

News from the Northeast Nebraska Public Power District

August 2009

Customer Appreciation Day and Open House set for September 27, 2009

We invite the general public to join us on Sunday afternoon between 1 pm and 4 pm to tour our facilities, meet the Board of Directors, linemen and other employees, plus have lunch and to get involved in one of several interesting events. Here's what we have planned:

- Free hot dog lunch with sides and a drink
- Free energy saving Compact Fluorescent Bulb to everyone in attendance
- An electrical safety demonstration using high voltage equipment and energy
- Seminars each hour about electric rates presented by Marty Blake, former Commissioner on the New Mexico Public Service Commission and nationally recognized speaker
- Seminars each hour about Federal Energy Legislation and its possible impacts by James Dukesherer, former aide to Congressman Adrian Smith and employee of the Nebraska Rural Electric Association.
- A chance to make your own electricity by riding a bicycle generator. Receive payment for what you produce.
- Visit with employees at information stations to get the latest on prescription drug discounts, doing your business with the District over the web, and a home energy audit demonstration.

Public Power Districts apply for Stimulus Funding from the Federal Government

Northeast Nebraska PPD was one of 14 PPD's, which combined their efforts to apply for funding to improve services to customers using new technology. NeNPPD has taken the first step by installing its Automated Meter Reading System (AMR). NeNPPD applied for approximately \$2 million in grants to purchase equipment for homes, farms and businesses, which will control load and reduce participating customers' electric bills and improve the overall efficiency of the District. It will be several months before officials at the US Dept. of Energy notify us if the grant request will be funded.

