys watching Nebraska sports together.

Please join us in thanking Nicki for her dedicated service to Cuming County Public Power District!



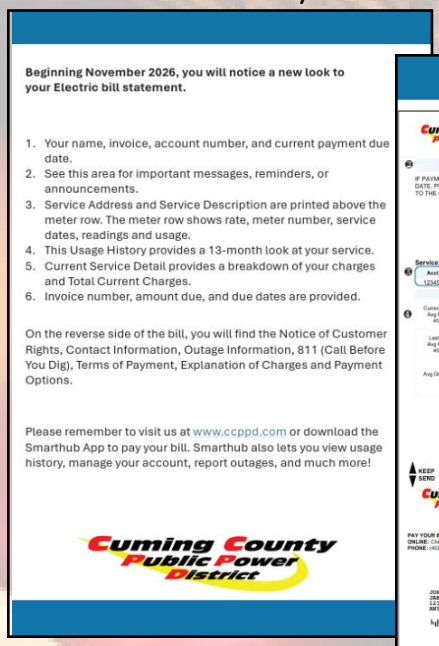


A New Look for Your bill

Changes to your CCPPD electric bill

As a customer of Cuming County Public Power District, you may notice a new look to your electric bill. While the bill may look different, the information you receive has not changed. Your bill will continue to provide all the same important details about your electric service, usage, charges, and account.

The updated design is intended to make your bill easier to read and navigate. Below is an example of what the new bill will look like and where you can find the information you need.



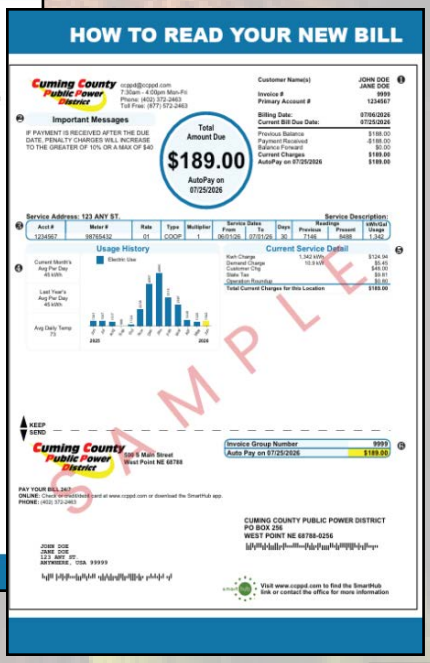
Beginning November 2026, you will notice a new look to your Electric bill statement.

1. Your name, invoice, account number, and current payment due date.
2. See this area for important messages, reminders, or announcements.
3. Service Address and Service Description are printed above the meter row. The meter row shows rate, meter number, service dates, readings and usage.
4. This Usage History provides a 13-month look at your service.
5. Current Service Detail provides a breakdown of your charges and Total Current Charges.
6. Invoice number, amount due, and due dates are provided.

On the reverse side of the bill, you will find the Notice of Customer Rights, Contact Information, Outage Information, 811 (Call Before You Dig), Terms of Payment, Explanation of Charges and Payment Options.

Please remember to visit us at www.ccppd.com or download the Smarthub App to pay your bill. Smarthub also lets you view usage history, manage your account, report outages, and much more!

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The updated bill has a modern and clean look, and includes additional information on ways to pay your bill, report an outage and access contact information.

If you have any questions about the new bill, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are happy to serve you!

Please call Cuming County Public Power District at 402-372-2463 with any questions.

2026 Incentives

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Heat Pump Water Heater
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Cooling System Tune-Up
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Happy Thanksgiving!



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November 26th & 27th

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