

# CURRENT FLASHES

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## Un-used Energy is still the Cheapest - and Greenest

As debate rages on about the best way to proceed with our nation's energy future, each of us needs to think about our own personal responsibility to conserve the energy that we use each day. There are many ways to reduce the amount of electricity that we use and most of them are rather easy and will save you some money in the process.

### We're here to Help

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Cedar-Knox is teaming up with NPPD to offer certain incentives to our customers to save energy. The program includes incentives for High Efficiency Heat Pumps, Irrigation Efficiency, Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling and Compact Fluorescent Bulb Change-out. A while back I read somewhere that if every household in America would change out just one 60 watt incandescent light bulb with an equivalent CFL bulb, it would save enough energy to power a city of 1.5 million people. That's a pretty sobering statistic and one that we can't ignore. I encourage you to consider taking advantage of these programs. Remember, every unused kilowatt-hour is a kilowatt-hour

that does not need to be produced.

### Energy Star

Another way to save energy is to choose Energy Star products. Energy Star is a program that was first developed in 1992 by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a method to identify and promote products that are energy efficient. Appliances carrying the Energy Star rating typically are 10 to 20% more energy efficient than non-rated models.

### Irrigation Load Control

Energy that does not need producing means power plants that do not need building. Back in 1980 we implemented our irrigation load control program. Irrigators can choose to be on a cheaper rate by allowing us to shut down their irrigation pumping motors via radio control during peak hours throughout the summer. This reduces our peak demand by more than 20 megawatts or about 40%. That's the equivalent of about 15% of the entire maximum electrical output capacity of Gavins Point Dam. By choosing a

load-controlled irrigation rate, not only are you saving money, you are helping delay the need to construct the next power plant.

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conservation efforts, a well-planned renewable energy strategy and a balanced mix of generation resources, we can all help to secure our energy future without breaking the bank. For more information on our Energy Efficiency Programs please call or stop by our office. Cedar-Knox Public Power District wants you to know that we are serious about our energy future. For other information on how to save energy and to learn about Nebraska's energy resources, go to [www.itsyourpower.org](http://www.itsyourpower.org) because after all - Public Power is your Power.

## CKPPD Rates expected to increase by an average 5.2% on January 1

Due to a 7% increase in the cost of power that we purchase from the Nebraska Public Power District, our Board is expected to increase retail rates by 5.2% effective January 1.

NPPD cited increasing demand for electricity and rising cost of fuel, materials and equipment as reasons for the wholesale increase. You can be assured that Cedar-Knox will continue to strive for un-matched service at the lowest possible cost.