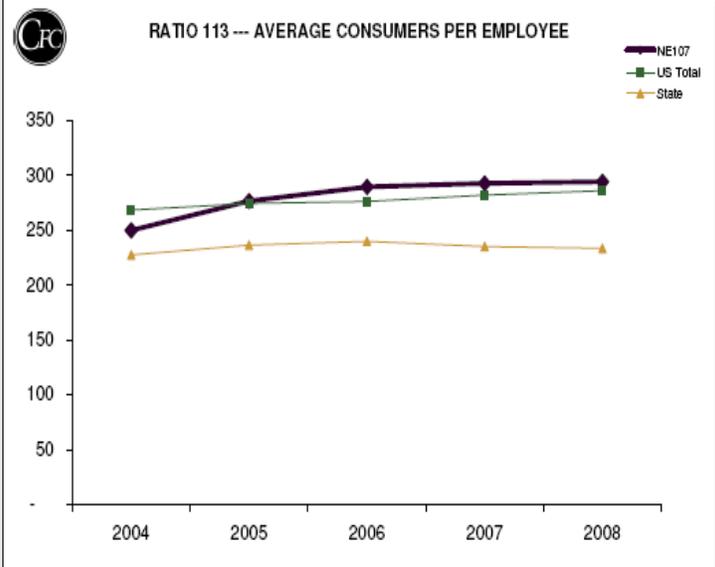
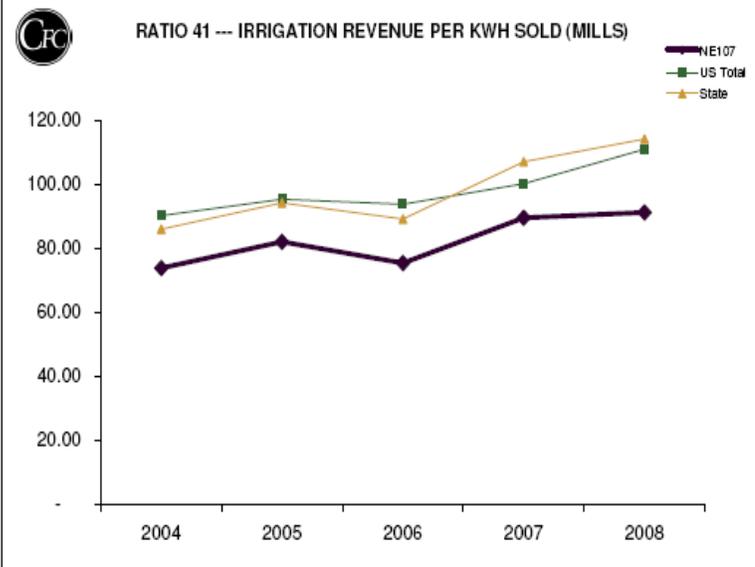
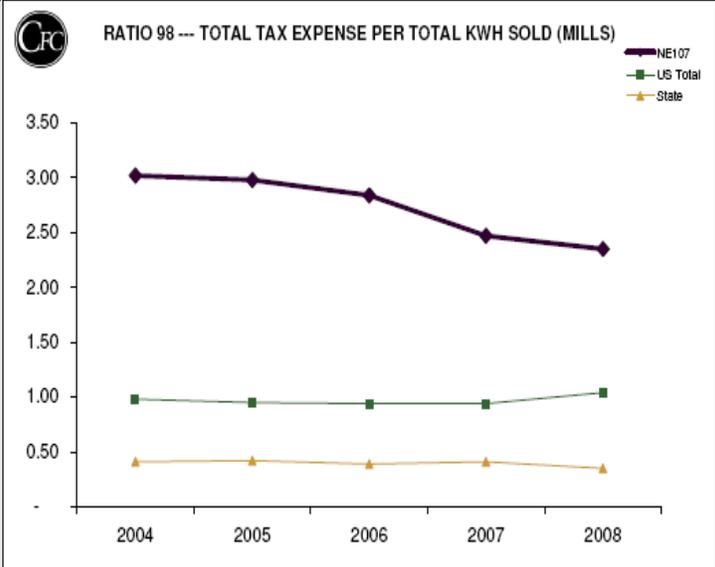
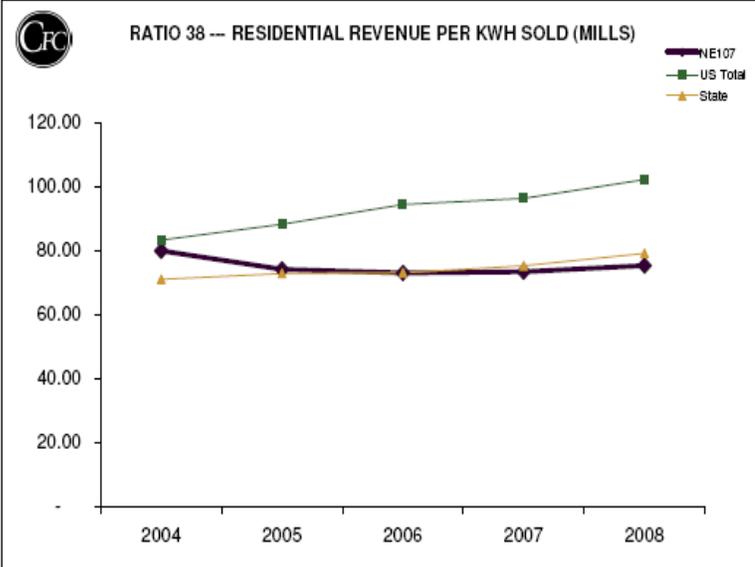
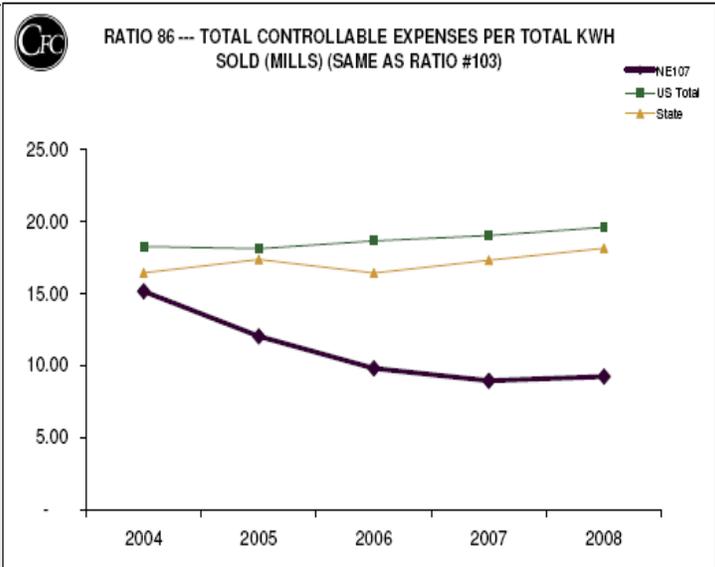
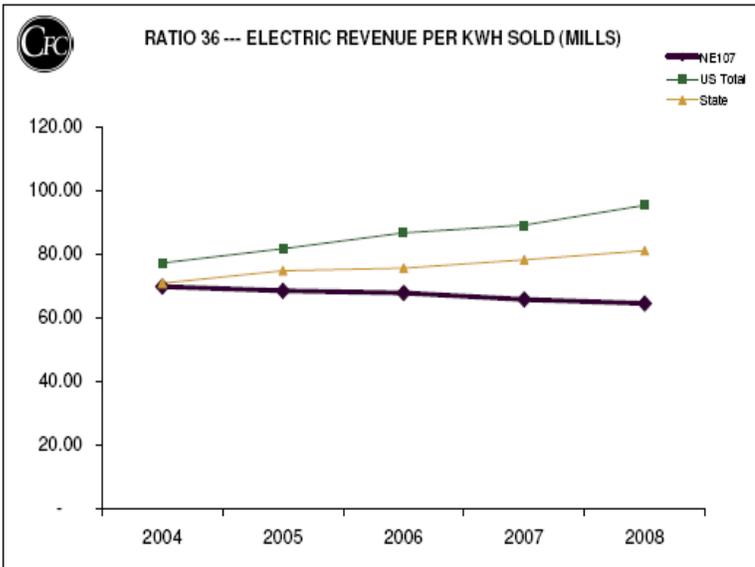
Line Item Billing to show the cost of wholesale power in near future

