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## 2021 Electric Rates

### PCA Rebate Continues

As we all move into the new year, I am hopeful that we can all begin to move forward from the current pandemic! We are all ready to move on and begin to live our normal lives, whatever the new normal is. I hope the new year is a healthy one and brings you prosperity!

As we turn the calendar here at the District, we often start with the next year’s budget and setting of the new electric rates. We typically set the electric rates for one year at a time. The Board of Directors have approved electric rates for 2021 and I am pleased to inform you that we will not increase rates. Furthermore, we will continue passing on a Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) rebate to most of our rate classes in effect lowering your rate for one year.

PCA is a method to capture the real cost of generation and correctly bill the customer for these costs. In years past, this method was used to capture a spike in generation fuel costs. However, this situation is different. Our power supplier has an operational surplus which translates into a PCA rebate. Considering our strong financial position, the Board of Directors has elected to pass the PCA onto our customers. This is the second year in a row we have passed that onto the customer.

The PCA beginning February 1, 2021 will be \$.006196 per kwh. This will be a credit on your bill for usage from February 1, 2021 to February 1 of 2022. Keep in mind that we are currently enjoying a PCA rebate of .003751 from February 1, 2020 to February 1, 2021. This current PCA rebate is identified as a line item credit on your monthly bill.

I would warn that this PCA rebate is not guaranteed past February 1 of 2022. Please keep this in mind as you make financial plans going forward. I applaud the Board of Directors and staff who help make this possible. I believe we have been very efficient over the years and prudent with the funds we are collecting through your electric rates. We have no way to know what the next year will bring, but we are hopeful that if another PCA credit comes our way, we will work hard to make sure that ends up in our customer’s pocket!

When it comes to electric rates your choices are low cost or high reliability or some combination of the two. As always, we strive to keep your rates as low as we can without sacrificing reliability. Rest assured, we are going to continue maintenance programs that are crucial to the high reliability standards we have become accustomed. We plan to complete several work plan projects to strengthen the system and keep the lights on for all customers. We thank you for trusting in us and look forward to serving you in 2021!

Manager Chad Waldow



Election Results>>>

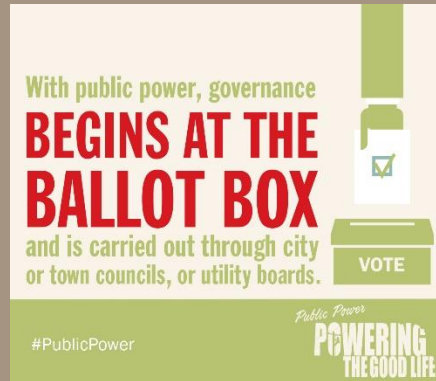
# SCPPD Board of Directors

Stanton County Public Power District is governed by a Board of Directors. These directors represent you, our customers, ensuring that your voice is heard. Directors are elected by voters within the SCPPD service area. Each director serves a six-year term and the six directors of SCPPD serve staggered term years. On November 4, 2020, these men were re-elected to serve you.

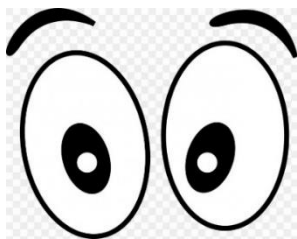
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Coming Soon:  
SCPPD Billing  
Statements get  
a new look!



**Over the past several months, we have been working diligently to upgrade our bill design. The intention of the new design is to provide our customers with the most information possible in the best format available.**

**Detailed information will be included with your first new bill!**

EnergyWise Incentives >>>

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Use less. Spend less. Do more.

## 2021 Incentive Rebate Programs

Energy Efficiency is important to all! If you are looking for ways to save energy and money, check our list of rebate programs. There are several options for customers to take advantage of in the 2021 year. For more information, check the website at [www.scppd.com](http://www.scppd.com) or call the office at 402-439-2228.

