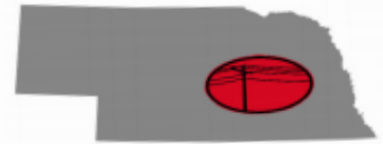


POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

‘The Livewire’

“Committed to enhancing the lives of our customers by providing safe, reliable and economical energy through excellence in customer service and innovation”



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Solar Project Coming to PCRPPD

By Wade Rahn

Polk County Rural Public Power District broke ground on a new 1MW solar site on February 17, 2023. The array's power will be distributed directly to Polk County RPPD's distribution system in the form of lower fixed-cost energy. The solar array will be located at the former airport site in Stromsburg, Nebraska, in collaboration with the City of Stromsburg. All energy produced by the solar array will be consumed by all customers of PCRPPD as well as the City of Stromsburg.

As part of the Nebraska Renewable Energy Initiative, Today's Power, Inc. (TPI) of North Little Rock, Arkansas, was chosen by Polk County RPPD along with Norris Public Power District and Howard Greeley Public Power District. Under the terms of a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), TPI will manage the engineering, procurement, construction, operations, and maintenance of the solar sites. For the length of the PPA, the PPDs will purchase electricity produced by the solar field at a fixed-low cost.

Barb Fowler, General Manager of PCRPPD, said, “Supplemental renewable energy provides us resource diversity from a carbon-free generation that could also help shave peak demand in the summer. Reliability is a priority, but utilizing renewable energy when it's available is the right thing to do. We are also excited to help the City of

Stromsburg reach its local renewable generation goal. This collaborative effort exemplifies what it means to be Public Power.”

This project features advanced single-axis tracking systems consisting of 1.4 MW of DC installed and 1.0 MW of AC. The solar array, comprised of over 2,000 solar panels, will offset 1,707 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. All the energy produced by the solar facility will be consumed locally by PCRPPD and the City of Stromsburg customers. Work on the site is expected to be completed in Fall of 2023.

“We thank Polk County Rural Public Power District in allowing Today's Power, Inc. to provide utility-scale solar projects within the Polk County Rural Public Power District service territory. As a result of working with the various PPDs in Nebraska, Today's Power has been able to provide competitive pricing and work toward timely installations at each of the sites located within the State.” Said TPI president Derek Dyson.



About Today's Power, Inc.

Today's Power, Inc. is a cooperative-owned, community-focused wholly owned subsidiary of Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based utility service cooperative owned by 17 Arkansas electric distribution cooperatives. Today's Power, Inc. offers turn-key solar photovoltaic systems, energy storage systems, and EV charging stations for all sizes and applications.

TPI's unique approach to in-depth analysis of utility rates and billing allows it to design renewable energy systems and manage that energy to maximize the benefits of solar and storage for a not-for-profit as well as for-profit entities.

Watt Matters

By Barb Fowler - General Manager

Here at PCRPPD, we reach our goals by helping our customers-owners reach theirs. Customer goals vary widely in intensity and magnitude, from providing a warm evening family meal, irrigating acres of corn, to providing power to over 400 residences and businesses, but all our customers have goals. Simply put, helping each customer achieve their goals is the foundation of our existence and is what drives us to action.

One recent example of this is being able to help our largest customer, the

City of Stromsburg, reach their goal of having renewable power. The City has been exploring the possibility of adding renewables to their resource mix for many years but has remained unable to make this a feasible reality. When PCRPPD began their solar project, it provided an opportunity to work collaboratively with the City to help achieve their goal and share the journey toward the successful achievement of the goals of both. By choosing to work together, we are able to utilize unique resources of each that ultimately result in the benefit of the greater community.



Plus, it just simply feels good. Helping our customers with their goals requires understanding their aspirations, challenges, and motivations, and it always remains a gratifying experience to be a part of their success.

