

A Message from the General Manager

I don't know where it started but, it is common for folks to come up and say something like, "I have good news and bad news, which would you like first?" I personally never liked that. If you take the good news first, it won't be very good until you know the bad. If you take the bad first, the good might not be good enough to undo the bad. It's kind of a lose-lose proposition. I saw a quote by David Letterman that changed my mind however, Dave said, "Experts say that Iraq may have nuclear weapons. That's bad news – they may have a nuclear bomb. Now the good news is that they have to drop it with a camel."

As I mentioned last month, Cuming County Public Power District (CCPPD) had a Cost of Service Study performed by JK Consulting out of Lincoln that was completed in August. The purpose of a Cost of Service Study is to determine if the rates being charged for each rate class are correct for the actual costs incurred and to determine if there are any changes in rates that would be necessary to ensure that rates are fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory. The Cost of Service Study indicated that a 2.1% rate increase in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 and a series of 2.0% annual increases in FY 2020 through FY 2024 would be in order. Not good news but, to put this into the proper perspective, the typical rural general service bill would increase approximately \$3.32 per month with a 2.1% increase in FY 2019. Although the study indicates at this time that increases are likely in FY 2020-2024, we will continue to analyze all of the information and

cut costs where we can to attempt to avoid these increases.

Around 60 cents of every dollar that CCPPD brings in goes out to pay for power that our customers use. This leaves 40 cents or so to cover the operations and maintenance of the system. The CCPPD system requires continual maintenance and upgrades in order to provide safe and reliable service.

The purpose of rate design is to develop rates that reflect the cost of service and accomplish other goals, like system maintenance and upgrades, established by CCPPD. In general, rate changes will be directed toward customer charge components and summer usage components. Irrigation rates have not been adjusted since 2012. They along with Municipal Residential, and discounted grandfathered rates for all-electric water heating and space heating will be increased more than other rate classes in order to maintain proper Cost of Service based rates.

The CCPPD Board will be considering all of the potential rate options over the next few months with the idea of implementing any changes in October of 2019. If you read this column, you know that I don't like to be the bearer of bad news and this discussion on rates is not the best news I've written by any means. Having written about rates last month and this month, I am sure that Tracy Morgan's thoughts are true when he said, "Bad news travels at the speed of light; good news travels like molasses." If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please let me know or reach out to one of your Directors.



Chet McWhorter
CCPPD GM

Mark your Calendars!

**50th Annual
Dodge Demo Derby**
Sunday, September 8
2pm
Dodge, NE

Harvestfest
Saturday, September 14
6am-9pm
Bancroft NE

**30th Annual
Last Fling 'til Spring
Car Show**
Sunday, September 15
noon-5pm
West Point, NE

CCPPD Fun Run
Saturday, September 21
8am
CCPPD, West Point, NE

Operation Round Up Meeting
Wednesday, September 25
730am
Get your applications in!

Summer Parades and Fair Time



Beemer Play Daze: Nicki White, Josie Kluthe & Danny Kluthe helped toss candy at the parade.



Dodge County Fair Parade: Kinzey Doggett, Hunter Doggett and Nicki White helped toss candy at the parade.

Also look for us in the parade for Harvestfest in Bancroft
September 14, 2019
 They have many events going on that day!



Cuming County Fair Parade: Willy, Gage & Colby Anderson, Kinzey Doggett, Sheila & Chet McWhorter, Nicki, Jackson & Sage White helped toss candy at the parade.



Cuming County Fair:
 Each year the CCPPD board members help with the trolley at the Cuming County Fair.



