



# SEWARD COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

*We Brighten Your World!*

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## *General Manager's Report*

Ratepayers nationwide got some good news in February when the United States Supreme Court, on the narrow vote of 5-4, issued a stay on implementation of the EPA's Clean Power Plan. The Clean Power Plan aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from EXISTING power plants. The court's order said the EPA's "carbon pollution emission guidelines" for power plants are "stayed pending" a decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, which will hear the case later this summer. The lawsuit was filed by several states that took issue with the high burden of action required to become compliant. Evidently the high court's action for the stay gives some reason to suggest it finds the state's claims persuasive. The bottom line is that it is not likely to return to the Supreme Court's attention until there is a new administration. In the meantime, two noteworthy events have since taken place. Several states have already announced postponing further planning meetings between affected interests including utilities and state environmental offices. In addition, one of the long time conservatives on the court, Justice Scalia passed away less than two weeks after the ruling and now there is a real debate about what kind of juror will replace him and more importantly...when. Stay tuned.

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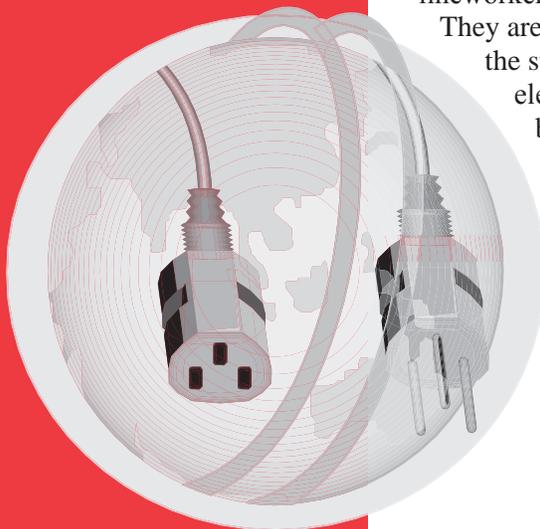
## **LINEMEN APPRECIATION DAY**

*National Lineman Appreciation Day  
was observed on Monday, April 11, 2016*

This national day of recognition allowed us to further honor the men and women who work to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of electricity throughout the state.

Our state's 1,350 lineworkers are dedicated to serving Nebraskans. Whether they are climbing 35 foot poles, restoring power, or clearing tree limbs to prevent future outages, lineworkers must be ready to respond at a moment's notice. When adverse weather conditions force most of us indoors, lineworkers are heading out to keep the lights on.

They are committed to ensuring utilities across the state provide reliable and affordable electric service around the clock to businesses, industries, farmers, ranchers, and the individuals who know us as their friends and neighbors.



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# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LINEMAN



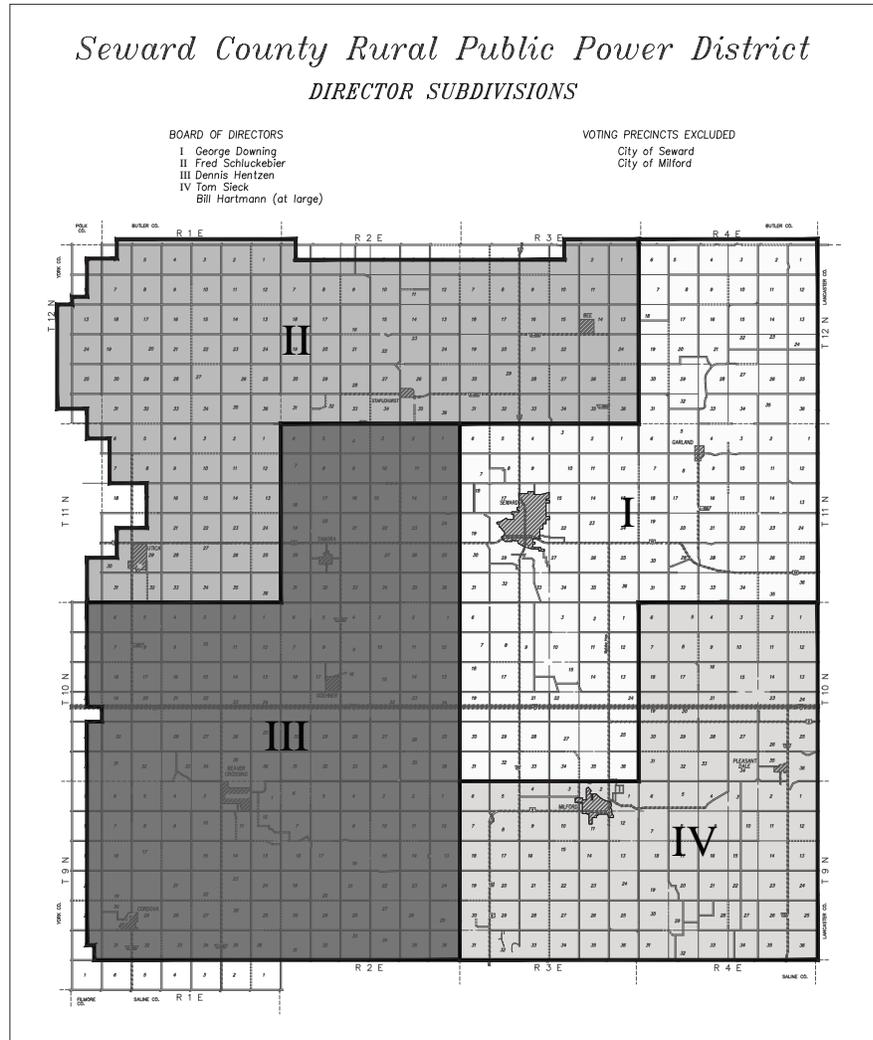
*Filming "A Day In The Life Of A Lineman"*