Economic Development Rider Awarded

By Wade Rahn

We are pleased to announce that the PCRPPD has recently awarded an economic development rider to Hans Service LLC. This means that the company will receive a declining discounted rate over the next five years for its electricity usage, allowing them to invest more resources into expanding its business and creating new job opportunities in the community.

Located in Clarks, NE, and established 21 years ago, Hans Service offers Heating, Air Conditioning, and Plumbing service to the area. Last year the business outgrew its former location and built a new building to expand service and have more room to operate the growing business.

As a public power district, we are committed to supporting economic growth and development in our region. Our economic development rider program is just one of the ways that we strive to promote business growth and job creation.

The economic development rider program is available to new or



expanding businesses in our service area. If you are a business owner or know someone who is considering starting or growing a business, we encourage you to explore this startup cost-savings opportunity.

To qualify for the economic development rider, businesses must meet certain criteria. We are committed to working with customers to determine eligibility and provide support throughout the simple application process.

We believe that supporting economic development is not only good for businesses but also for the community as a whole. By promoting job creation and business growth, we are helping to create a stronger, more prosperous future for our region.

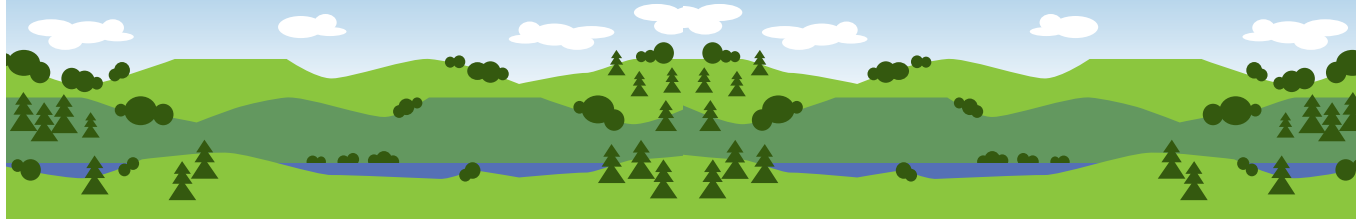
If you have any questions about the economic development rider program or would like to learn more about how we support business growth, please don't hesitate to contact us at (402) 764-4381.

NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP

APPLY TODAY!

To be eligible for this year's camp you must:

- currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
- be sponsored by a Nebraska Rural Electric Association member-system
- complete the application form and return it to your local electric system.



NO, IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER CAMP

I bet right now you are thinking that this is the zillionth camp flyer you have seen and that this camp is just like all the rest. It costs a bunch, you won't know anyone there, it's going to be awkward, and you won't get anything out of going, except maybe a sunburn.

THINK AGAIN!

It's free, you are going to make life-long friends, and learn about the electric industry through interesting workshops, fascinating demonstrations and presentations by regional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program. There's also swimming, sports, a banquet and a dance. A tour to the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provide for a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.

So don't delay...apply today!

YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Age _____ Current Grade _____

Address _____

Phone number (____) _____

City _____ State _____

Name of parents _____

Name of your sponsoring rural electric system _____

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Now that you know this isn't just another camp, you may be asking yourself, "should I go?"

You should if you have:

- Leadership potential
- An awesome personality
- A strong academic record
- An interest in meeting new people



July 9 - 13, 2023

High school students, grades 9 - 11
Camp Comeca, Cozad, Neb.

If you are interested in applying for this all-expense paid camp, complete the application form and return it to your local electric system.

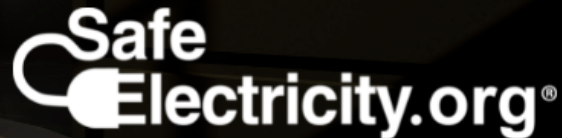
WIN A FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Three campers will be selected to serve as Nebraska's Ambassadors to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Rural Electric Youth Tour in 2024.



DANGER

Never step into a flooded basement. The water could be energized due to contact with electrical equipment.



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