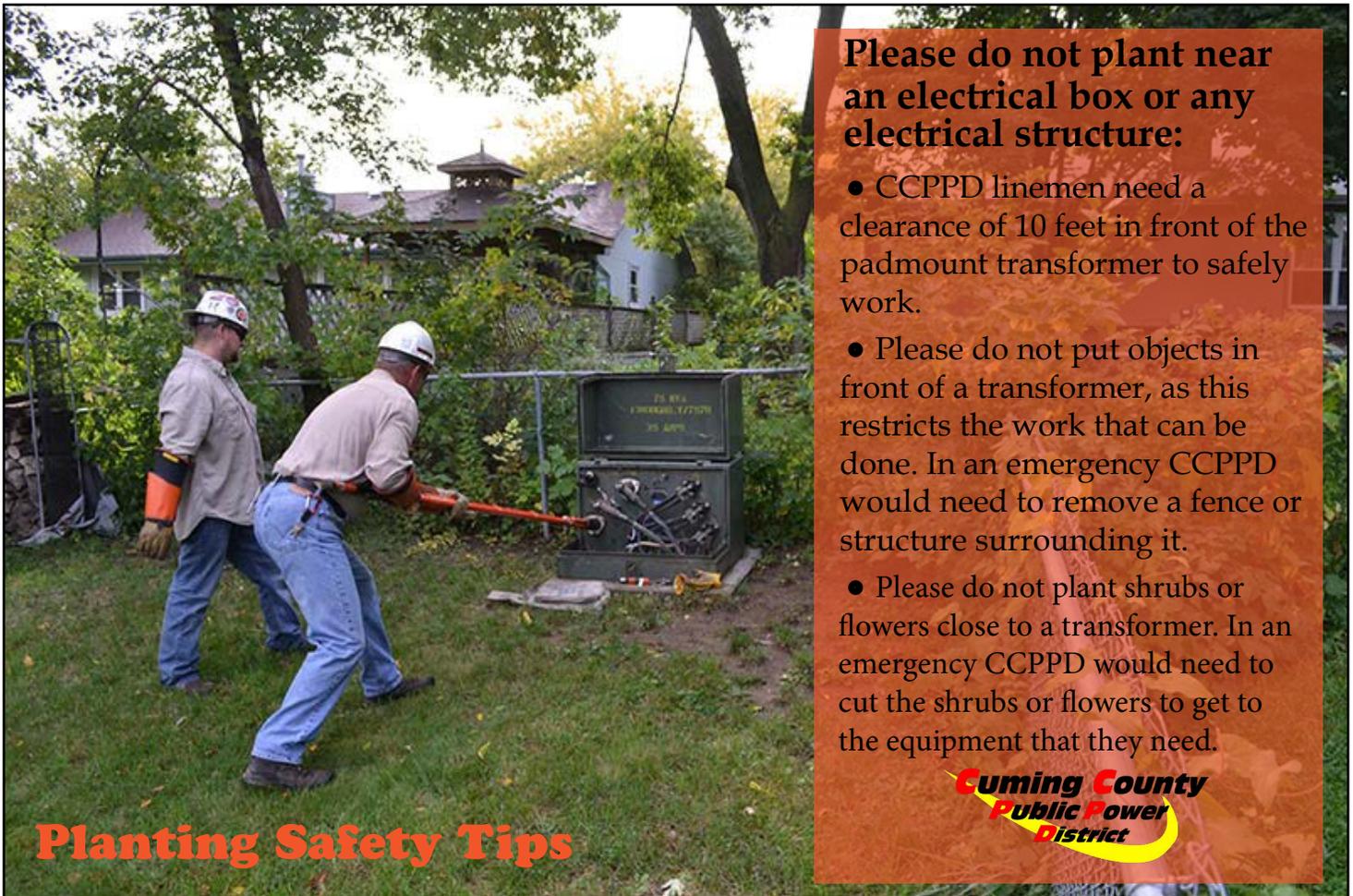
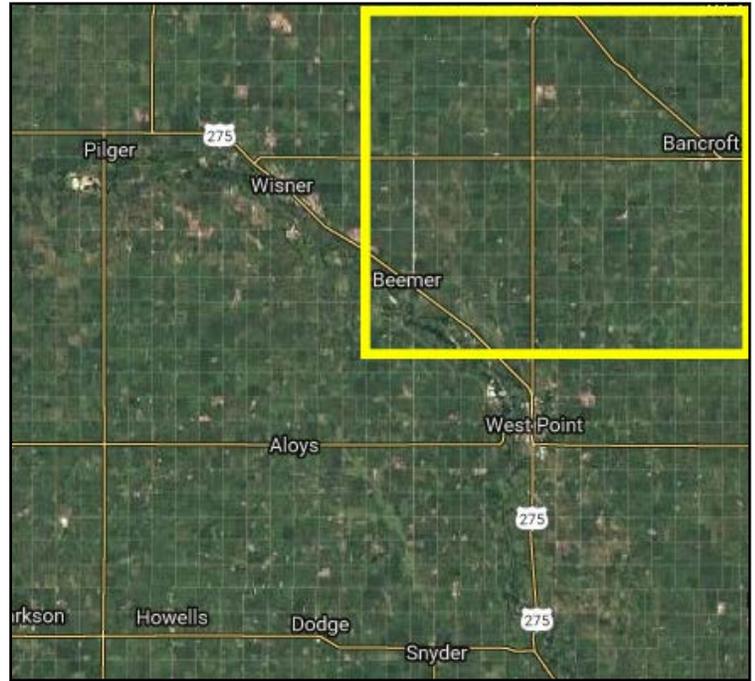
GMS Continues Work

GMS (Global Mapping Solutions) is still contracted by CCPPD to capture GPS (Global Positioning System) information for all CCPPD electrical structures including poles, meters and transformers. They will be working in the north eastern area of the CCPPD service territory.

Cuming County Public Power District is gathering all of this information for our mapping system. It will allow us to use any electronic device to view all of the equipment and locations of the equipment in our entire system.

GMS will be in the CCPPD service territory for several months completing their work. They will have signs on their vehicles stating they are contracted by CCPPD. We will notify customers by social media, the CCPPD website, press releases, public postings, newspapers and radio on what sections they will work on next. See the map below to view where they are currently working.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at 402-372-2463 or 877-572-2463.



Please do not plant near an electrical box or any electrical structure:

- CCPPD linemen need a clearance of 10 feet in front of the padmount transformer to safely work.
- Please do not put objects in front of a transformer, as this restricts the work that can be done. In an emergency CCPPD would need to remove a fence or structure surrounding it.
- Please do not plant shrubs or flowers close to a transformer. In an emergency CCPPD would need to cut the shrubs or flowers to get to the equipment that they need.

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Planting Safety Tips

Farm operators, family members, and farm employees are urged to take these measures:

- Use a spotter when moving tall loads near lines.
- Inspect farm equipment for transport height, and determine clearance with any power lines under which the equipment must pass.
- Make sure everyone knows what to do if accidental contact is made with power lines. These accidents are survivable if the right actions are taken.

**Look Up
And Live!**

Please be careful during harvest!



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You will find online billpay, tips to save on your electric bill, newsletters, & so much more on our website: www.ccppd.com

Regular meetings of the CCPPD Board are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the CCPPD office

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	Fred Schneider, Treasurer 402-528-3683	
	Ed Kaup 402-372-2966	
	Danny Kluthe 402-693-2833	

Note!

Cuming County Public Power District's phone number is 402-372-2463 or toll free 877-572-2463

When new phone lines were established, all other numbers were cancelled. If you have an old number saved and can't get through to us, please make sure you have the correct number above.

Thank you for your patience.