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2010 promises to be an interesting year

As we look back at 2009 we can be thankful for another safe and productive year and we look forward to another challenging and exciting year in 2010.

Fortunately, we've not had many power issues with the recent major storms but crews have been kept busy throughout the year with maintenance and construction projects including some major feeder-line upgrades and many new services for irrigations and grain storage.

Work is completed and service is in place for the 20,000 horsepower Keystone oil pipeline pump station just west of Hartington. This has been a remarkable project that started four years ago. It presents both challenges and rewards to Cedar-Knox as the motor load will increase our system peak demand by roughly 30%. The magnitude of the load will have a huge impact on the way we operate and switch our transmission system. The site is expected to begin initial commercial pumping operation in March and will help pump more than 500,000 barrels of crude oil per day to

locations in Illinois and Oklahoma.

The District and its employees remain committed to community service and development. Cedar-Knox employees and equipment can be seen giving safety demonstrations to school students and local fire & rescue personnel throughout the district, stringing Christmas lights in our communities, fixing ball field lights and participating in parades and various other activities and events. Cedar-Knox employees and spouses are continually very engaged as members of school boards, parish boards, development boards, and as volunteer fire fighters, coaches, and with various other school, community and parish committees and groups. A few years back the District also established a Revolving Loan Fund through a partial grant from the USDA. The Cedar-Knox Board just

recently approved a \$20,000 loan from this fund to help a local rural business owner reduce costs and retain its employees.

2010 promises to be an interesting year legislatively. Nebraska lawmakers will be exploring changes that could pave the way for more wind energy to be developed and possibly exported out of the state while trying to preserve the Public Power structure. On a national level, efforts to curb carbon emissions will continue to be debated and legislation could have a significant impact on future energy prices. We will continue to work with legislators, our Power supplier and State and National Rural Electric Associations to bring you safe, reliable, economical and environmentally responsible energy. Cedar-Knox is extremely proud of where we've been, where we are and where we are headed.

Have a great 2010.

**FROM THE
DESK OF THE
MANAGER**

DAN LEISE



CKPPD Board Member holds new position on NREA board

Randy Papenhausen, the current Cedar-Knox PPD board secretary, has been elected to the Nebraska Rural Electric Board as treasurer. He was elected on December 4, 2009 at the annual NREA meeting by his peers as treasurer for a 2 year period.

At the end of that term he will rotate into the position of Vice President/Secretary and then the following 2 years he will serve as President of the board. This board meets quarterly in Lincoln, NE. Congratulations to Randy on his new position.

Getting back on line

A major storm hits an electric power system. Here is a simple look at how your power district typically goes about the task of restoring service.

We have come to expect that if we lose electric service it will be restored within a few hours. But when a devastating event, like tornado, ice or snow storm causes major damage to an electric system, longer outages cannot be helped.

CKPPD employees work long, hard hours restoring service, but it's a task that needs to be done methodically to be done safely. Every power provider follows a basic principle when it comes to restoration of power—priority goes to the lines that will get the most people back in service the quickest.

This starts with main lines from the substation that can affect the largest number of customers first and then continues with tap lines and then to individual services.

We are committed to serving you and will do our best to maintain the high standard of service dependability we can offer.

Energy wise residential incentive program

Do you know what is in your attic? Beside a bunch of junk, hopefully your attic has adequate insulation. If you have six inches or less, you may want to increase that to between 12-15 inches. An R-38 or R-45 insulation is required in new homes built in the state of Nebraska. If your home has six inches or less, and you use primarily electricity to heat it, there is an Energy Wise program to help you. Attics are places where it can really pay to have the right amount of insulation. Making sure your home's insulation level is adequate keeps heated and cooled air where it should be: inside your home, and the outside air where it should be: outside!

To help make it affordable, customers participating in the residential Energy Wise attic insulation program are eligible for an incentive of \$.15/ square foot with a maximum incentive amount of \$300 per existing residential dwelling. New construction and/or additions do

not qualify.

If you have little insulation in the attic (six inches or less) and add at least six inches or R-19, take advantage of this pro-



gram. To be eligible, customers must have a heat pump, electric furnace or electric baseboard or convector. Visit our website www.cedarknoxppd.com or contact our office for more valu-

— SAFETY TIPS —

- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle; it should include things such as, blanket, matches, flashlight, bottled water, non-perishable food, first-aid kit. Your cell phone, if you have one; should be fully charged.
- Downed power lines - Stay Away! Call 911 and your local power supplier (CKPPD). If downed power lines are on your vehicle and you are in it, stay inside until help arrives. Assume all power lines are energized and dangerous.
- Look up and live - when you are moving any vehicle, equipment, or structures under our lines on the road, the legal load height is 14 ft 6 inches. If you exceed this height, you must contact the State of Nebraska for permit and instructions. When working on your place, before you start a project, survey the area to be sure there are no power lines close. If there are, call us and we will be glad to come and check it out for you.
- If you have a heat pump, be sure it is not obstructed, especially with snow and ice. Clear the area around your unit so the unit can run properly.



Announcing the newest addition to our Cedar Knox family; Hunter Michael Kruse. He was born on November 20th, 2009 at 3:56 p.m. to Brian Kruse and Melissa Sterkel, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. measuring 21 inches long. Brian is an Apprentice Lineman for Cedar Knox and Melissa is a professional photographer.

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