



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumers,

Well Christmas is over and a new year has begun, the employees and board members at Chimney Rock Public Power hope you had a good 2019 and an even better 2020. As we start a new year on January 1st remember it is not only New Year's Day but also national hangover day, the third it is fruit cake toss day, the tenth it is houseplant appreciation day, and the fourteenth is dress up your pet day. Then on the sixteenth is national do nothing day so you can get rested up for national ditch your new year's resolutions day on the seventeenth, the twentieth is penguin awareness day, the twenty-fifth is national opposite day not to be confused with national backwards day on the thirty-first, but my favorite has to be national chocolate cake day on the twenty-seventh!

We have had some weather related problems during the past month and I would like to say thank you to everyone that called to report outages and damages. It is always good to let us know if you are out of power as it lets our crews know where to start. Also, just a reminder to be very careful in using a generator, make sure there is no way it can feed back to our transformer as that will cause a hazardous voltage situation on our lines and could get someone severely injured or killed. Chimney Rock will install a double throw meter socket in place of your regular socket for generator use, call the office if you are interested in this. There is a fee associated with the upgrade depending on the size of your service. As always please be careful around power poles and lines and give us a call if you notice any problems. I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year's celebration and you have a great 2020!



Energy Efficiency Credits

Energy Efficiency Credits are available on electric motors, electric heating, electric hot water heaters, Energy Star appliances and LED lights. Efficiency Credits are available on new installations only.

Certain standards of efficiency must be met to qualify depending on the type of electric equipment installed.

Some of the credits from Tri-State G & T are:

- *Electric water heaters - \$30 - \$100/unit
- *Heat pumps \$125 - \$150/ton
- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *2 Ton or larger Energy Star air conditioners-\$100-\$150/unit
- *Energy Star Appliances (refrig, clothes or dish washer and clothes dryers) \$30-\$90
- *LED light fixtures-1/2 price of the fixture

Chimney Rock also contributes to some of the credit.

Please contact our office for information on requirements and credit amounts at 586-1824.

Let us help pay for your new electric appliances and motors.

Safe – Efficient – Electric

CRPPD Works on Moving Lines for Road Construction



During the month of November our line crew worked on installing new lines so the State of Nebraska can continue with their four-lane highway project on Highway 385 from Angora Junction to Alliance. The area pictured here is north of the L62A and Hwy 385 Junction. The crew will continue to work northward along the highway.



Generator Safety

Portable or permanently installed standby generators can come in handy during long-term power outages. However, if you do not know how to use them properly, they can be dangerous. Contact a qualified vendor or electrician to help you determine what generator is best suited to your needs. Before using, read and follow manufacturer's instructions.

If you are installing a permanent generator, it must have a transfer switch. The transfer switch prevents energy from leaving your generator and going back onto the utility electrical equipment, when it could be dangerous to a lineman or others near downed power lines, a process known as "back feed." A qualified electrician should install your generator and transfer switch.

Following are some tips to use portable generators safely:

- * Operate it outdoors in an area with plenty of ventilation. Never run a generator in a home or garage. Generators give off deadly carbon monoxide.
- * Do not plug a generator into the wall to avoid back feed. Use heavy-duty extension cords to connect appliances to the outlets on the generator.
- * Turn the generator on before plugging appliances to it. Once the generator is running, turn your appliances and lights on one at a time to avoid overloading the unit. Remember, generators are for temporary usage; prioritize your needs.
- * Be sure generator is turned off and cool before fueling it.
- * Keep children and pets away from portable generators. Many generator components are hot enough to burn you during operations.

Director Receives Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate

Chimney Rock Public Power District Director Corey Henkel has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate.



Board President, Kevin Stuart (left) presented Corey Henkel his CCD certificate.

The CCD is the first of three professional development certificates directors are able to earn through the National Rural Electric Association. It consists of a set of five courses that focus on basic governance knowledge and the essential skills required of directors. The CCD prepares directors to fulfil their fiduciary duty as an elected official serving on behalf of their consumers. Congratulations Corey on earning your CCD certificate.

Scholarships Offered

Chimney Rock PPD in conjunction with Basin Electric and Tri-State Generation and Transmission are offering a \$1,000 and two \$500 college scholarships. Applicants for the scholarships must be U.S. citizens and dependants of Chimney Rock consumers.

Applicants also must be students enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on combination of SAT/ACT scores and overall grade-point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities, a personal statement of career goals, applicant appraisal and an essay question.

Applications for the 2020-21 school year will be accepted until February 7, 2020. For more information contact your school's guidance counselor or call Chimney Rock PPD.

Rocky Mountain Electric League Foundation Scholarship

Students of Chimney Rock PPD customers pursuing an electric industry career are eligible to apply for this scholarship. There are several scholarships awarded in amounts up to \$3,000. The scholarship deadline is February 6, 2020. For more information on eligibility requirements and for the application information log on to www.rmef.org, click on RMEL Foundation and scholarships.

Four-Cheese Pasta with Peas & Ham

Kosher salt
12 ounces penne
1 cup frozen peas
2 large eggs, plus 1 egg white
1 cup evaporated milk
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, grated
3 ounces mozzarella cheese, grated
3 ounces fontana cheese, grated
3 ounces deli ham - diced
1/2 cup parmesan cheese

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook about 8 minutes, add the peas in the last 2 minutes of cooking.

Whisk the eggs, egg white, evaporated milk and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a bowl.

Drain the pasta and peas, wipe the pot dry and return the pasta and peas to the pot. Add butter and stir to coat. Add the cheddar, mozzarella, fontana and the egg mixture. Place the pot over medium-low heat and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, 8-10 minutes, adding the ham halfway through cooking. Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the parmesan.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Let the sunshine in! For additional warmth, open drapes over windows that receive sunlight during the day. Close them at night, which can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to 10%.

Source: energy.gov



Budget Billing Set Up Time

Customers currently on budget billing will have their accounts “settled up” with the January billing. The accounts will bill the actual amount due on the account.

This is a good time to set up new budget accounts. New budgets will start with the February billing. If you would like more information on budget billing or would like to set up your account on budget just give our office a call.

Interest to be Charged on Past Due Accounts

At the October board meeting the Board of Directors established a policy which states that interest will be charged on the unpaid balance of all accounts not paid by the due date of the second monthly billing following the month energy is sold, at the rate of 14% per annum. Interest is calculated on the unpaid delinquent balance only, without compounding. This policy does not provide for interest charges on unpaid interest charges. This policy will be effective as of **January 1, 2020**.

If a CRPPD customer is in default but has made a payment arrangement which may but does not automatically waive the default interest charge, that payment agreement controls over this policy. Currently our bills include a discount for payment by the specified date. If the bill is not paid by that date, the discount is lost. Interest has not been charged on the open account balance owed to that date. Copies of the policy were mailed out with November and December billing statements.

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January Board Meeting:
January 13th - 9:00 am

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