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Happy Anniversary Perennial!



Jamey Pankoke
General Manager

Earlier this year Perennial reached another milestone anniversary, as the month of January marked 80 years of existence for the District. At the outset and for many years to follow, the District's name was York County Rural Public Power District, because the task of bringing power to the countryside originally began in York County. The first official meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 4, 1939. In reviewing the minutes from that meeting, the Directors that had been named in the District's Petition for Creation, and who were present that day, were Nat R. Simmons, I. J. Friesen, H. C. Slonecker, Julius Rathje, W. C. Noyes, Curtis Reed, Raymond Samson, Elmer Gocke, and Glenn Severn.

These leaders along with other local farmers worked at a brisk pace to provide the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) with project proposals, which lead to REA lending the District \$271,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of 237 miles of line in the county. The Board immediately began purchasing equipment and materials and adopted rates for billing customers. For example, the initial charge for a farm service that used fifty kilowatt-hours or less was \$3.50 per month, a steep price back then for a commodity they couldn't see or touch.

The District's first truck, a one-half ton pickup truck with 85 horsepower, was purchased from McKinney-Harrington Chevrolet Company at the low bid price of \$554. That sounds like a monthly payment now, right?

The job of bringing power to the area, where the lack of electricity left families in the dark at night aside from the light of a kerosene lamp, was strenuous. Men used long-handled shovels to dig deep holes in hard dirt for poles that were set by hand. And long before the era of bucket trucks, linemen climbed every pole.

Growth of the District was steady, and just after World War II it was reported that five hundred and eight customers were receiving service. It was also at that time that developments concerning proposed additional service in Fillmore County were discussed by the Board, as several Directors had attended a meeting in Geneva with area farmers that wanted electricity. According to our records, On October 2, 1945, the Board of Directors adopted a Resolution that stated that six hundred and seventy-eight farmers residing in Fillmore County had filed an application with

the District for "REA Service". The Resolution also authorized the application of another \$441,000 loan from REA for construction of four hundred sixty-eight additional miles of line that would be needed to serve these new customers. This resulted in a large jump in the size of the District, and progress continued from there.

For eighty years the District has grown, and today we gladly provide service to approximately 8,000 meters on 2,000 miles of wire. We've come a long way, and praise is due to those that took the initiative to form the District, and to all the men and women who have served the District since then. Happy Anniversary Perennial!



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Keep Your Electric Bills on a Budget

Budget billing eliminates dramatic ups and downs in your electric bill due to weather. Residential customers may find their monthly bills vary a great deal during the summer and winter months. Perennial's Budget Billing Plan can help you keep your electric bill on a predictable and consistent budget.

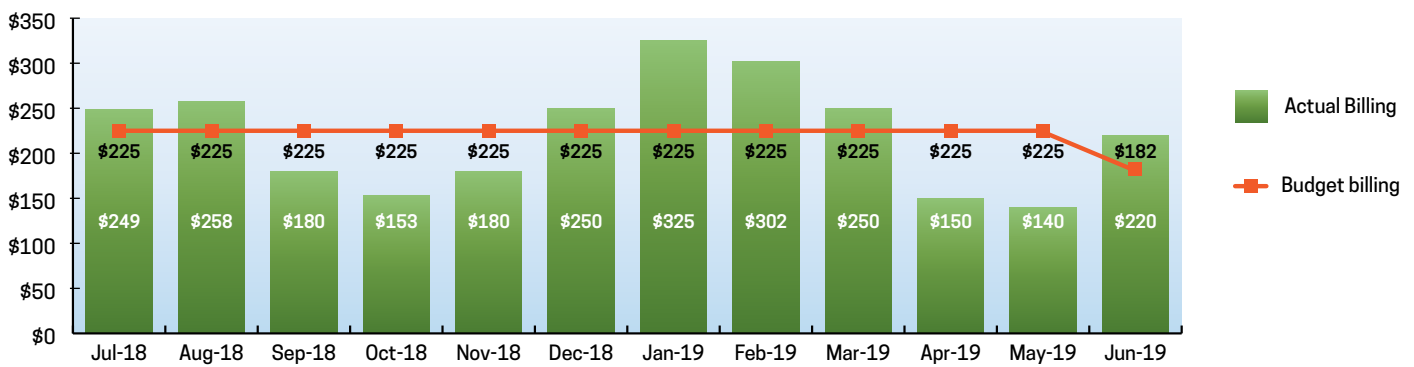
With Perennial's Budget Billing Plan, customers will be billed a fixed budget amount for 11 months of the year based on your usage history. The budget settle-up month is June. The settle-up billing will reflect your actual usage less your

budget payments for the prior 11 months. Periodically, we review budget accounts and, if necessary, recalculate your monthly budget payment based on your actual usage.

