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Cap-and-Trade Passes in the House of Representatives

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Cap-and-Trade is a term you have probably heard of recently. Under cap-and-trade, the government would set a “cap” on the total carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions that would be allowed. Companies would be issued permit allocation allowances to cover a certain amount of their emissions. If not enough allowances are issued to a company, they would be required to purchase them on the open market which could be very costly. Energy costs could rise dramatically. Public Power is concerned about our environment, but we are also concerned about the long term economic impact this legislation could create.

In a historic vote in the United States House of Representatives cap-and-trade legislation, the American Clean Energy and Security Act (H.R.2454) was narrowly passed by a vote of 219-212. With its passage, the House version of the measure will now move on to the Senate, where once again grassroots support will be vital to ensure Nebraska’s Public Power message is heard.

The Nebraska Rural Electric Association Grassroots Initiative involves working in partnership with our member-systems directors, managers, employees and ultimately our consumers to increase our understanding of the issues affecting the electric industry and advocate on these important issues. I recently attended the NREA Grassroots Coordinator Training in Lincoln, NE. The reason I volunteered for this added responsibility is not for a lack of things to do. I felt that it is an important and worthwhile effort. While at the training session, I realized how much there is to learn about the legislative process and plan to do a lot of reading. We have very capable and passionate people at work for us at the Nebraska Rural Electric Association. They are attending the hearings at the Capitol daily to lobby for us all, to do what is best for electric utilities and their consumers in the state of Nebraska. But they can only do so much. There is strength in numbers and we all have a role to play. There are currently many bills under review that will ultimately affect each of

us who is a ratepayer.

While messages from electric cooperative leaders carry a lot of weight on Capitol Hill, nothing compares to the voices of the members themselves; the 42 million hard-working citizens that will ultimately foot electric bills impacted by federal climate change policy.

Become a part of the conversation today, and join the hundreds of thousands of electric consumers already involved in the Our Energy, Our Future grassroots campaign. Please visit www.ourenergy.coop for more information on how your personal story can impact energy legislation on a national level. If you want to add your own personal opinion, we encourage that, as we are sure it will be even more effective. Our Energy, Our Future post cards are also available at our Cedar-Knox PPD office for you to fill out and send in or leave with us and we will see that your name and address is entered into the Our Energy, Our Future website.

If neither of these options works for you, we are offering another way to have your voice be heard. Please complete the form below and send it to Cedar-Knox PPD. We will do the work! Your name and address will be entered by us, and applied to a form letter regarding these issues, and sent to Congress.

We need you to get involved, to keep YOUR rates down. YOUR voice needs to be heard.

Complete, cut and send to CKPPD

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Signature: _____

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Phil Wiebelhaus Awarded Martindale Scholarship

HARTINGTON – The Harold Martindale Scholarship has been awarded to Phil Wiebelhaus, son of Bruce and Julia Wiebelhaus of Hartington. Phil attended Hartington Public High School and will begin the Lineman Course at Northeast Community College in the fall. The scholarship is for \$1000.00 for each of

the two year program.

Phil has been involved in high school basketball, golf and FFA. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.

Cedar-Knox PPD congratulates Phil and wishes him well in school and future plans.



