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Norris Public Power District Board of Directors approve electricity rate increases

Beatrice, NE – At their December 17, 2008 board meeting, the Norris Public Power District Board of Directors approved an increase in electric rates that averaged 6%. The action follows a 7% increase in wholesale power base rates that were approved by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) in November. Rate increases for Norris Public Power District customers will begin February 1, 2009.

Norris Public Power District’s electric rates are largely driven by its wholesale rate from NPPD as the District purchases a majority of its electricity from them. The District’s cost-of-service studies conducted in December 2008 indicated the need for rate increases to all customer classes. The District’s residential customers will see a 5.5% - 7.2% increase in electric rates, while irrigation customers will see a 7.6% - 8.0% increase. However, individual customer impacts will vary depending upon usage characteristics. Larger users of energy will also see increased rates. The District has held average rate increases over the past five years to less than 2.5%. However, due to increased coal and nuclear costs, increased demand for energy on the system and increased operating expenses, our wholesale provider, NPPD, was forced to raise rates.

Further information on the rate increase can be found in the January issue of the Norris Electric News Magazine or by calling your area Norris Public Power District office.

Norris Public Power’s mission is to provide electricity and related services at competitive prices, in the most efficient, reliable and safest manner to over 18,000 customers in Gage, Jefferson, Lancaster, Saline and Thayer counties. Norris Public Power, dedicated to serving you.

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