To enroll in budget billing, you must pay your entire account in full and have usage history greater than twelve months. Budget billing is only available to residential customers.

If you think Budget Billing may be right for you, please contact Perennial's Customer Services Department at 402-362-3355.

Monthly Budget Billing



Operations Report

June 2019

Distribution Projects:

Winter has finally left and summer is just around the corner. Spring brings not only the rush of getting the crops in the ground but also those projects that you have wanted to do around the house. Whether it is field work, trimming trees, or tearing down an old building, remember to work safely. Take the time to be aware of your surroundings.

Perennial Crews have been working on new line builds along with rebuilding existing lines with new poles and larger conductors. The upgrading of existing lines is needed due to the continuing load growth in our service area. As we move into the summer months, crews will be replacing poles listed in the pole replacement schedule that have been tested and

are showing deteriorating strength. Many of these poles will require temporary outages that we will schedule with the customers involved. The towns that will be affected by pole replacement are Waco and Benedict.

New Service Requests:

If you are considering a new service whether it is a house, business, irrigation service, etc. please keep Perennial in mind. It is very helpful if we are involved from the onset to plan the work and to have time to order special materials that may be needed to complete your project.

Randy Martin

Manager of Operations

ENJOY THE—

SUMMER

Summer is here! The kids are home from school. It's a time for cook-outs, family trips, ballgames, boating, and of course fireworks. We spend time with friends and family enjoying the weather outside in the sun. To insure you have a great season, Perennial would like to remind you to remember to consider safety as you enjoy your summer.

WATER SAFETY

Spending time in and around the pool, lake or river can be a big part of summer. Be sure to make the chance of accidents minimal by following these safety guidelines around water:



- Always, use GFCI (ground-fault circuit interrupter) outlets to protect yourself and your electrical appliances outdoors.
- Never swim near docks that are not protected by GFCIs since lethal levels of electricity can enter the water from electrical sources on or near docks.
- Never run electrical cords over or alongside the pool or lake shore or river bank. Water and electricity don't mix!
- If you are decorating the yard or area with party lights, be sure to string them three feet away from any water source.
- Never use a floatation device to support an electrical appliance (radio, etc.).
- Always use safety caps on electrical outlets near water.



POWER LINE SAFETY

Power lines run throughout our service territory. Sometimes as trees grow they can grow into or near powerlines. This can be dangerous when you don't notice the power lines in the tree either. Always look up to be sure the tree is clear of power lines. Stay mindful and remember these safety tips when you're spending time outdoors:

- Never let kids, or adults for that matter, climb trees that are near power lines.
- Perennial will safely trim trees away from power lines and service drops owned by the District. Please contact our office at 402-362-3355 if you have any questions or concerns.
- Never approach or attempt to touch a downed power line. If there is a downed power line, call Perennial immediately at 402-362-3355. There could still be electricity running through the line making it extremely dangerous.

Following these safety tips you can enjoy all the fun summer has to offer and stay safe doing it. Perennial wishes you a summer full of safe, wonderful memories!



GRILL SAFETY

Cooking outside on the grill in the summer is a great way to conserve energy in the kitchen by keeping your kitchen cool so your HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) system won't have to work harder to keep your house cool in the summer heat. To make sure your grilling never ends in disaster follow these safety tips:

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills.
- Never use your grill inside. This is not just a fire risk but also a carbon monoxide poisoning risk.
- Supervise your grill at all times.
- Use the proper tools for cooking on a grill.
- Never use any flammable fluid other than charcoal lighter fluid to light your charcoal.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when the coals have already been ignited.

HAVE FUN!
BE SAFE!

P E R E N N I A L EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Brian Soukup

Lead Journeyman Line Technician



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YEARS

Brian Soukup celebrated 20 years of employment at Perennial in May. After serving 5 years in the United States Army he enrolled in the Utility Line Program at Mitchell Technical Institute in Mitchell, South Dakota. Upon graduation he began his career at Perennial in 1999 as an Apprentice

Line Technician. In 2003, Brian advanced to Journeyman Line Technician and today he is a Lead Journeyman Line Technician. His responsibilities include general maintenance and, construction of overhead and underground electrical infrastructures.

