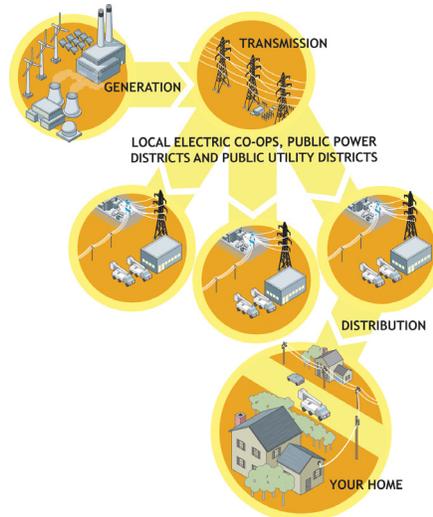


What is Grid Resiliency?

Resiliency of the grid is one of the most popular concepts being talked about in the electric industry today. This concept recently made headlines in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, which caused extraordinary damage to Puerto Rico’s electric grid resulting in the longest sustained outage in U.S. history. Lack of resilience became the go-to phrase to describe Puerto Rico’s grid. Here in Nebraska, what does grid resiliency mean for you?



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Resiliency is many things – it’s reliability in your electric service, it’s our ability to efficiently restore your power, it’s being able to meet the demands of new technology and it’s how we serve you with various generation sources without skipping a beat. Ultimately, resilience is how we deliver on our promise to improve the quality of life for our customer-owners.

When it comes to having a resilient electric grid, it begins with a system that is designed and built to withstand high winds, powerful storms, cyber security threats and other disruptions that could result in outages. A resilient grid is also flexible and adaptable by allowing different types of generation – such as

wind, solar, coal and hydro – to seamlessly work together to provide you with safe and reliable power. The way our systems react to advancements in technology – from demand response investments to serving the needs of electric vehicles – all factor into the resilience of our grid.

Resiliency is a 24/7, 365-days-a-year task. Whether it’s the power lines, substations or generation facilities on our grid, it takes proactive maintenance and investment to keep them running smoothly. With thousands of consumers without power for months, the lack of resiliency in Puerto Rico’s power grid wasn’t solely caused by hurricane damage; it was the result of years of neglect in taking care of their

system and preparing for a worst-case scenario.

In a similar way to how we maintain our vehicles with regular oil changes, inspections and tire rotations, a grid must also be properly maintained. Throughout the year, we regularly conduct pole and line inspections. Our goal is to find a problem before it becomes one. For example, if we find a weak pole that has damage from termites, we replace that pole. Doing so ensures that pole is as strong – or as resilient – as it can be.

Living in Nebraska, we know that significant power outages can occur. Whether we’re at the mercy of straight-line winds, tornadoes, lightning, snow or ice, we have confidence in the resiliency of our system to recover from the situation with as little disruption as possible.

In the dictionary, resilience is defined as “the ability to bounce back, recover quickly and go back into shape or position after being stretched.” When it comes to providing our customer-owners with resilient service, this is what we work toward – day in and day out!

Your Voice



November 6th, 2018, marks one of the responsibilities of being a United States citizen. It is the responsibility to vote for local, state, and federal officials.

Custer Public Power District will have three Board of Director seats up for election.

Directors Lloyd Ramsey, John Blakeman, and Tom Roberts are seeking re-election. However, a Non-incumbent candidate has until August 1st to file.

Public Power District Board Members are the voice for the customer/owners who have elected them to serve.



Empowering Progress



Director Lloyd Ramsey has served on the Board of Directors since 2007. Director Ramsey is retired from Custer Public Power District where he formerly ended his career as General Manager. Director Ramsey serves on the Board as a voting delegate for the Nebraska Rural Electric Association and Region 7. He is a credentialed Cooperative Director and received his Board Leadership Certificate.



Director John Blakeman has served on the Board of Directors since 2007. Director Blakeman has served as Vice President and Assistant Treasurer. He is a credentialed Cooperative Director.



