



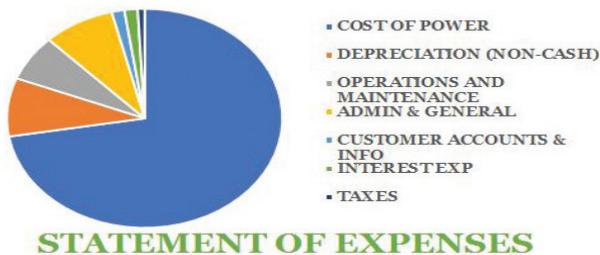
EnLIGHTening NEWS

Serving Stanton County and parts of Madison, Wayne, Cuming, and Colfax counties

2017: By The Numbers



RESIDENTIAL	\$ 3,208,113
LARGE COMMERCIAL	\$ 7,438,756
SMALL COM/PUBLIC AUTH	\$ 1,002,740
IRRIGATION	\$ 819,037
SEASONAL SERVICES	\$ 216,970
OTHER	\$ 136,020



COST OF POWER	\$ 7,483,957
DEPRECIATION (NON-CASH)	\$ 893,735
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 701,589
ADMIN & GENERAL	\$ 868,231
CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS & INFO	\$ 154,042
INTEREST EXP	\$ 160,687
TAXES	\$ 84,481

As the old saying goes, “the final numbers are in”. 2017 proved to be another good year for the District in terms of energy sold and revenue. The 2017 Financial Audit has been completed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Energy sales rose slightly in all customer classes to nearly 149 million kilowatts. This has increased revenue to an all-time high at the District (see the graph to the left). This has come without a rate increase since January of 2015. Energy sales in Nebraska are very dependent upon the weather which impacts air conditioning, heating, irrigation and grain drying.

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Swim Safely this Summer

As the summer sun heats up, water becomes a great place to cool down. Swimming in pools and spas make for great summer playgrounds. Before you dive in, make sure you and your family are safe when it comes to water and electricity.

Be aware of electronics near a pool. Electrical appliances, equipment and cords should be kept at least six feet away from water (NFPA.org). When possible, refrain from using electrical devices around a water area and instead, opt for battery-powered electronics.

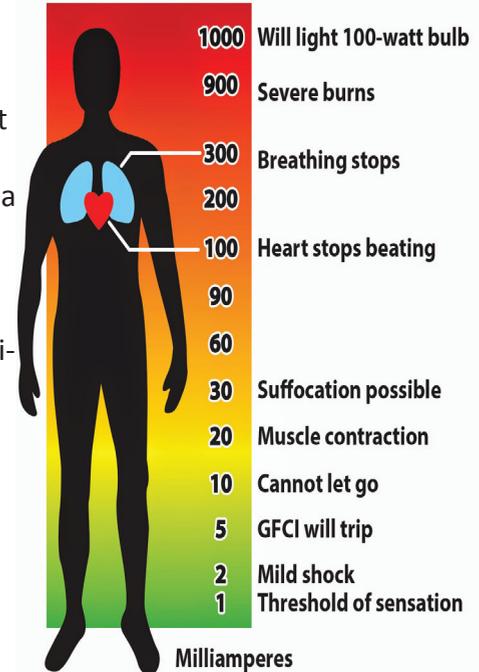
Here are a few other tips for swimming safety:

-  When you leave a pool or body of water, do not touch any electrical devices until you have towed off and are dry.
-  Look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker or work intermittently.
-  Do not swim, before, during or after thunderstorms.
-  Know where electrical switches and circuit breakers are for pool, hot tub, and spa equipment and know how to operate them.
-  When cleaning the pool, know where any overhead power lines are to avoid making contact with them while using long-handled tools.

Make sure ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) outlets have been installed properly. GFCI's should be installed on equipment surrounding pools, spas, and hot tubs to ensure everyone is safe when enjoying the water this summer.