### Residential Heat Pump Water Heater:

- \$400 for air source with an EF > 1.9
- \$650 for ground source with an EF > 2.8

### High Efficiency Heat Pump:

- \$400 - \$3,300 Incentive
- Minimum SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5
- Includes Air-to-Air, and Water/Ground source

### SMART thermostat:

- \$25-\$100 Incentive options

### Cooling System Tune-up: \$30

- Attic Insulation: \$0.15 per square foot - \$300 max.



# Time to ditch your old space heater?

*If you can't remember when you purchased your space heater, it might be time to replace it.*



Just like flip phones of yesteryear have progressed into today's modern cell phone, portable space heaters have come a long way too. Most of today's models have built-in safety features, such as non-exposed coils and sensors that detect overheating or touch, as well as automatic shut-off feature in case it gets tipped over.

Regardless of whether your space heater is fresh out of the box or several years old, it should be used safely, since most home heating fire deaths (86%) involve using one, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In fact, heating equipment is the second-leading cause of U.S. home fires, right behind cooking.

Along with using a unit that is in good working order, be sure to keep clothing, papers, rugs and other flammable items at least 3 feet away from a space heater. More than half of the heating-related home fires start when items are too close to the heat source, according to the NFPA, including upholstered furniture, clothing, a mattress or bedding.

Some additional space heater tips to consider:

1. Read all instructions and only use as recommended.
2. Do not leave a space heater unattended.
3. Plug it directly into an outlet, most power strips and extension cords are not equipped to handle the energy spikes caused by a space heater cycling on and off.
4. Unplug any other item from the outlet you are using; also try to use a dedicated circuit to avoid overload.
5. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
6. Turn them off before you leave the room or go to sleep.
7. Do not use a heater in disrepair or with a frayed cord or damaged plug.
8. Place them on a flat surface and never place on furniture, counters or carpet, which can overheat.

feeling chilled?

## HEAT YOUR SPACE SAFELY

1. Keep flammable items at least 3 feet away
2. Place on a flat, level surface
3. Make sure the cord is not frayed or cracked
4. Plug it directly into an outlet
5. Follow all instructions and use models endorsed by a reputable testing lab
6. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which can overheat
7. Do not use around small children or pets
8. Do not use one with a damaged plug or prongs

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## Scholarship >>>

### Attention High School Students!

### Utility Line and Electrician Scholarship Opportunities



The Donald D. Heller Utility Line Program Scholarship and the Dale E. Barth Electrician Program Scholarship are sponsored by the Stanton County Public Power District Office. The Donald D. Heller Utility Line Program will award up to \$6000 and the Dale E. Barth Electrician Program will award up to \$2,000 in assistance. If you are interested, please apply online at the Northeast Community College website by March 1, 2021. Additional information can be attained at the college, the SPPD office, or on the website at [www.sppd.com](http://www.sppd.com).

Only ONE scholarship is awarded per program.

Please apply today! Remember, the deadline is March 1, 2021.

# Communication

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 – mailing address – email address - payment information**



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## What's Your Appliance Safety IQ?



**Clothes Dryer**

Children have been electrocuted when hiding behind dryers; some pets also like to nap there.

Install a childproof lock on the laundry room door, as well as on your washer and dryer—especially front-loading models.

Clean lint screen between loads, and thoroughly clean the vents and duct system at least twice a year.

Make sure hoses, seals and connections do not leak and are secure.



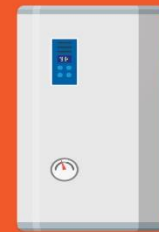
**Refrigerator**

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for maintenance.

Clean the coils every six months to a year.

Keep an eye out for dust or lint under or behind your fridge and remove it to let your refrigerator breathe.

If you have young children in your home, make sure your refrigerator is not a tipping hazard. Consider using an appliance anchor that secures your tall appliance to the wall.



**Hot Water Heater**

Make sure your hot water heater is well-maintained.

Make sure it does not have excessive pressure buildup by testing the relief valve (or have it tested) at least once a year.

Ensure vents are connected securely and that the correct parts are used to avoid carbon monoxide production.

Have all components of the appliance inspected regularly (at least once a year) by a technician.