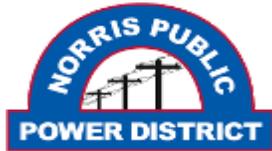




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At the Nebraska Power Review Board Hearing on March 24, 2017, the

Nebraska Power Review Board approved the merger of Norris Public Power District and Seward County Public Power District effective May 1, 2017.

In a related motion, the Nebraska Power Review Board approved the dissolution of Seward County Public Power District on May 1, 2017. The Nebraska Power Review Board approval was the last regulatory requirement in making the merger official. At the conclusion of the Hearing, one of the Nebraska Power Review Board members praised both Districts for taking action that will ultimately benefit all customers.

The combination of two financially strong districts will lead to financial and operational benefits. The two districts have been good neighbors and have mutually worked well together for many years. The common territory boundaries and operational similarities are among many reasons as to why this merger is ideal. The well-maintained electric infrastructure and facilities in Seward County will assimilate very effectively into the Norris operation.

High-Flying Electrical Safety Tips

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From disaster relief and surveillance to photography and filmmaking, professionals and hobbyists alike have literally taken their craft to new heights with the use of drones. Despite the opportunities that these unmanned aerial systems introduce, it is important for drone operators to look out for hazards and keep safety in mind when taking flight.

Drone usage has had a sharp increase in recent years. According to the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), an estimated 2.5 million were purchased in 2016. The FAA also estimates



sales will grow to 7 million by 2020. In response to the increasing popularity of drones and other remote controlled devices, new regulations have been put in place to help ensure safe usage.

The FAA is at the forefront of drone regulation. As of August 29, 2016, in order to fly a drone outdoors, owners must register their devices with the FAA. For aircraft between .55 and 55 pounds, failure to register these aircraft can result in

criminal and civil penalties. Complete this registration online at registermyuas.faa.gov.

"It is important that drone operators familiarize themselves with safety tips, including keeping drones safely away from electrical equipment," advises Natalie Hemmer, Safe Electricity Advisory Board member. "For new drone owners, it is a good idea to learn how to fly these devices in an open field, clear of obstacles. This will reduce the chance of crashing into dangerous objects, especially power lines, which are often difficult for new drone pilots to see."

It is important to keep electrical safety in mind even before takeoff. Make sure that your drone is electrically and mechanically safe before each flight. Once in the air, be sure never to fly near overhead wires, electrical substations or within five miles of an airport. If your drone does make contact with electrical equipment, keep your distance and contact your utility immediately for assistance.

The FAA shares the following safety advice:

- Do not fly indoors, near restricted or heavily populated areas or close to other aircraft.
- Fly only during the day, at least 30 minutes after sunrise, and finish your flight 30 minutes before sunset.
- Always keep your drone within sight range. Avoid drone usage on cloudy or foggy days.
- Respect the privacy of others while using your drone. Do not operate your drone in a manner that is careless or reckless.
- As always, be sure to familiarize yourself with community-specific rules and regulations.

If you would like to familiarize yourself on the latest regulations from the FAA, download the B4UFLY app. Free for smart phone users in the App Store and Google Play. This app can help determine if there are flying restrictions in your area. It also provides an interactive map where you can track your flying route. The app also includes links for additional resources and information if you need to brush up on safety tips.

For more information on electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org or www.norrisppd.com.

Save Money and Energy Through EnergyWiseSM Programs

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Use less. Spend less. Do more.

Participation in the following programs will provide opportunities to save energy and money, as well as help the environment.

Cooling System Tune-Up Program - \$30

Incentives are available to customers who have their cooling system inspected and tuned-up by a qualified HVAC contractor. Even though the cooling system may be serviced or tuned-up frequently, the customer is only eligible for the \$30 incentive every three years.

Attic Insulation Program - \$0.15/square foot (limit \$300 per dwelling)

Attic insulation may qualify when six or more inches of insulation is added to an existing amount of less than six inches. The home must have a heat pump, electric furnace or electric heat (baseboard, radiant, etc.). Rebate applies to existing homes only; new construction or additions do not qualify.

High Efficiency Heat Pump Program - \$200 - \$1,700

Air source heat pumps with a minimum of 15 SEER, 12.5 EER and 8.5 HSPF qualify for an incentive of \$200, \$400 or \$600. One or two stage water or ground source heat pumps qualify for a \$1,200 incentive. Water or ground source heat pumps with variable capacity that meet a minimum of 35 EER and 5.0 COP qualify for a \$1,700 incentive.

Heat Pump Water Heater \$200 - \$500

An air source heat pump water heater with an efficiency factor greater than 1.9 is eligible for a \$200 incentive. A water or ground source heat pump water heater with an efficiency factor greater than 2.8 is eligible for a \$500 incentive.

Note: The EnergyWiseSM residential LED program is no longer offered in 2017.

There are also incentives available for your business and irrigation service. Check our website www.norrisppd.com for further information or contact a Customer Service Representative at 800-858-4707 for more information.

Easter Bunny Munch

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Easter Bunny Munch

Ingredients:

- 4 Cups Chex Cereal (any kind)
- 2 Cups Pretzels
- 2 Cups Cheerios
- 1 Cup M & M's
- 1 (12 oz. bag) White Chocolate Chips



Directions:

- In a large bowl, mix all ingredients except white chocolate chips.
- Place white chocolate chips in microwave safe bowl.
- Melt white chocolate chips for 1 minute and 30 seconds until smooth.
- Pour melted white chocolate chips over snack mixture and stir.
- Pour on wax paper and let set until hard.

ENJOY!

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