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*NEA will be closed Thursday the  
28th and Friday the 29th of Novem-  
ber for the holiday.*



## Check amounts not matching up?

Are you an offender when it comes to making out your check to pay a NEA bill and the written-out dollar and cent total doesn't match the amount you put in the numbers box for dollar and cent total?

This discrepancy issue continues to cause problems with our processing of payments and causes consumers to have imbalances.

Don't be an offender! Take time enough to write your checks so they can be easily read and double check your work.



Atlas, a named winter storm packing a terrible punch, delivered severe blows to Niobrara Electric's service territory in early October. Outages covered our map, North, South, East and West.

NEA power lines were flown over by plane to determine damages and numerous phone calls from consumers aided in determining access and damage, along with scouting crews using ATV's and snowmobiles, as needed. Nearing a week into restoration, well over 100 poles had been identified as down and many more damaged. Many of these poles were replaced in the initial days after the storm, others had temporary fixes made and some remained down as of newsletter submission to printers in mid-October.

We wish to express much gratitude for the immediate assistance from High West Energy, Northwest Rural PPD, Wyrulec Company, Wheatland Rural Electric and the Town of Lusk. Their contribution of man power and equipment, for a number of days, was crucial. Without their help, the outage times would have been much longer and the stress/toll on our crews immense.





Restoring power sustained during winter storm Atlas. Above, crew digs holes for new poles to replace ones like the snapped pole in the picture foreground. Below, indispensable equipment, like this bucket truck, increase speed, efficiency and safety for line workers restoring power.



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### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:30 am—5:00 pm

Fridays 7:30 am—  
4:00 pm

**Electricians Department**

**7:00 am—5:30 pm (M-F)**

**Outages** ....1-800-322-0544  
or 307-334-3221

Phones are answered 24 hours a day. Phones will be answered by Niobrara Electric Association during office hours and the Niobrara County Sheriff's office will take all other calls and dispatch NEA personnel.



If you have energy assistance questions or needs, please contact Wyoming LIEAP, 800-246-4221.

There is a new application this year and using a previous year's application is not acceptable. NEA has a copy of the new application, you can download one yourself as well, or contact the LIEAP office directly for one.

Applications are accepted from October 1, 2013 through February 28, 2013.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## Boardroom News

### September Board Meeting

- **Line Superintendent Rick Bridge** reported on additional wells for Breitburn, work at Lusk rural substation and progress on Oneok.
- **President Hester** brought budget items up for discussion, an upcoming tree trimming project was discussed, as was a probable change in internet service carriers.
- **Director Hammond** reported on Tri-State issues. **Director Keener** shared NREA news and **Director Greer** discussed WREA happenings.