Director Tom Roberts has served on the Board of Directors since 2013. He is currently serving as the Assistant Treasurer on the Custer Public Power District Board. Director Roberts is a credentialed Cooperative

Empowering Progress Through Our Youth

Every year, Custer Public Power District sponsors area youth whose families receive electrical services from Custer Public Power District and live in the Custer Public Power service territory.

There are two opportunities, but it starts with the all paid for **NREA Summer Youth Energy Leadership Camp** at the **Nebraska National Forest at Halsey**. After attending the NREA Summer Youth Energy Leadership Camp, the opportunity is available to compete for the all paid trip to the NRECA Youth Tour at Washington, D.C.

So, what happens at the NREA Summer Youth Energy Leadership Camp? The camp is usually the second week of July. High school students who are in 9th to 11th grade from Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Colorado who are served by one of the Nebraska Rural Electric Association's (NREA) member-systems.

The students get a week filled with educational workshops geared for leadership, environmental awareness, character building, and social interaction. On top of this, guest speakers are invited to educate students about energy generation, electric safety, and careers in the rural electric program. A couple of the highlights are the tours of the Gerald Gentleman Power Station near North Platte and the Kingsley Hydro Electric Power Plan near Ogallala.

After the NREA Summer Youth Energy Leadership Camp, Custer Public Power sponsored students prepare a presentation for the Board of Directors to be presented at a monthly CPPD Board Meeting. After that presentation, the Board of Directors vote to decide which student will represent Custer Public Power at the NRECA Youth Tour at Washington, D.C. in June of the next year which is paid by Custer Public Power District. This sponsorship includes airfare, motel, meals, and events.



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This year at the **NRECA Youth Tour 2018 at Washington, D.C.**, approximately 1,800 students from 41 states learned about the role of rural electric systems in the national economy, saw first hand a democratic republic form of government, visited national heritage sites, and built leadership skills so they can make a difference in their rural communities.

Custer Public Power students who attended the NRECA Youth Tour at Washington, D.C. had the

opportunity to compete for the Nebraska Rural Electric Association Youth Leadership Council which leads to a sponsored trip to the Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. in July and a trip to the NRECA Annual Meeting which follows the next spring.



Representing Custer Public Power District was **Clay Johnson**; and, also attending was **Aubrey Schultis**.

So, why is this important for Custer Public Power District to provide this opportunity to the youth in our service territory? It is because Custer Public Power knows that our future lies with our youth staying in the rural areas of Nebraska and knowing they can be leaders in their communities and beyond.

Empowering progress starts with strengthening our rural communities and knowing why Public Power matters for Nebraska.

Check out our website www.custerpower.com and look for Youth Activities & Scholarships.

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Ingredients

- 6 ears corn, shucked
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 c. milk
- 2 tbsp. cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 c. Shredded Monterey Jack
- 1 jalapeño, minced (optional)
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro



Directions

Preheat grill or grill pan to high. Grill corn until kernels are charred and slightly softened, 10 minutes. Once cooled, cut kernels off the cob and set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Whisk in flour, 1 tablespoon at a time, and let cook until bubbly. Whisk in milk, cream cheese and Monterey Jack. Add jalapeño, if using. Cook for another 3 minutes.

Stir in corn kernels and toss to coat, then season with salt and pepper to taste.

Garnish with cilantro and serve.



Mark August 25th on your calendar, to come watch the Lineworkers Rodeo at the Nebraska State Fair.



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Board Meetings

The regular monthly meeting of the Custer Public Power District Board of Directors is on the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the main office in Broken Bow on Hwy. 2.

An agenda for each regular meeting of the board is available for public inspection during business hours.

In the event of matters of an emergency nature or conflicts with other meeting dates, the Board of Directors will set changes. Any change in the monthly meeting date will be posted in the legal notice at the main headquarters building at Broken Bow and at each of the District's area service centers located in Callaway, Sargent, Stapleton and Thedford, Nebraska.