If you are thinking about installing a new pool whether it be above ground or in ground, make sure you take out an electrical permit. Taking out a permit may cost you fifty to two hundred dollars but ensures that your new pool will be inspected. Inspections will check for required bonding and grounding that creates an equipotential plane. This means that there is no difference of potential between metal parts of the pool. Even the water that you are swimming in should be at the same potential as the metal parts around it. Current needs a path and a difference of potential to flow.

Electricity's Effects




Don't Let Tragedy Strike

30 Around 30 people are killed each year from lightning strikes.

2/3 of lightning fatalities are associated with outdoor recreational activities.

WAIT 30 minutes ...after the last rumble of thunder before heading back outside.

SEEK SHELTER In a four-sided building or an enclosed hardtop vehicle at the first sight of lightning.

Never swim when lightning is in the area.

TOP 3 sports-related lightning fatalities
1) Soccer 2) Golf 3) Running

Safe Electricity.org
Source National Weather Service, NOAA

Summer Interns



SCPPD welcomes three interns to the team this summer! **Cameron Jasso and Grant Meyer** join the linemen in the field, learning skills to continue their education in the Utility Line program at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, NE. **Kayla Loberg** joins the office staff to learn the workings of Public Power billing, customer service and general administration. She is also continuing her education through Northeast Community College.

Dates to Keep in Mind

July 4 - Independence Day:
SCPPD office closed

National Ice Cream month

National Hot Dog month

Be Safe! - Protect yourself from the sun and stay safe with fire-works!



Numbers cont.

Expenses were up slightly from a year ago and that is directly tied to the cost of purchased power. As indicated in the graph on page 1, power costs account for 72% of our overall costs. The electric industry is very capital intensive, so we must also continue to maintain and replace utility plant. This includes vegetation control, inspections, repairing storm damage and outages.

The Board of Directors, by state statute, are to keep the District in good fiscal condition. The Board of Directors and Management must be fair and equitable across each rate class and safely deliver reliable energy to end user as cost effective as possible. This has been our mission for many years and will be into the future. If you should ever have any questions or concerns about the financial condition of the District, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

NUMBER OF SERVICES	
2017	2,699
2016	2,693
MILES OF LINE	
2017	772.42
2016	772.48
TOTAL UTILITY PLANT	
2017	\$28,270,488
2016	\$27,301,739
ENERGY SALES-KWH	
2017	148,948,205
2016	131,399,862
TOTAL REVENUE	
2017	\$12.82 Million
2016	\$11.92 Million

Summer Efficiency



Ceiling fans are also a great way to keep rooms cool while saving energy. Fans average between a quarter to one amp used, while air conditioners can range between 12-16 amps of electricity used. While running a fan may not exactly bring in new cold air, it does circulate the cold air that is already in the home and may make it feel cooler than it really is. It is very possible to turn on your fans and turn up your thermostat a degree or two and not notice a difference.

A programmable thermostat will help you control the temperature of your home, so it is cool when you return home for the day. It is important to remember when adjusting your thermostat, whether it's manual or programmable, do not lower the temperature rapidly, in an attempt to cool your home faster. Your air conditioner will cool just as fast at 78 as it might at 68 degrees.



A **PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT**
CAN SAVE UP TO
15%



Information about SCPPD

When you have an emergency, SCPPD people are standing by!

In the case of an outage:

- 1- Check your fuses and/or breakers to be sure they are working properly.
- 2 - If you have a double-throw switch, make sure it is in the correct position.
- 3 - Notice your neighbors; do they have power?

Checking these few things before you call SCPPD can help us determine the severity of the outage and therefore expedite the restoration.

Please be sure to give the name that is listed on the billing account and physical address of the outage when calling into the office.

Questions about your bill?

Please call SCPPD, 402-439-2228, during office hours, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in regards to billing questions. When calling the office concerning billing problems, it will save time if you have your meter serial number or customer account number. All account payments should be mailed to:

Stanton County Public Power District
807 Douglas Street, P.O. Box 319
Stanton, NE 68779-0319

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For Outage Reporting or Emergency service

Call 1-877-439-2228.

Before 8 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m.

Call 1-877-439-2300.

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With SCPPD**

Internet: www.scppd.com

E-mail: scppd@scppd.net



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