

DALTAN KINNAMAN CELEBRATES 5 YEARS



Daltan Kinnaman is celebrating five years of dedicated service at South Central Public Power District. He began his career in October 2021 as an apprentice lineman, working through training and field experience to earn his journeyman

certification. As a journeyman lineman, Daltan helps maintain the safety and reliability of the District's electric system. His responsibilities include maintaining existing line, assisting with new construction, and responding to outages to ensure dependable service throughout the District.

Daltan grew up in Edgar, Nebraska, and continues to live there with his wife, Jenna, who is a registered dental hygienist at Aurora Family Dental. He earned his Associate of Applied Science degree in Utility Line from Northeast Community College in 2021 before beginning his career with South Central PPD.

Outside of work, Daltan enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, sports, and spending time with family and friends. He also volunteers with the Edgar Fire Department, where he has served for 13 years.

Thank you for your dedicated service, Daltan!

POWERED BY LOCAL VALUES

Local people. Local decisions. Local power.

When you flip a switch, you expect the light to turn on; however, it does more than just light a room. It powers the dreams of a teenager studying for a test, the community gathering to support one another, and the critical processes that keep the local economy running. This is the heart of public power and the energy that continues to fuel Nebraska.

Yet, this seamless access to electricity was once a distant reality for many Nebraskans. During the early 20th century, many rural areas of Nebraska lacked access to electricity from private utilities, prompting the state to establish a public power system to serve all communities. In the 1930s, the Nebraska legislature passed legislation allowing the creation of public power districts, such as South Central PPD, to bring electric service to rural areas not served by private utilities. Public power districts deliver more than electricity; they add significant value to the quality of life within the communities they serve. Now, Nebraska is the only state in the country with a fully public power system.

Unlike investor-owned utilities, public power is owned and operated by public entities, including cooperatives, public power districts, and municipalities. Public power operates on a not-for-profit basis, allowing utilities to reinvest revenue in the electric system. Since public power is operated by public entities, it allows for local control that fits the community's needs.

Public power provides great value to the community, and we take pride in serving as your

public power provider. This October, we celebrate Public Power Month and the value of local people, local decisions, and local power in the communities we serve.

Local People.

Public power begins with people. At South Central PPD, we recognize the importance of service and being active in our local communities. Our employees and board members live and work throughout the area, providing a thorough understanding of the needs of those we serve. Having local people serve the PPD allows us to directly connect with our customers and learn about their needs.

Local Decisions.

Public power is built on local people making decisions that benefit the local community. Since PPDs are publicly owned and governed by locally elected board members, PPDs prioritize community and district needs over shareholder profits. This structure ensures our customers have a direct voice in how the utility operates and plans for the future.

Additionally, our Board of Directors regularly meets to discuss the future of the public power district. Not only do we hold monthly board meetings, but our directors also participate in community meetings, conferences, and other trainings to ensure they have all the resources they need to fully serve our community.

Local power.

Public power districts operate for the benefit of their customers, making every investment a direct contribution to service quality and the long-term prosperity of our community. PPDs continually invest in infrastructure, including substations, power lines, poles, transformers, and technology, to ensure safe and dependable electric service. These investments help maintain reliability today while preparing for the future needs of our homes, farms, businesses, and industries.

Local power also plays a vital role in supporting economic growth as well. Access to reliable electricity is a key factor for businesses, as it helps create opportunities for growth, new investments, and provides local jobs.

This Public Power Month, we celebrate the importance of public power and the value of keeping it local. From the lights in our homes to the critical infrastructure that drives our local economy, public power is the steady and reliable source for our communities. Thank you for trusting us to power what matters most to you.



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POWERING OUR COMMUNITY.



LOCAL PEOPLE.

LOCAL DECISIONS.

LOCAL POWER.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, but protecting your personal information is something that deserves attention all year long. At South Central PPD, cybersecurity is a critical part of providing safe, reliable electric service. While much of our focus is on protecting the physical systems that operate the electric grid, we also work to protect the systems and information that help us serve you, including online accounts, payment systems, member portals and outage communications.

Unfortunately, scammers are becoming more sophisticated, too. Artificial intelligence (AI) is making it easier for cyber criminals to create convincing emails, text messages, websites and even voice messages that can look and sound legitimate. The FBI has warned that generative AI can make fraudulent schemes more believable by eliminating many of the errors that once helped us identify a scam.

That matters when it comes to utility scams. A scammer may impersonate South Central PPD and claim your account is past due, your service is about to be disconnected, or you need to make an immediate payment. The message might even include our logo, use professional-looking language or direct you to a website that appears legitimate.

With AI helping scammers create more convincing communications, simply looking for spelling mistakes or other obvious warning signs may no longer be enough. And these scams are not a small problem.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, consumers reported losing \$3.5 billion to imposter scams in 2025, making these types of scams the most commonly reported type of fraud. Nearly one in three fraud reports involved an imposter scam.

So, what should you do if you receive an unexpected message claiming to be from South Central PPD? If a message creates a sense of

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, which is the perfect time to take a fresh look at your passwords. Forget the old advice about cramming passwords with symbols and random capitalization.

Today's cybersecurity experts recommend using longer passphrases. A password made up of four or five unrelated words is easier to remember and much harder for criminals to crack than a short, complex password. Use a unique passphrase for every account and enable multi-factor authentication whenever available for added protection.

Source: NIST



urgency or threatens immediate disconnection, take a moment to verify it. Don't click the link or call the phone number provided in the message. **Instead, contact South Central PPD directly by calling 402-225-2351.**

You can also take steps to protect your online accounts before a scam occurs. Start with your password. Longer is generally better than simply adding more special characters. Choose a long, unique passphrase that is difficult for others to guess, and don't reuse the same password across multiple accounts.

If the accounts you access online offer multifactor authentication (MFA), consider using it. MFA adds an extra layer of protection by requiring an additional way to verify your identity, such as a code sent to your phone or an authentication app.

Most importantly, remember that you don't have to make a payment simply because someone tells you that you do. We want you to have an opportunity to verify any unexpected request.

South Central PPD is committed to protecting the systems that help us deliver your electricity and serve our members. You can help by protecting your own account, slowing down when something seems urgent and contacting us directly when you're unsure.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Don't let phantom energy haunt your electric bill this October. Many electronics continue using electricity even when they're turned off. TVs, gaming systems, coffee makers and phone chargers can quietly draw power around the clock. While each device uses only a small amount, the energy waste can add up over time. Before heading out for Halloween fun, unplug devices you don't use regularly or plug them into a smart power strip that automatically cuts power when equipment is off. It's a simple trick that can help keep phantom energy waste in check.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Central Public Power District is held the third Tuesday of each month at 9AM at the District's office in Nelson, Nebraska.

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