The District is installing new billing software, which will provide customers with greater access to their billing records over the web. Customers will have the option to conduct much of their business with the District via the web. This new software will also show more detail as part of the monthly bill. The cost of wholesale power has grown from 60% of your electric bill in 2003 to 70% today. Experts predict that environmental controls and the limits on greenhouse gasses will rapidly increase the cost of wholesale power in the near future. To add a measure of transparency and education for customers about what goes into their electric bill, we plan to break out wholesale power costs as a line item on the bill.

Don't scrimp on the insulation! Insulation helps keep your home warm in winter and cool in summer. When correctly installed with air sealing, insulation can deliver comfort and lower energy bills throughout the majority of the year. To get the biggest savings, the easiest place to add insulation is usually the attic. A quick way to see if you need more insulation is to look across your uncovered attic floor. If your insulation is level with or below the attic joists, you probably need to add more insulation. For more information on steps homeowners can take to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, visit on the web ENERGY STAR® Home Advisor at <http://www.energystar.gov/homeadvisor>; <http://nnppd.apogee.net/homesuite> or <http://www.touchstoneenergysavers.com>. NeNPPD wants you to get the most energy value for your money.

Key Financial Ratios

On the next page of this newsletter are a few of the 120 or so financial ratios depicting the performance of NeNPPD in 2008. The ratios are developed by one of the District's lenders...the Cooperative Finance Corp. or CFC. NeNPPD ranks in the top 10% of 850 rural electric distribution companies nationwide on about 25% of these financial performance indicators. The District is very strong financially and is run on a conservative basis. This provides customers with rates that are typically lower than both national and state averages, while still meeting all other obligations and financial standards. Call us if you have any questions. The graphs depict 3 separate lines: A national average; a State average; and an average for NeNPPD (labeled as NE107).



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