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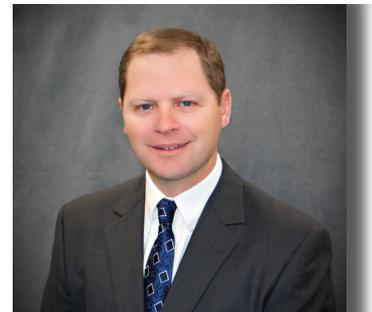
Nebraska Unicameral

The 106th Legislature, 1st Session convened on January 9, 2019. There are 13 new Senators that will join the body for a 90 day session.

It is a well-known fact that the Nebraska Unicameral is the only one of its kind in the United States. In 1934, voters passed an initiative to amend the Nebraska Constitution from a bicameral system to the current unicameral. It is also the smallest legislature in the United States with only 49 Senators.

Since we have a Unicameral, one may wonder why the representatives are called Senators? In the 1937 reorganization, the Senate is the legislative body that was retained. Therefore, the members were called Senators. Each Senator serves about 35,000 citizens.

George Norris was a key advocate for the current system. He believed there would be a significant savings in money by moving to a unicameral. He also believed that the unicameral system would be much more open to the public and less chance for corruption.



Chad Waldow
General Manager



Keep informed on what is going on at the Legislature this Legislative Session by checking out the website: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/>. There is a current calendar for the Legislature on this website. You can also find your Senator contact information on this site as well.

You can also view the activities of the Legislature as NET streams live video: <http://netnebraska.org>

Governor Pete Ricketts
<https://governor.nebraska.gov/>

Sen. Deb Fischer
<https://www.fischer.senate.gov/public/>

Sen. Ben Sasse
<https://www.sasse.senate.gov/public/>

Rep. Adrian Smith
<https://adriansmith.house.gov/>

Sen. Mike Moser
402.471.2715

Sen. Joni Albrecht
402.471.2716

Sen. Jim Scheer
402.471.2929



Update Your Account Contact Information

The December ice storm was a strong reminder that we need to communicate!

SCPPD staff members do their best to inform, educate and serve our customers. However, the world of communication has changed a bit. We now use cell phones and internet to reach each other much more than before. If your account information has not been updated, we may no longer have a way to contact you.

Please take the time to call, email, or send us a note with your most updated:

- Phone number(s)
- Mailing address
- email address
- payment information (if applicable)



Also, be sure to follow our Facebook page and check out our newly updated website for more information about SCPPD and what we can offer you!

Scholarship Available

Students interested in a career in Utility Line or Electrician have an opportunity to apply for a scholarship through Northeast Community College. The Donald D. Heller Utility Line Program Scholarship and the Dale E. Barth Electricians Program Scholarship are sponsored by Stanton County Public Power District and award up to \$2,000 in assistance.

If you are interested, please apply online at www.northeast.edu by March 1, 2019. Additional information can be attained at the college, the SCPPD office, or on our website at www.scppd.net.



Please apply today! There will only be ONE scholarship awarded for each program.

EnergyWiseSM Incentives for 2019

RESIDENTIAL:

Heat Pump Water Heater -

- \$300 air source heat pump water heaters: with EF > 1.9.
- \$500 ground source heat pump water heaters, with EF > 2.8

High Efficiency Heat Pumps -

15-15.9 SEER, 12.5 EER, 8.5 HSPF	\$300
16-17.9 SEER, 12.5 EER, 8.5 HSPF	\$600
3 or more stages	\$600
18+ SEER, 12.5 EER, 8.5 HSPF	\$900
Variable Capacity	\$900
Water/ground source	Up to \$2500

(contact SCPPD office for details)



SMART Thermostat -

Primarily Electric Heat (Professionally installed)	\$100
Primarily Electric Heat (Customer installed)	\$75
Primarily Fossil-Fuel Heat (Professionally Installed)	\$50
Primarily Fossil-Fuel Heat (Customer installed)	\$25

Additional programs still available, see www.scppd.net for details

Dates to Keep in Mind

February: American Heart Month

February 4-10: National Burn Awareness Week

February 9-15: International Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 18 - President's Day



Cyber Security Tips

Don't Trust Links in Email messages:

Companies, especially banks and credit unions, will NEVER contact you and ask you for your information.

Another common phishing email is disguised as FedEx, UPS, or USPS packages tracking emails. Unless you are expecting a tracking email for a package, just delete.

You can always contact the company, bank or postal carrier by phone or website to ensure the request is secure and legitimate.

Online Payments vs. Transfers

While all banks will operate within their own policies and procedures, the basic idea of "on-line payment" is the same. You sign onto a website through your local bank. Then, you enter information to the program and your payments are made through your bank. However, these payments ARE NOT AUTOMATIC. At least not in the sense that the money appears in SCPPD bank accounts or posted to your account in an instant. Your bank will take the information you entered and cut a check to the vendor you have chosen and then mail it to that vendor on your behalf, using your funds. Therefore, your payment doesn't get here any faster than if you were to write a check to SCPPD and drop it in the mail on your own.

In order for a payment to be posted to your account instantly, the transaction must include bank information from both the receiving and paying parties. SCPPD currently offers several ways to do this:

- Using your checking/savings account information.
- Reoccurring credit/debit card transaction.
- SCPPD's online payment gateway, *SmartHub*.



Please continue to make your payments in whatever method you prefer. We simply want to make sure you understand how your payments are processed in order to avoid any unnecessary penalties to your account. If you want to continue your online banking process, you may want to consider giving yourself a few extra days for the check to arrive in the mail on time. If you have questions on how to set up a reoccurring automatic payment, please contact the office for more information, or check out our website at www.scppd.com.

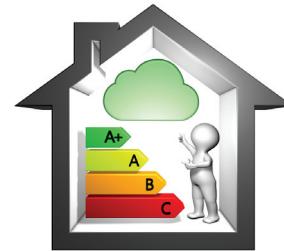
EnergyWise Tip: Indoor Air Quality

During Nebraska winters, most of the energy used in homes and businesses keeps the interior warm. As we improve the energy efficiency of existing homes and businesses by adding insulation, sealing up air leakage or implementing ways to reduce heating to where and when needed, we often create indoor air quality (IAQ) concerns.

If you find yourself unfamiliar with Nebraska's major IAQ concerns, review information at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service's Indoor Air Quality Program (link: http://dhhs.ne.gov/public-health/Pages/enh_indoor.aspx).

Major IAQ issues in our state include:

Radon Carbon Monoxide
Biologicals & Airborne illnesses
Volatile Organic Compounds
Particulates



There are several solutions to consider. Some are as simple and inexpensive as changing your heating system's air filter or caulking around areas where outside air is infiltrating. Others may require optimizing or replacing your current heating system. Chances are, all IAQ solutions will impact ongoing heating and/or air-conditioning costs.

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.

**Communicate Electronically
With SCPPD**

Internet: www.scppd.com

E-mail: scppd@scppd.net



It's the law!

**Call 811
Before You Dig!**

Or 1-800-331-5666

"Diggers Hotline of Nebraska"
Also www.ne-diggers.com