When asked about his favorite part of being a lineman, Soukup stated, "Chasing outages is my favorite part of the job." That is good, since linemen work in extreme weather conditions to restore power during outages.

In 2004, Soukup received the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Good Neighbor Award for his quick thinking and help after a roll-over accident on Highway 81. Additionally, Brian coaches pee wee wrestling, football and baseball.

Brian resides in rural McCool Junction with his wife Becky and their son Ja', age 11. After work, he enjoys ranching, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Perennial is privileged to have employees like Brian who take pride in maintaining a safe and reliable infrastructure. Brian, we'd like to thank you for 20 years of dedicated service.

Lisa Jacobsen

Manager of Customer Services



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YEARS

Lisa Jacobsen began her career at Perennial Public Power District in June 2004 as the Customer Service Representative. Jacobsen was promoted in 2011 to the position of Marketing and Communications

Coordinator and in 2016 Lisa became the Manager of Customer Services. She is responsible for overseeing the functions of the District's Customer Services Department, which includes customer energy billings and public relations.

When asked what she enjoys most about working for the District, Jacobsen said, "I enjoy working with the customers. Over the last 15 years I have come to value the relationships I have built with the customers of Perennial."

Jacobsen received her Associates Degree of Applied Science in

Business with an Accounting focus from Southeast Community College. In addition to her duties at the District, Lisa serves as a member of the Nebraska Power Association Communications Subcommittee and she is currently the chairperson for the Energy Education Council's Member Assembly.

Lisa and her husband, Todd, live in rural York. When not at work, Lisa enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Perennial would like to thank Lisa for her commitment to the Customer Services Department.

P E R E N N I A L EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Brandon Lehman

Manager of Engineering



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YEARS

Brandon Lehman, Manager of Engineering, began his career at Perennial Public Power District in June 2004. Lehman is responsible for all

engineering services relating to the design, long and short-range planning and field services, associated with distribution, transmission and substation system improvements.

When asked what he enjoys most about working at Perennial, Lehman stated, "I enjoy working through design challenges on the electrical system. Being able to work with other employees who are ethical and of high character are the most rewarding part of this job."

Lehman received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical

Engineering from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. In addition to his duties at the District, Brandon is also very active in the community and he is a volunteer for the TeamMates Mentoring Program.

Brandon and his wife, Amy, reside in York. They have three children; John, age 9, Caleb, age 5, and Anna, age 2. In his leisure time, Lehman enjoys hiking, fishing, camping, and hunting with his family.

Perennial would like to thank Brandon for his dedication and leadership to the Engineering Department.

Steve Wright

Perennial Board Member



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YEARS

Steve Wright has been a member of Perennial's Board of Directors since 2009. He lives on a farm northwest of Benedict in York County. Steve and

his late wife Joyce have four children.

Steve's oldest son, Brandon, lives in Central City with his wife Jamie and their two daughters; Amelia, age 7, Callie, age 4. Kyle lives in Benedict with his wife Sadie and their daughter Juliet, two months old. Lauren lives in Columbus where she is busy planning for

her October wedding to Kenny Korth. Kelly lives in Bellwood, Nebraska

with her husband Greg Kobza. Wright enjoys spending time with his family, restoring Oliver tractors and owning late model dirt track race cars.

When asked what he enjoys most about being a board member, Steve said, "Working alongside the rest of the board and Perennial's management to work through the issues that affect Perennial's ability to serve our customers both currently and in the future."

Perennial would like to thank Steve for serving as a board member for 10 years.

Community Calendar

June 7-9 - Milligan June Jubilee

June 14-16 - Ohioa Days

June 21-23 - Waco Days

June 23 - Garden Tour
Henderson Heritage Park 4:00 p.m.

July 9 - Kid's Camp: Russia to America
Henderson Heritage Park 9-11:00a.m.

July 12-14 - Henderson Community Days

July 15-21 - Fillmore County Fair

July 21-Sept. 14 - Conscience: Peace Witness
in the Great War Exhibit
Henderson Heritage Park

August 1-4 - York County Fair



Energy Tip: Keep Your Energy Bills and Your Home Comfortable

Heating and cooling your living space use more energy than any other system in your home – typically making up about 42 percent of your utility bill. By combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings, you can save approximately 30 percent on your energy bill. To help with the cost Perennial currently offers a \$40 EnergyWiseSM incentive on Cooling Tune-ups. Contact Perennial at 402-362-3355 for more information.