A video titled "A Day in the Life of a Lineman", featuring crews from the Seward County Public Power District, was filmed as a monthly feature in the Working for Nebraska educational campaign, and is a fitting tribute to the workers throughout Nebraska and nationwide who keep our lights on 24/7/365. This video can be viewed at [www.workingfornebraska.org](http://www.workingfornebraska.org).

The District provided breakfast to the line crew and other support personnel, which they were able to enjoy AFTER taking care of a large substation outage that occurred earlier that same morning. Each lineman also received a Seward Chamber Bucks gift certificate as an appreciation award.

## Director Downing to Retire from Board

At the recent January Board of Directors Meeting, Director George Downing announced that he will not seek reelection to another term and that this year (2016) will be his last one serving Subdivision I area of our District. Since this is the final year of George's term the opportunity for any residential consumer in this area is available to file for election to succeed him as a member of the Board of Directors. Please call our headquarters and we can answer specific questions if you have an interest in this position. The filing deadline with the secretary of state office for non-incumbent candidates is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please look over the map below for additional information including locating the correct area under discussion.



# YOUTH ENERGY CAMP



*Youth leadership programs empower Nebraska students with leadership skills to last a lifetime.*

In July, Nebraska's rural electric member-system's host Youth Energy Leadership Camp at the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey, Neb. At camp, more than 60 Nebraska high school students come together for a fun week-long experience. Like many other summer camps, students who attend will enjoy fun summertime activities such as, canoeing, sports, a banquet and a dance, however, Youth Energy Leadership Camp also challenges participants to learn about the electric industry, meet new friends and develop their leadership skills.

**To be eligible you need to be:  
currently in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Be sponsored by a  
Nebraska Rural Electric Association Member-System**

**Complete and submit an application form.**

**Camp dates are July 11-15, 2016.**

**Hurry! Applications are due by May 10, 2016.**

## **2016 YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parents or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring rural electric system \_\_\_\_\_

## **TIPS FOR COPING DURING SUMMER POWER OUTAGE**

Severe summer storms can cause outages that last days. When a power outage occurs during hot weather, take steps to maintain safety and comfort until power is restored.

High winds that topple utility poles and power lines cause many summer outages. It's important to stay clear of downed power lines at all times, even during cleanup efforts. Be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical hazard.

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Assume that any dangling wires you encounter are electrical and treat all downed or hanging lines as if they are energized and dangerous. If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or your electric utility for assistance. Also when driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights may be out.



***If power to your home is out for a prolonged period, know and understand important safety precautions and steps to cope with heat until power is restored:***

Remember to call your electric utility to report the outage.

Dress in loose, lightweight clothing and stay on the coolest, lowest level of your home.

Use natural ventilation to cool homes, and consider purchasing battery-powered fans.

Drink plenty of water and avoid heavy meals, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.

Keep refrigerator or freezer doors closed. A freezer that is half full or completely full can keep foods frozen 24 to 48 hours. Foods can stay safe in an unopened refrigerator up to four hours. If an outage lasts longer than four hours, remove and pack meat, milk and other dairy products in a cooler with ice.

Use safe alternative food preparations. A barbecue grill is an excellent way to prepare food, outside.

Check on friends and relatives-especially children, seniors and those with medical conditions or disabilities. These people may need to see emergency cooling shelters.

Keep a first-aid kit in your home and one in your car. Make sure that it includes scissors, tweezers, safety pins, aspirin, eyewash and rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide.

Close all drapes and blinds on the sunny side of your residence.

Consider going to an air-conditioned public place during warmer daytime hours.

During an outage, Seward County Public Power District recommends turning off electrical appliances and unplugging major equipment, including air conditioning units, computers and televisions. Power can come back on in surges which can damage sensitive electronics. Leave one light on to indicate that power has been restored.